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Scarecrow Contest Entry Form Now Available for 2026 St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend

ST. CHARLES, IL – The St. Charles Business Alliance is now accepting Scarecrow Contest Entry Forms for 2026 St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend. St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend, presented by St. Charles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, will take place in downtown St. Charles from Friday, Oct 9 through Sunday, Oct 11.

The Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by Teqworks, is free to enter. The Entry Form can be completed online, as well as a printable pdf version found on www.scarecrowfest.com/scarecrowcontestapplication. Individuals who wish to print out and complete the Scarecrow Contest Entry Form can mail or drop off the form to the St. Charles Business Alliance at 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174. The deadline to submit an entry form is Sept 15.

The categories for the Scarecrow Contest are as follows:

- Mega/Mechanical Category – Open to all.
- Clubs/Not-For-Profit/Schools Category – Open to all clubs, not-for-profits, and school.
- Individual Category – Open to all individuals and families not affiliated with a business or organization.
- Business Category – Open to all businesses.

For the Business Category, Clubs/Not-For-Profit/Schools Category, and the Individual Category, prizes are 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$150, and 3rd Place: \$100. For the Mega/Mechanical Category, prizes are 1st Place: \$500, 2nd Place: \$350, and 3rd Place: \$250.

The Presenting Sponsor for the 2026 St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend is St. Charles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. Additional Sponsors include McNally's Heating & Cooling, St. Charles Bank & Trust, Aquascape, Art of the Heartland, Gerald Subaru of North Aurora, Hi-Lite Electric, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, Meijer, Mendel Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Mercedes-Benz of St. Charles, MKFM Law, LLC, Smith's Prime Steaks, Seafood, Mediterranean, Smile Haven Dental Studio, Teqworks, T-Fiber, Theriault Booth LLC. Attorneys at Law, Goldfish Swim School, Grand Appliance, St. Charles Public Library, Encore Mt. Morris, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, M.K. Movers, Scouting America Three Fires Council, and Windy Acres Farm.

To find more information regarding 2026 Scarecrow Weekend, please visit www.scarecrowfest.com. For further inquiries, please contact the St. Charles Business Alliance at 630-443-3967.

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About the St. Charles Business Alliance

The mission of the St. Charles Business Alliance is to drive economic growth to make the St. Charles Community a destination where people, businesses and tourism thrive. The Alliance produces Restaurant Week, St. Patrick's Parade, Spring Shop Crawl, Fine Art Show, STC Live!, Jazz Weekend, Scarecrow Weekend, and Holiday Homecoming. For more information about the Alliance, visit www.stcalliance.org.



Attendee enjoying Skyline Tree Service's Scarecrow – which received 3rd Place in the Mega/Mechanical Category during the 2025 St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend

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