

2020 Georgia Day Parade Banner Competition Theme and Guidelines

The Banner Competition theme for the Georgia Day Parade 2020 is “Finding My Voice.” In keeping with the *Georgia History Festival (GHF)* theme, “Women’s Suffrage at 100: The Nineteenth Amendment and Georgia History,” this year’s banner competition is meant to challenge students to explore the process of developing points of view, exercising civic rights, and examining the legacy of the suffrage movement by looking at its impact on civil rights movements throughout the 20th century.

This year’s banners should explore the theme “**Finding My Voice**” through the lens of one or more of the following areas of focus:

- Exploring voting rights, elections, and why voting matters.
- Understand the purpose, impact, and make-up of women’s clubs and organizations.
- Artistic expressions used to influence the passage of the 19th Amendment: music, political cartoons, propaganda, plays, clothing, parade floats, etc.
- Media and the Suffrage Movement—how suffragists used the media (newspapers, magazines, and photojournalism) to further their mission—explore suffrage strategies and how they may have influenced civil rights movements throughout the 20th century.

To help teach this year’s banner theme, new, classroom-ready teaching resources are available to be downloaded from the [Georgia History Festival website](#). **The resources include a teacher guide, primary source sets, and elementary-friendly learning strategies to help teach the content necessary for completing 2020 Georgia Day Parade banners.**

Guidelines:

1. Each banner entry must be an original design.
2. Each banner should be designed to be carried by students during the parade.
3. Banner entries should represent **student work** guided by adults.
4. Banners must conform to the following measurements:
 - Maximum size – 72” x 36”
 - Minimum size – 56” x 28”

5. Banners will be judged on these criteria:

- Interpretation of Theme
- Originality
- Creativity, Neatness
- Overall Presentation

6. Banners from previous years and school banners are not eligible for judging.

Drop-off/Pick-up for Judging:

Banners are due at the Jepson House Education Center (**104 W. Gaston St.**) by 5:15PM on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. Teachers may drop off banners anytime between 9AM and 5:15PM on Tuesday, February 18th. Banners may be picked up on **Thursday, February 20, 2020** between 9AM and 5:15PM or on the morning of the Georgia Day Parade.

Winners will be announced, and trophies will be awarded at the Georgia Day Program at City Hall following the parade on Friday, February 21, 2020.

The Jepson House Education Center is located at the corner of Gaston and Whitaker Streets on the northwest corner of Forsyth Park in downtown Savannah. Please come up the main stairs and ring the bell for admittance.

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