

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
Twilight Parade
Entry Form
Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

All entries must be postmarked, or hand delivered to the Illinois State Fair Special Events Office by close of business on **Monday, July 6, 2026**

The 2026 Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade theme is *Miles of Smiles*.

This application must be completed fully, or it will not be considered.

Name of Unit or Band: _____

Name of Business/Organization/School: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Will the entry be distributing any materials to parade spectators: ____ Yes ____ No

* All items distributed must be listed and the parade committee must be notified prior to the parade. See General Rule #8.

Does this entry have any type of sound/audio component: ____ Yes ____ No

Type of Entry:

____ Marching Band ____ Non-Commercial Float ____ Commercial Float

____ Horse Unit ____ Specialty Unit ____ Honor Guard ____ Other

Description of Entry:

A description, sketch, or photograph of the entry must be provided.

For promotion, press releases, and parade announcements, please provide information about your club or organization:

A \$25.00 entry fee will be required for each selected entry plus an additional fee dependent upon the number of participants.

- a. Tier 1: \$50 = \$25 registration fee + admission for up to 10 participants
- b. Tier 2: \$77.50 = \$25 registration fee + admission for 11-25 participants
- c. Tier 3: \$150 = \$25 registration fee + admission for 26 to 50 participants

If your unit is selected for the Parade, you will receive a letter of confirmation in mid-July at which time you will be expected to pay the entry fee.

After reading all General Rules and specific contest rules for the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, I hereby agree that myself or the organization I represent will follow these published procedures and rules. I (We) do realize that we can be asked to leave the parade at any time for breaking those General Rules and guidelines.

It is acknowledged by the parties hereto that Participant(s) and all persons performing pursuant to this contract hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Department of Agriculture (the Department), its agents, officers, and employees from any liability for injuries to the person, whether for bodily injury, sickness, mental anguish or death of the Participant(s) or persons performing pursuant to this contract and as to claims for any damage to any of their property. The Participant(s) and all persons performing pursuant to this contract hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Department, its agents, officers, and employees from any liability to third parties arising out of the performance of this contract. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation should notify the Department of their needs by July 10, 2026.

By signing this form, I, certify I have read and understood all the General Rules and specific contest rules for the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade and that I will abide by all applicable rules contained therein, and all other rules relating to the Illinois State Fair and the laws and regulations of the State of Illinois.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Submit the completed application to:

Illinois State Fair
Office of Special Events – Twilight Parade
Emmerson Building
P.O. Box 19427
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9427

Questions may be directed to:

(217) 782-0777 or (217) 782-6661 or ISF.SpecialEvents@illinois.gov