

# 2023 NAPLES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE BAND APPLICATION

On behalf of the Naples St. Patrick Day Foundation, Inc. 501 (c) 3 we invite your band to participate in the 2023 Naples St Patrick Parade on Saturday March 11, 2023. The St Patrick Parade invites the most entertaining bagpipe and drum bands, military bands and local community bands of all shapes and sizes to perform to the 40,000 attendees on the streets of Old Naples. Because of your involvement we would like to offer a \$2000 Grant to your band for performing in the Parade. By offering the Grant we would like your band to put on a great show, entertain the crowd, have fun and put your best foot forward (no pun intended). We are limited to 11 high School bands so it is imperative you sign up early. If you know a business or group that would like to sponsor your band please have them contact us. We strive to showcase the bands and make our Parade the best St Patrick Parade in Florida. After all who doesn't want to be in warm, sunny Naples instead of cold, damp weather up north!

Applications can be emailed to [ptkirk@gmail.com](mailto:ptkirk@gmail.com) no later than February 24 to:

Date of application:

<b>Organization Information</b>
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Name of organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Employer Identification # or Tax ID #

Phone

Name of Band Director

Phone

E-mail

Name of contact person regarding this application

Phone

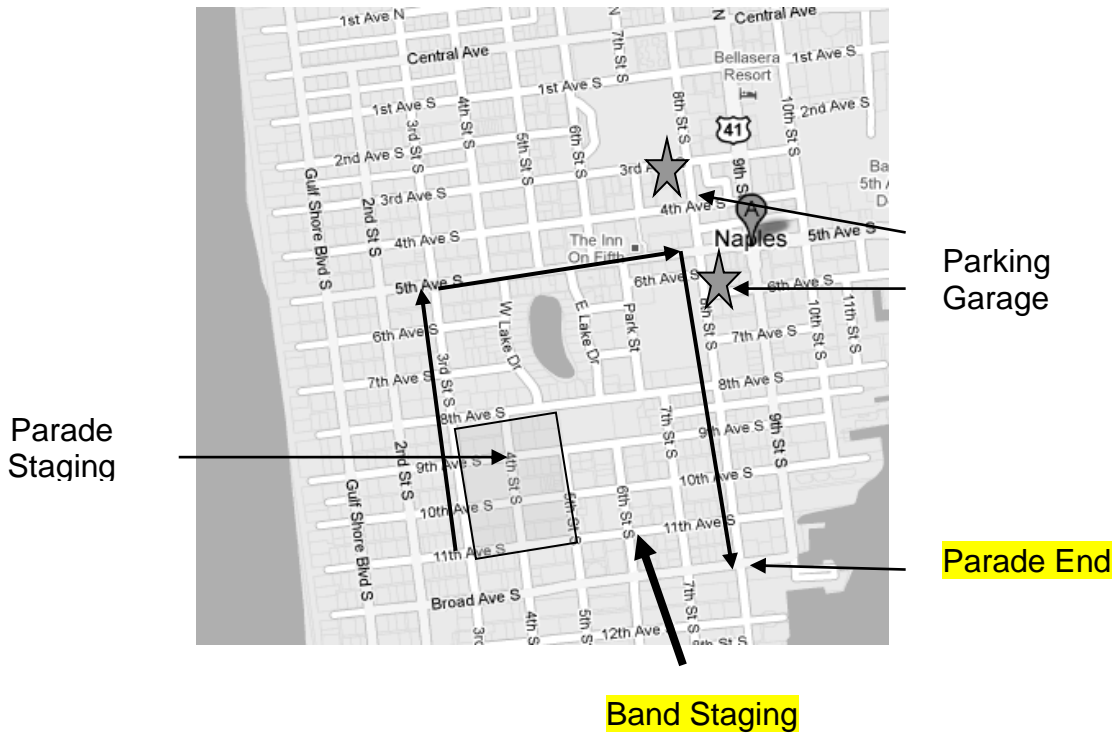
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Band Checks Should Be Made Payable To:

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The Parade is always more enjoyable to watch when the gaps are held to a minimum. We ask that each unit help us to achieve a “gapless” Parade.

In respect to the community we need to make sure the Parade keeps a steady pace but not pushing the group in front of you. This is for the sake of all involved, participants and spectators alike. Please make sure that all members of your band are able to keep the pace of the Parade for 1.8 miles.



All bands are staged on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and are advised to reach the staging area well before the 11:00 am Step off time. Traffic reaches gridlock nearly an hour before the parade steps off.

Band equipment trucks are allowed to follow the band in the parade, but the preferred method is to keep the equipment trucks in the bus staging area on Broad Avenue South.

Parking options:

Naples Parking Garages at Eight Street South and Sixth Avenue South and Eighth Street South and 4th Avenue South. Or on any street spot that is a valid parking place. Exiting the Parade, Gulf Shore Blvd will be the quickest route.

Gap Control and Safety Policies:

\* Forward movement maneuvers ONLY are permitted by the marching units. A spacing of thirty (30) feet between each unit is requested. All units are required to close the gap between participants when asked by Parade Marshals. At no time, will any unit be permitted to stop and perform along the Parade route. All special movements, acts, or demonstrations must be performed while moving forward.

\* We reserve the right to place your unit/group anywhere in the Parade we deem necessary to make a more enjoyable Parade to watch. We try to space the bands away from each other so the music doesn't interfere with other music. Please listen to what the Parade Marshals tell you. Absolutely no cutting in front of other groups.

\* Any vehicles that are not in the Parade are NOT permitted in the Parade staging area. Our Parade keeps getting larger but our staging area does not. Please inform everyone in your group.

\*Insurance Waiver – Submitting this application signifies agreement that your group and/or members of your group shall Indemnify and Hold Harmless The Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade Foundation, Inc., their officials and parade marshals from any and all loss, cost (including reasonable attorney fee and court costs), damages, expense and liability arising from the use or occupancy or anticipated use of any parade area. The Naples St. Patrick Foundation, Inc. accepts no liability for any actions that may arise. Any insurance protection which may be necessary during the event is the sole responsibility of the applicant (company/group/individual).

Thank you for your efforts to keeping our Parade a Grand Parade.

Band Director, Chairperson, President

**Signature**

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**Patrick Kirk**  
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