



# **Oakville Santa Claus Parade VOLUNTEER Application Form**

Saturday, November 16, 2024  
Volunteer arrival by 8 a.m.  
Parade 9 to 10:30 a.m.  
followed by volunteer reception  
(Rain or Shine)

**Theme: Merry & Bright**

**All applications due by  
Friday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.**

Please ensure all sections of the application form are completed. Submit the completed form by email to [events@oakville.ca](mailto:events@oakville.ca). Incomplete forms will be disqualified.



### **Application Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I require a letter confirming your volunteer hours:     Yes     No

### **Available Opportunities for Volunteering:**

#### **Costumed Character:**

Volunteers are needed to be enthusiastic parade characters or mascots, who will walk fully costumed as a Christmas or cartoon character (including a head piece) for the entire parade route. The costume is an inflatable Christmas-themed character. Costumes in previous years have been snowflakes, snowmen, gingerbread men, etc.

You will walk in groups of two or three characters and expected to be energetic and dramatic with your actions.

- This position is ideal for adults and high school students 14 years and older.
- This position requires the volunteer to walk the full parade route.

#### **Costumed Character Support:**

Volunteers are needed to guide our costumed friends through the parade, as some costumes have obstructed sightlines. Mascots rely on their escort to help them if crowds get a little too excited and to help them keep up with the parade.

- This position is suitable for adults or high school students aged 14 years and older.
- This position requires individuals to walk the full parade route.



**Parade Logistics:**

Volunteers are required to assist police and security officers to ensure that traffic barriers are manned, provide directions to drop-off areas, and assist with general traffic control.

Other volunteer duties may include assisting along the parade route to help keep pedestrians off the road and to display Christmas cheer throughout the parade.

- This position is ideal for adults and high school students aged 16 years and older.

**Parade Marshal:**

A parade marshal will walk with an assigned section of the parade to ensure the parade keeps moving at the correct pace to avoid delays and gaps. Parade marshals will also ensure that spectators not crowd the road and that float participants are not throwing candy or other items of distribution.

- This position is suitable for adults and high school students aged 16 years and older.
- This position requires the individual to walk the full parade route.

**Sponsor Banner Carrier:**

Volunteers are needed who are enthusiastic and professional, who will walk for the entire parade route holding a parade sponsor banner. The banners have a metal/wood pole at the top and bottom of the banner and can be heavy. You will walk in pairs, one on each end of the banner and placed/fed into that parade in a specific order.

- This position is ideal for adults or high school students aged 14 years and older.
- This position requires an individual to walk the full parade route.

**Headphones are not allowed for anyone walking on the parade route, regardless of position.**

Please check off roles you would be willing to do for the parade:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Costumed Character     | <input type="checkbox"/> Costumed Character Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parade Logistics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Parade Marshal             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Banner Carrier |   |



**Acknowledgment**

- I am able and willing to walk the whole length of the parade route. If you require accessibility accommodations, please inform staff at time of application submission.
  
- I am available on Saturday, November 16, 2024 and will be present to volunteer in the 2024 Oakville Santa Claus Parade. This includes onsite arrival before 8 a.m. until parade completion around 10:30 a.m.
  
- I agree to attend the mandatory Volunteer Orientation meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall (1225 Trafalgar Road) in the South Atrium.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_