

2025 ST. CHARLES SCARECROW WEEKEND



October 10th – October 12th

SCARECROW CONTEST – ENTRY FORM

Sponsored by:

CONTEST PRIZES

*****Voting will take place in person during event hours.

Mega/Mechanical Category

1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$350
3rd Place \$250

- Business Category
- Clubs/Not-for Profit/Schools Category
- Individual Category

Per
Category

1st Place \$200
2nd Place \$150
3rd Place \$100

**Per Category

Minimum of 7 Entries for
all 3 Prizes

Minimum of 5 Entries for
1st and 2nd Place Prizes

Minimum of 3 Entries for
1st Place Prize

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Business/Organization/Individual Name: _____ If a business, are you a sponsor? _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (to send receipt notification & check-in information)

Social Media Handle(s) for tagging of contest photos: _____

ENTRY SIZES: **MEGA/MECHANICAL CATEGORY** will receive an **8'x 8' SPACE**. **ALL OTHER CATEGORIES** – will receive a **6'W X 4'D SPACE**.

IMPORTANT: Please provide a name and description for your entry on this application or email it **by Sept 15, 2025!**

Category: _____ Name of Scarecrow: _____

Provide a brief description of your Scarecrow: _____

By signing this entry form, I hereby agree to the contest rules as listed on the back of this application. I release/hold harmless The St Charles Business Alliance, its employees, officers & agents from any & all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions/statements will **NOT** be accepted. The St. Charles Business Alliance reserves the right to remove any scarecrow it deems offensive or inappropriate.
- If you are unable to create your scarecrow for any reason, please contact the Alliance immediately so that your designated space can be filled.
- The ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE is NOT responsible for the scarecrows throughout the weekend. (Limited Security)

SCARECROW CONTEST CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

1. **Mega/Mechanical:** **Mechanical** - Only category that is provided with electricity and allowed moving parts. Electricity must be the only means of mechanization. Entrants supply their own 50ft outdoor extension cord. **Mega** - Make an impact with a large 8 X 8 display. Neither power nor moving parts.
2. **Clubs/Not-for-Profits/Schools:** Open to adult/children's organizations such as: school, fraternal group, sports team or any other not-for-profit cause.
3. **Individual:** Open to entries created by one or more individuals or family not affiliated with a business or organization.
4. **Business:** Open to for-profit businesses. Display may reflect & promote business.

CONTEST RULES:

❖ General

- All entries (except Mega/Mechanical) will receive a 6' wide x 4' deep space. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Mega/Mechanical - maximum space is 8' x 8'
- NO hand-outs at your contest display. Flyers can only be given out by Event Sponsors or Vendors.
- All entries must be on display during entire event Friday through Sunday.
- One entry per category per person, family, business or organization. Entries in multiple categories permitted.

❖ Theme/Signage

- Display may reflect a special theme and/or promote a not-for-profit organization, event or business.
- **Must be constructed to withstand weather - More set-up details will be emailed upon receipt of this application.**
- Signage may be displayed to identify or promote your business, event or organization. Please use weatherproof signs.

❖ Design

- Scarecrow designs must be NEW each year.
- No hazardous items such as tiki torches or gas-powered generators allowed.
- All categories may display lights (powered by batteries only) unless in Mechanical category.

❖ Check-in and Set-up

- All entries will be assigned a location, based on category. Location details will be emailed by October 1st.
- **Set-up is Thursday, October 9th; 12:00PM- 8:00PM.**

❖ Tear Down

- **Tear down is Sunday, October 12th from 5:00PM -8:00 PM.**
- **All Scarecrows must be removed by 8:00 PM Sunday night. Any leftover remnants may incur a fee.**

Further set-up
details will be sent
upon receipt of
Entry Form.

How to Enter

Mail or email this form by September 15, 2025

St. Charles Business Alliance

Attn: Scarecrow Contest

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