

# ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

## Twilight Parade

### General Rules

#### Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

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The following General Rules apply to all entries in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade. The rules have been created in the interest of safety of parade participants and spectators, to ensure a quality parade, and minimize the length and duration of the overall event.

The 2024 Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade theme is: ***It's Showtime!***

1. All parade entries must conform to the parade theme.
2. A committee will screen all entries for entertainment value, and approximately 60 entries will be selected for participation in the parade. Conformance to the theme or "atmosphere" of the Fair will be a major component of the selection of entries.
3. The parade committee will evaluate and select entries based upon information provided in the parade applications. Failure to provide complete information or to comply with the rules may result in an entry being disqualified. The parade committee reserves the right to limit, or recategorize entries based upon their discretion. All decisions of the committee are final.
4. A \$25.00 entry fee is required for each selected entry plus additional fees dependent upon number of participants or category entered. This fee shall be submitted after notification of acceptance by the committee to the Special Events Office of the Illinois State Fair.
5. All applicants will provide detailed drawings or descriptions of entries. Any major changes to the original entry must be approved by the committee or the entry will be disqualified.
6. All entries must be postmarked, or hand delivered to the Illinois State Fair Special Events Office by close of business on **Monday, July 8, 2024**.
7. No entry will be accepted unless the application has been completed in full.
8. Candy, samples, or other materials of any type may **not** be thrown from, or distributed from, floats or vehicles. Parade walkers may distribute materials to parade spectators by walking to the curb and handing material out. Law enforcement, Parade Marshals, and Parade Officials may, without warning, remove entries from the parade if this rule is violated.
9. It is the policy of the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade to showcase the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen. No other queens or royalty will be allowed to ride in a vehicle as a single entry. Other queens or royalty may participate but must appear in conjunction with an accepted parade entry.
10. All entries must display their assigned parade entry number on the front of the unit. This number will be provided to entries in the staging area.
11. Formal instructions for staging of entries will be provided to those entries selected to participate in the parade.
12. The parade has contests for Marching Bands, Floats, and Specialty Units. Please see specific rules on the following pages for each of these contests.

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### Marching Band Contest

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Class	Class Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
73001	Marching Band Contest	\$2000	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

#### INFORMATION

1. Three (3) judges are utilized for this contest. Judges will use scoring sheets and those sheets will be provided to marching band directors after judging has been completed.
2. An average total scoring system is used to determine contest winners. The basis for judging is as follows:

<b>Showmanship</b>		<b>Points Available to Award</b>
General Picture		7.5 possible points
Band Fronts		7.5 possible points
Overall effectiveness of the musical performance		7.5 possible points
Overall effectiveness of the marching performance		7.5 possible points
<b>Total</b>		<b>30.0 possible points</b>
<b>Marching &amp; Maneuvering</b>		<b>Points Available to Award</b>
Posturing and carriage		7.5 possible points
Uniformity		7.5 possible points
Alignment		7.5 possible points
Spacing		7.5 possible points
<b>Total</b>		<b>30.0 possible points</b>
<b>Musicality</b>		<b>Points Available to Award</b>
Tone Quality		8.0 possible points
Intonation		8.0 possible points
Interpretation and General Musicianship		8.0 possible points
Balance		8.0 possible points
Precision		8.0 possible points
<b>Total</b>		<b>40.0 possible points</b>

3. **Competition Area:** The competition area is in front of the Reviewing Stand inside the Main Gate of the Fairgrounds. It is indicated by two taped lines; one indicating the beginning and the other indicating the end. The total competition area is approximately 100-yards long. Each marching band will mark time until the entire competition area is clear of other entries and then given the instruction to proceed.
4. **Musical Requirement:** All marching bands are required to play a selection of their choice while marching through the competition area. Marching bands cannot stop while marching through the competition area to perform routines and will have points deducted from the overall score. Marching routines are allowed if forward movement is maintained.
5. **Announcement of Awards:** Awards will be announced at the conclusion of judging process. Band directors will be mailed the judging sheets. The 2024 First Place winner will be invited to participate as the 2025 Twilight Parade Honor Band.

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## Twilight Parade Float Entries

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Class	Class Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
73006	Governor’s Sweepstakes Award	\$300	-	-
73007	Non-Commercial Float	\$150	\$50	\$25
73010	Commercial Float	\$150	\$50	\$25

The following rules apply to entries of floats in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade:

1. Float entry applications **must** include a drawing or photograph of the proposed entry.
2. Each entry should incorporate the parade theme or an “atmosphere” of the Fair in the design of the float.
3. The committee encourages all floats be covered with sturdy materials such as vinyl sheeting, enamel paint, or other materials which will hold up under adverse weather conditions. Floats covered with paper napkins or other materials may be destroyed in adverse weather conditions or strong winds. All parts of the float, including wheels, must be completely covered by materials.
4. Floats must bear the name of the participant or organization and the title of the theme that the float depicts. This can be on the float proper or printed on a banner that would be carried in front of the float. All signage must be high quality and easily legible.
5. For the safety of parade participants and parade spectators, each float may be accompanied by up to eight (8) escort personnel. Two banner/sign carriers will be allowed per entry. The banner/sign carriers are not included in the escort personnel count.
6. **Floats shall be no more than 36-feet long, 10-feet wide, and 13-feet high.** These dimensions are exclusive of the tow vehicle (if applicable).
7. Decorated cars, trucks, or vans are not considered floats and will not be accepted in the either of the float categories.
8. For purposes of judging, Commercial Floats are those which have been designed and built for a business or organization that sells goods or services for profit, and Non-Commercial Floats are those which have been designed and built for groups or organizations that are not-for-profit, i.e., charities, volunteer groups, etc.

#### Scoring:

An average total scoring system is used to determine contest winners. The basis for judging is as follows:

Criteria	Points Available
<b>Title and Theme</b> - The basic idea of the float and conformance to the parade theme or Fair “atmosphere”	25.0 possible points
<b>Ingenuity</b> - The inventiveness or skillfulness of the design or concept	15.0 possible points
<b>Public Appeal</b> - Potential enjoyment of the parade spectator	15.0 possible points
<b>Craftsmanship</b> - The quality, neatness, and detail of the construction, and functionality of any mechanical parts	15.0 possible points
<b>Proportions, Balance, and Space</b> - The size relationships among the various features of the float or intentional lack or proportion, use of space, and overall effect rendered	10.0 possible points
<b>Color</b> - The combination of colors providing a pleasing appeal and how it relates to the desired effect.	10.0 possible points
<b>Animation and Special Effects</b> - The total effect of movement on the entry to include but not be limited to sound, visual tricks, and illusions.	10.0 possible points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0 possible points</b>

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## Twilight Parade Specialty Units

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73019	Specialty Unit Award	\$150	\$50	\$25

A Specialty Unit is defined as any parade unit that is not a float, equestrian, or marching band. This can include, but is not limited to specialty vehicles, synchronized walking units, and entertainers. The number of participants accompanying any Specialty Unit will be limited by the committee. Motorized Specialty Units will be limited to six (6) entries per club.

**Scoring:**

An average total scoring system is used to determine contest winners. The basis for judging is as follows:

Criteria	Points Available to Award
Title and Theme - The basic idea of the float and conformance to the parade theme or Fair "atmosphere"	25.0 possible points
Ingenuity - The inventiveness or skillfulness of the design or concept	25.0 possible points
Public Appeal - Potential enjoyment of the parade spectator	25.0 possible points
Color - The use of colorful costumes or another eye appealing effect.	25.0 possible points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0 possible points</b>