



6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Marching Bands - Submitted By: Group Travel Network

Marching Bands are a very integral part of any successful parade. The pageantry, music selections, colors, marching style, and auxiliary contributions, displayed by marching bands, help create a stunning presentation. This appealing presentation adds an unparalleled contribution to a parade.

Of course the 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade is no exception, as over thirty high school, college and specialty bands apply for our coveted fifteen marching band positions each year.

Two of the twenty marching bands are local and have marched in the last 30+ Thanksgiving Day Parades in Philadelphia. They are the Pennsbury High School Marching Band from Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, and the A.I. duPont High School Marching Band from Wilmington, Delaware. The traditional appearance of these two bands allows for only eighteen marching bands from around the world to be selected for the oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade in the country!

Since our three hour live television broadcast is a very complex mix of entertainment, gigantic balloons, magnificent floats, stars, and special production numbers, we are limited to the number of marching bands that appear in the parade, as we want to offer a special blend of all parade elements to create a spectacular television presentation. NO ONE particular parade element is guaranteed television air-time.

BAND REQUIREMENTS:

Marching bands must have a membership of 100+ students to be considered for our parade. Bands smaller than 100 students are encouraged to apply once membership has increased.

Bands from all over the world are encouraged to apply, regardless of style (i.e. Dance, Military, Drum Corps style, Traditional, Scottish, etc). Variety in marching band styles is an important ingredient to our overall parade presentation.

MARCHING BAND APPLICATION DEADLINES:

2023 – January 15, 2023 – Parade Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023

2024 – January 15, 2024 – Parade Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024

2025 – January 15, 2025 – Parade Date: Thursday, November 27, 2025

2026 – January 15, 2026 – Parade Date: Thursday, November 26, 2026

Selections and announcements of bands will begin by February 25th of the particular year; however, **bands are accepted on a rolling basis and we may have all spots filled by the 15th.** This application is valid thru the 2026 parade year.

Marching Band Directors, please remember, once you received a marching band application from our office, it is important to note that **we must receive a DVD or Thumb Drive of the band in a recent parade appearance to be considered for our parade.**



TO: 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade Marching Band Applicant

FROM: Todd Marcocci – Parade Producer
Maria DiBenedetto – Parade Producer
John Best – Supervising Producer

RE: Marching Band Application

Thank you for applying to the 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Please make certain you review all information in this packet and return immediately for consideration!

If you return the application with any missing pieces, the application will not be considered for review, so please make certain you complete... agree to... sign...and return the following:

1. Completed application
2. Your signature
3. Your School Principal signature
4. Agreement to book all hotel needs in Center City Philadelphia via our hotel coordinator (Under The Sun Productions on behalf of the parade)
5. Agreement to participate in our special Marching Band gift package
6. Agree to include a DVD/Thumb Drive performance of your band in a parade. Field show or parade performances will work for this.

Please send the completed application and DVD/Thumb Drive to:

Todd Marcocci
6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade
423 College Avenue
West Chester, PA 19382



6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade

Please fill in all pertinent information:

Band Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Alt. Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Description of Units *(Please circle all that apply)*

Marching Band	High School Band	College Band	
Junior Drum Corps	Sr. Drum Corps	Alumni Corps	String Band
Pipe Band	Fife/Drum Corps	Specialty Band	Other

Unit Information

Total Number in Unit _____

Breakdown: Color Group _____ Drum Line _____ Horn _____

Woodwinds _____ Other _____

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WHAT YEAR ARE YOU APPLYING FOR (please mark with an X – and only choose one)?

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2026 Parade Date: Thursday, November 26, 2026 _____

Description of Uniforms/Costumes

Unit Awards/ Recognition's/ Notable History or Performances

PLEASE ALSO ATTACH YOUR BAND'S BIOGRAPHY

Have you participated in 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade?

Yes No (please circle) What year or years? _____

You agree to book your hotel needs at one of our select Center City hotels via our parade office?

YES NO

You agree to take advantage of our special Marching Band gift package at \$25.00 / student which includes our commemorative parade t-shirt, commemorative lapel pin, and commemorative patch?

YES NO

Name of the Travel/Tour company you will be using for this trip: _____

(We will need to communicate with them – if you do not know – you can let us know once you have been accepted into the parade)

The following must be included in your application package:

- A DVD/Thumb Drive showing your band in at least one parade appearance or field show.
- A color photograph of the organization.

- **ANY** other information that will help the 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade Producers evaluate your application.

The undersigned certifies that the forgoing application has been read and understood and that any statements made in connection with the application, and agreements are true and accurate. The applicant agrees to comply with all rules and regulations established by the 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade management.

Completion of this application does not guarantee participation.

Please submit this completed application with all requested material to:

Todd Marcocci
6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade
423 College Avenue
West Chester, PA 19382

Director Signature

School Principal Signature

Date

Date

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS
APPLICATION AND INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE
MATERIALS

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