



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

PRESENTS

**The 20th ANNUAL STATEWIDE BLACK HISTORY PARADE & FESTIVAL**

***GRAND FINALE***

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025, 1:00 pm**

**KARAMU!!!CELEBRATE!!**

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

This year marks the ***GRAND FINALE*** of our beloved 20-year tradition, the Statewide Black History Parade and Festival! This milestone event will be a powerful and unforgettable celebration, filled with vibrant displays of African American heritage and contributions, both past and present.

As we culminate two decades of honoring Black history and community unity, the 2025 parade promises to be our most dynamic gathering yet, featuring extraordinary floats, historical portrayals, cultural performances, and a diverse array of community participants from across the state. This Grand Finale will showcase our collective journey, celebrating our shared progress while inspiring everyone to stay active and engaged in shaping our future.

If you have been part of this event at any time over the past 20 years, we especially invite you to join us for this ***GRAND FINALE*** celebration. Your support and participation have been essential in building this beloved tradition, and we would love for you to be with us as we bring it to a magnificent close.

This year is not just an end, but a celebration of everyone who has walked, marched, performed, volunteered, or simply cheered from the sidelines. Come celebrate our history, our community, and the impact we’ve made together over two decades. Let’s make this finale a tribute to the legacy we’ve built and the history we continue to create!

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of history in the making as we come together to uplift, educate, and honor the legacy of Black achievement and resilience. Let’s make this final event a powerful testament to the strength and unity of our community! If you have any questions, please contact us @

**803-361-5470** or email [fundsinc@fundsinc1.org](mailto:fundsinc@fundsinc1.org).

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL MOVE TO SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

## APPLICATION FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS/CHIORS & VOLUNTEERS

Entry Deadline **Friday, February 14, 2025**

Please fill out all pertinent information (that pertains to you) below and return the completed form along with a

**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: Cash App: FUNDS INC-- \$paradefestival**

**There will be a \$40.00 fee for return checks**

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. 22, 2025**

Responsible applicant's signature/date\_\_\_\_\_



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