



F.U.N.D.S., INC

PRESENTS

**The 19th ANNUAL STATEWIDE BLACK HISTORY PARADE AND FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024, 1:00 pm**

KARAMU!!!CELEBRATE!!

The word “KARAMU” is Swahili meaning “CELEBRATION or FEAST”.

The F.U.N.D.S., Inc., parade, and festival committee invites you and or your organization to participate in the 19th Annual Statewide Black History Parade and Festival. We ask you to take pride in and take part in this historical event.

The Parade & Festival is on **Saturday, February 24, 2024**, beginning at **1:00 pm**. The lineup will begin at **11:00 am** at the corner of Harden and Hampton Streets (2020 Hampton St.) and end at Martin Luther King Park, 2300 Greene Street, Columbia, S.C. We are asking that you register your church, group (s), school, band, cheerleaders, ROTC, etc., or organization to participate.

Parade participants and vendors are asked to depict someone of African American History (local or national) and represent that/those persons (s) in the parade and festival by distributing information to the spectators about that/those person(s) as they proceed in the parade or vend at the festival. For example, carrying/displaying posters of the person (s).

If you would like to participate in the **parade** please mail or email your APPLICATION; only return the portion that relates to your entity, by **Friday, February 16, 2024**. There is a **\$25.00 non-refundable registration fee** per participating parade unit. You may retrieve floats by contacting: Southeastern Float Co. at 803-917-0644. **The parade committee is not responsible for ordering or paying for your float.** Decorated trucks, cars, bikes, walkers, marchers, etc. are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please stay within the theme of the event.

This year’s theme **“VOTING WILL MAKE HISTORY 2024”** is designed to educate our audience about our history and current health and civic issues and to encourage them to become more proactive in these topics. To EDUCATE and ENCOURAGE VOTERS to Vote.

If you have any questions, please contact us @ **803-361-5470** or email
fundsinc@fundsinc1.org.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL MOVE TO SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

APPLICATION FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS/CHIORS & VOLUNTEERS

Entry Deadline **Friday, February 16, 2024**

Please fill out all pertinent information (that pertains to you) below and return the completed form along with a **non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for parade participant (s)** a **Non-refundable** fee of **\$50.00** for information vendors, a **non-refundable** fee of **\$75.00 for merchant** vendors; a **Non-refundable** fee of **\$100 for food** vendors, and a **Non-refundable** fee of **\$125.00** food truck vendors to:

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F.U.N.D.S., INC.

1615 Pickens St.

Columbia, S.C. 29201

make CHECKS (**certified only**), MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: **F.U.N.D.S., INC. or**

Payment Methods: PayPal: fundsinc@fundsinc1.org --Cash App: FUNDS INC \$paradefestival

Please note that there are convenience fees that must be paid by you when paying by PayPal:

\$125.00=\$130.03 ** \$100.00=\$104.12 ** \$75.00=\$78.22 ** \$50.00=\$52.32\$25.00=\$26.41**

Name of Entry/volunteer_____

Contact Person:_____.

Mailing Address:_____

Telephone#s:_____day_____evening

Email_____other_____

Circle Type of Entry: Marching Band, Drum-line, Float, Dignitary CARS, Queens, Business, Church Group (choir, etc.) ARTIST, Merchant Vendor, Food Vendor, Health Vendor, Volunteer, and other

(Specify) _____

Mode of transportation (i.e., truck, car, tractor-trailer, etc.)_____

Number of participants/volunteers_____

Please indicate by circling the following if your entry has any of the following elements

Animals Young Children Elderly Loudspeaker/Music Other

We encourage you to take all necessary health/safety/security precautions:

I/ we understand that F.U.N.D.S., INC, the City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation, MLK Park, or the parade committee are NOT responsible for any incidents or accidents that may occur before, during, or after the Parade and Festival / Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024

Responsible applicant's signature/date_____



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