

**FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
2026 HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRY GUIDELINES**

Parade Entry Deadline: Friday, October 9, 2026

All parade entrants are asked to observe the following guidelines, and supply information where requested to assist the Homecoming Parade Committee in proper planning of the event. **Incomplete applications will not be registered.**

- All parade participants must comply with current traffic laws and regulations. For everyone's safety, we ask all motorized vehicles to refrain from excessive acceleration, wheelies, burnouts, etc.
- Drivers of all units must have a valid driver's license and insurance and all doors to vehicles must remain closed during the parade. All passengers must wear seatbelts at all times.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or consumption of alcohol is permitted in the parade. Any participant judged to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, or any other substance, shall be asked to leave and subject to removal if not done.
- To avoid excessive gaps in the parade route Walking Units will not be allowed to stop and perform along the parade route—only bands and select Walking Units can perform at the President's Viewing Stand (two-minute limit).
- Motorcycles/slingshots/mini cars—No high revving of engines. burnouts, wheelies, or tandem riding—allowed—staggered straight-line travel only.
- Under no circumstances are children allowed to ride outside of vehicles.
- Candy, prizes, novelty items or any other items may not be thrown from the float but may be distributed by associated walkers upon approval by parade coordinators.
- No loud or profane music allowed during the parade. All dance teams must refrain from lewd and suggestive routines.
- **The parade begins promptly at 9 AM. To facilitate a smooth parade route transition, all units must be in place by 8:30 AM. After 8:30 AM, your spot in the parade will be forfeited and you may not be allowed to participate in the parade.**
- **We reserve the right to deny an individual/organization's entry into the parade. SAFETY IS OUR #1 CONCERN!**
- All vehicles must have an identifiable sign of their organization on BOTH sides of the vehicle. You have the option to purchase magnetic signs upon registering for the parade. **The deadline for ordering signs is Friday, October 9, 2026. The cost is \$50 for two signs** – marching groups with vehicles may use a banner in lieu of signs. **(Must provide your own magnetic signs after October 9th).**
- Only paid and registered participants will be allowed to participate on parade day.
- Individuals/organizations that do not cooperate with these rules/regulations and/or parade officials will be removed from the parade lineup and may not be allowed to participate in future FVSU activities.

I have reviewed all rules and regulations listed above and signed/returned the attached Waiver of Claim Clause for the 2025 Homecoming Parade. I understand I must abide by all parade guidance.

Print Name Click or tap here to enter text. Today's Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Authorized Signature (must be 18 years or older to sign) _____

You may mail application and fees to:

FVSU Department of Military Science • Hubbard Education Building, 3rd Flr
1005 State University Drive • Fort Valley, GA 31030

Or

You may email or fax applications to jordanc01@fvsu.edu; Fax: 825-6352

To pay registration fees online go to www.fvsu.edu/donatetofvsu (Arrow down to "Gift Amount"/Next, "Area of Greatest Need" Drop Down/Click on **"ROTC Cadet Fund", follow remaining instructions**) **Registration fees are non-refundable.**

Please provide a copy of your payment receipt

To pay by check--make checks payable to "ROTC Cadet Fund" and handcarry or mail to above address

There will be a \$30 charge for any returned checks.

For more details or questions, call 478-825-6340