

VSU HOMECOMING PARADE COMMITTEE
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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September 5, 2025

Dear Community and Campus Organizations,

The Virginia State University Homecoming Committee is excitedly preparing for this year's celebration, and we need your support to make the 2025 Homecoming Parade the best one yet!

We are pleased to invite your organization to participate in the parade, which will take place on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** This year's theme is:

"106 and State"

To help reduce congestion in the Ettrick area during Homecoming festivities, the parade will start in **Ettrick** and conclude in **downtown Petersburg**.

Parade Details:

- **Assembly Location:** VSU Multipurpose Center parking lots & Ettrick Elementary School (Chesterfield County)
- **Check-in Time:** No later than **6:30 a.m.**
- **Parade Route:** Begins on **Chesterfield Avenue**, continues to **Grove Avenue**, and ends on **River Street** in **Old Towne Petersburg** (near the Train Station)
- Late arrivals **WILL NOT** be permitted to participate.

If your organization would like to be part of this year's parade, please complete the registration form and submit your payment by **October 10, 2025**.

We look forward to celebrating **106 Years of Homecoming at VSU** with you!

Sincerely,

Chairperson, VSU Homecoming Parade Committee

Virginia State University Parade Guidelines

The Virginia State University Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any unit considered inappropriate or unsafe for the parade.

- All floats must be inspected before the parade.
- **High school bands that stop and perform routines along the parade route will be eliminated from future participation!**
- **There is a limit of one unit per organization. (1 unit =10 Motorcycles, 5 Cars)**
- **All parade units are to keep moving. No unit is to stop and perform a routine**
- **All participants 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.**
- All vehicles entered by non-campus organizations must be decorated and identified with the company or organization name legibly written or printed.
- All towed floats must have safety hinges on the hitch.
- **Throwing candy or other objects from vehicles or floats is prohibited.**
- It is mandatory that fire-resistant materials be used to decorate floats and vehicles
- Drivers participating in the parade will not smoke, drink, or eat.
- Each unit must maintain a distance of one car length between units.
- No person will be allowed to ride on the hood or trunk of cars.
- No loud music is to be played in vehicles during the parade.
- Any late arrival **WILL NOT** participate in this year's parade
- In the case of inclement weather, please refer to the VSU Homecoming website

2025 Virginia State University Homecoming Parade Entry Application

Click on the link to complete the application and make your payment:

Please note that the registration fee is non-refundable.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/URKb4Qor>

I hereby release and discharge the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia State University, including its agents and employees, from any claims I have or may have for damage to or loss of my property or for personal injury (including serious injuries, sicknesses, and death) arising out of my participation in the Virginia State University Homecoming Parade. I agree that this release and discharge also govern my representatives, successors, and assigns.

By signing this agreement, you have agreed to follow the Virginia State University Parade Guidelines.