

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018
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:

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
TOTAL	30.0 points possible

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)	
TOTAL	30.0 points possible

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)	
TOTAL	40.0 points possible

- 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 2017 First Place Winner will receive \$2000.00 and also participate in the 2018 Twilight Parade as the Honor Band.

2018 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 2018 theme is:

“Celebrate Illinois: 200 Years of Amazing”

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. 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 9, 2018. 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 a 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**

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR TWILIGHT PARADE FLOAT ENTRY RULES

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 float.
3. The Twilight Parade 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 similar materials will be completely destroyed if rain or strong winds occur. Exposed parts of a float must be completely covered by material including the wheels of the float.
4. Floats must bear the name of the participant and the title of the theme depicted by the float (either on the float or with a banner carried in front of the float). All signs must be of high quality and easily legible.
5. For the safety of participants and viewers, each float may be accompanied by up to eight escort personnel. This will be strictly enforced. Two banner/sign carriers will be allowed per entry. The banner carriers are not included in the escort personnel count.
6. **A float should be no more than 40 feet long, 10 feet wide and 13 feet in height.** These dimensions do not include the tow vehicle.
7. Decorated cars, trucks or vans are not considered floats and should not be entered in the Float category.
8. Commercial Floats are those, which have been designed and built for a business or organization that sells goods or services for a profit. Non-commercial floats are those which that is designed and built for group or organization that is not-for-profit; i.e. charities, volunteer groups etc.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR TWILIGHT PARADE FLOAT JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges Will Base Their Decisions On The Following:

1. **TITLE AND THEME: 25%** This is the basic idea of the float. By making the basic idea and title conform to the Parade Theme or Fair “atmosphere” it will add to the unity of the parade. The other judging criteria measure how well this basic idea is developed. ~~15% This is the quality of the design which is the overall appearance of the float. It is the quality of the design which is the overall appearance of the float.~~
2. **INGENUITY: 15%**
3. **PUBLIC APPEAL: 15%** Public appeal is the enjoyment of the float by the audience. People in our audience are of different age groups and of different backgrounds. Quality in all of the first seven criteria will affect their enjoyment.
4. **CRAFTSMANSHIP: 15%** The design will all its ideas, is one part of quality; the other part is craftsmanship. The craftsmanship score will depend on neatness, solid construction, the proper working of mechanical parts and achievement of detail.
5. **PROPORTIONS; BALANCE AND SPACE: 10%** Proportion is the size relationships among the features of the float. However, the basic idea of the float may call for intentional lack of proportion. Balance and space take in two questions; Is the overall design graceful or clumsy? Is the space of the float used to support the basic idea, or is it wasted?
6. **COLOR: 10%** Color brings up two questions; Are the colors and their combinations pleasing? How well do they contribute to the desired effect?
7. **ANIMATION AND SOUND EFFECTS: 10%** These criteria deal with anything on the float that adds to the total effect of the float. Motion and sound are examples of special effects.

AWARDS: The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selection of the recipients:

**Premium
Number
73006**

GOVERNOR'S SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

1st Overall..... \$300.00

NON COMMERCIAL ENTRIES:

73007 1st	Grand Marshal's Award	\$150.00
73008 2nd.....	Director's Award.....	\$ 50.00
73009 3rd	Illinois State Fair Award	\$ 25.00

2. COMMERCIAL ENTRIES:

73010 1st	Grand Marshal's Award	\$150.00
73011 2nd.....	Director's Award.....	\$ 50.00
73012 3rd	Illinois State Fair Award	\$ 25.00

SPECIALTY UNITS

A specialty unit is defined as any other parade unit that is not a float, equestrian, or queen. This can include, but is not limited to specialty vehicles, synchronized walking units and entertainers. The number of walkers accompanying any Specialty Unit will be limited, with the exact number determined by the committee.

- 1. CAR CLUBS:** A 10-car limit per each car club constitutes an entry unit.
- 2. All judging for specialty units will be done during the procession down the Parade route.**
- 3. JUDGING CRITERIA:** The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:
 - A. THEME: 25%**
Conformity with parade theme.
 - B. COLOR: 25%**
Costumes props and eye appeal.
 - C. INGENUITY: 25%**
Creativity and originality.
 - D. PUBLIC APPEAL: 25%**
Enjoyment by the audience.
 - E. AWARDS:** The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selection of the recipients:

**Premium
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SPECIALTY UNITS:

73019	1ST Grand Marshall's Award	\$150.00
73020	2nd Director's Award.....	\$ 50.00
73021	3rd Illinois State Fair Award	\$ 25.00

