

**THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR  
TWILIGHT PARADE  
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND COMPETITION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**PREMIUM  
NUMBER**  
73001....

**PRIZES AND AWARDS**

1ST PLACE .....	\$2000.00 .....	PLAQUE
2ND PLACE .....	800.00 .....	PLAQUE
3RD PLACE .....	600.00 .....	PLAQUE
4TH PLACE .....	500.00 .....	PLAQUE
5TH PLACE .....	400.00 .....	PLAQUE
6TH-12TH PLACE .....	100.00 .....	RIBBON

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**JUDGES:** There will be four judges for this contest. Judges will consist of: showmanship judges, marching and maneuvering judges, and music judges.

**SCORING:** An average total scoring system will be used. The basis for judging points is as follows:

Showmanship .....	30 points
Marching and Maneuvering .....	30 points
Music.....	40 points

All judges will use scoring sheets. Directors will receive copies of the scoring sheets at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.

**JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

**1. SHOWMANSHIP**

General Picture.....	7.5 points possible
(overall appearance, color scheme, total formation personnel)	
Band Fronts .....	7.5 points possible
Overall effectiveness of Musical Performance.....	7.5 points possible
Overall effectiveness of Marching Performance.....	7.5 points possible
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>30.0 points possible</b>

**2.MARCHING AND MANEUVERING**

Posture and carriage .....	7.5 points possible
Uniformity.....	7.5 points possible
(Foot angles, marching style, instrument position)	
Alignment.....	7.5 points possible
(Horizontal, vertical, angles)	
Spacing. ....	7.5 points possible
(Consistency of intervals while moving and holding)	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>30.0 points possible</b>

**3. MUSIC**

Tone Quality.....	8.0 points possible
(In brasses, woodwinds and percussion)	
Intonation .....	8.0 points possible
Interpretation and General	
Musicianship .....	8.0 points possible
Balance. ....	8.0 points possible
(harmonically, instrumentally, melodically)	
Precision.....	8.0 points possible
(attacks, releases, phrasing, rhythms)	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>40.0 points possible</b>

- 4. **COMPETITION AREA:** The competition area will be located in front of the Reviewing Stand inside the Main Gate of the Fairgrounds. It will be 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 band will be held up until the competition area is cleared from other entries in the parade and then given the OK to proceed.
- 5. **COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:** All bands are required to play a selection of their choice while marching through the competition area. Bands stopping in front of the Reviewing Stand to perform routines will receive penalty points. This is a moving parade: marching routines are permitted but must be done in an onward motion.
- 6. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS AND AWARDS:** The Awards Ceremony will be held following the Parade. After the Awards Ceremony, Band Directors may pick up their judging sheets. The 2023 First Place Winner will participate in the 2024 Twilight Parade as the Honor Band.

## 2023 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR TWILIGHT PARADE GENERAL RULES

Please review the following rules, which apply to entries in the Twilight Parade. **These rules have been created in the interest of safety of parade spectators and participants. To ensure the best parade possible it is our desire to minimize the length and duration of the parade.**

### GENERAL PARADE RULES

All entries must conform to the parade theme. The 2023 theme is:

**“TBA”**

## **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 10, 2023**

1. A committee will screen all entries for entertainment value and approximately 60 will be selected for participation in the parade. Conformance to the theme or “atmosphere” of the Fair will be a major component for selection.
2. 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 defined rules may result in an entry not being selected. The parade committee reserves the right to limit, or re-categorize entries based upon their discretion. All decisions of the judges are final.
3. A \$25.00 entry fee will be required for each selected entry plus an additional fee dependent upon the number of participants and category entered. This fee shall be submitted after notification of acceptance by the committee.
4. All applicants will provide detailed drawings and descriptions of their entry. Any major changes to the original entry must be approved by the committee, otherwise the entry is disqualified.
5. No entry will be accepted unless the application is completed on both sides and signed.
6. All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Special Events Office by close of business on July 10th. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
7. Samples, candy or other materials of any type may **NOT** be thrown from or distributed from floats or vehicles. Parade walkers may distribute material to parade spectators by walking to the curb and handing the material out. The Police Department, Parade Marshals and Parade Officials may, without warning, remove unit from the parade if this rule is violated.
8. It is the policy of the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade to highlight Miss Illinois County Fair as queen. No other queens will be allowed to ride in a vehicle as parade entry. Other queens are welcome to participate; however they may not participate as a single entry. They must appear in conjunction with an accepted float.
9. All entries must display their assigned parade number on front of their unit. The Twilight Parade Committee will assign this number to each unit upon acceptance to the parade by the committee.
10. Parade judging categories are limited to: Marching Bands, Floats, and Specialty Units.

Entry forms should be submitted to:

**ILLINOIS STATE FAIR  
TWILIGHT PARADE  
P.O. BOX 19427  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9427**