



Elk Grove Village Oktoberfest Parade Application Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

ENTRIES REQUIRING AN APPEARANCE FEE - APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 3, 2026 AT 5:00pm
ALL OTHER ENTRIES - APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 26, 2026 AT 5:00pm

Name of Organization: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number (Parade Day): _____ Number of Participants: Adults: _____ Children: _____

Number & type of vehicles participating in parade (car, truck, trailer, float, etc.): _____

If vehicles change after submitting your application, please email lawick@elkgrove.org

Honorarium (appearance fees if applicable) \$ _____

Does your group emit music or sound? Yes: ___ No: ___ If yes; Instruments _____ Radio/Aux _____

Hand out items **must** be identified on this application. Do you intend to distribute handout items? Yes: ___ No: ___

If yes, please describe _____

Description of your unit or organization: **This description will be used by the cable TV announcer as your unit passes Channel 6.** Neatly handwrite or email description to lawick@elkgrove.org. Limit it to 3 sentences.

I have read the Parade Rules and Participation Agreement enclosed with this application and agree to comply.

Signature and Title

Date

PLEASE RETURN via mail or email to:

Elk Grove Village Parade Committee

901 Wellington Avenue

Email: LAwick@elkgrove.org

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:

Laura Awick, Special Events Coordinator

LAwick@ElkGrove.Org

ELK GROVE VILLAGE OKTOBERFEST PARADE RULES

1. TIME and PLACE: The parade will commence on Saturday September 19, 2026 promptly at 2:00 p.m.

2. **ASSEMBLY:** Final assembly/check-in details will be announced in future communications. All parade units should plan on assembling no later than 1:00 p.m. **Please note:** Final unit placement numbers *will not be assigned until one week prior to the date of the Parade.*
3. **REGISTRATION:** Address applications to Elk Grove Village Parade Committee, 901 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Registration is open to all, but the Committee reserves the right to limit and screen entries based on a group's service to the community. You will receive notification of acceptance or rejection by email.
4. **ELIGIBLE UNITS:** Units for advertising purposes will not be accepted. The operation of a drone or UAV is not permitted at any time during the parade.
5. **BUSINESS ENTRIES:** Businesses wishing to participate in the parade must be a Tier 1 Sponsor. Businesses must operate in Elk Grove Village. Participating businesses are **required** to toss a promotional item to spectators as part of their participation. No flyers, business cards, or marketing materials will be permitted to be distributed during the parade.
6. **DECORATION OF ENTRIES:** All vehicles, unless pulling floats, must be **FULLY** decorated. No bare trucks, wagons or trailers will be permitted other than Police, Fire and Village vehicles.
7. **SIGNS:** Each entry must have a banner/sign large enough to sufficiently identify your unit. Displays contrary to community standards are prohibited.
8. **SUPERVISION:** Groups with children marching must have a minimum of four (4) adults supervising – more depending on age and number of children participating. All parade entries with children must have a designated adult that will stay with the children until all children are picked up by their parents. **No child may be left on a float or vehicle without adult supervision.**
9. **HANDOUTS/CANDY:** It is highly encouraged to have walkers with your unit pass out candy and freebies for your organization provided you keep pace with the unit ahead. **Approval must be obtained from the Parade Committee for ALL handout items prior to unit number assignment.** Failure to comply will disqualify the unit from the parade and judging. The Committee reserves the right to disallow any entry which is deemed inappropriate or unsafe in nature. No standing or stopping is allowed. **You must continue to walk along the route and keep a 10-15 foot distance from the Unit in front of you at all times. No stopping/standing is allowed without the approval of the Parade Committee for performance reasons.**
10. **ELECTED OFFICIALS:** All elected officials must personally appear in the unit bearing his/her name. No literature will be allowed to be handed out. Your unit must depict the Parade Theme in some manner. **No campaigning is allowed.**
11. **JUDGING:** All eligible units must maintain a forward motion. Eligible units will be judged on their performance during the parade. One winner per category. Units may only win in one category.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The applicant agrees to abide by all applicable Village Ordinances, by the Committee Rules and Regulations, and with the terms of this application. The applicant further agrees to accept all future modifications in the application made and communicated by the Committee or agrees to withdraw its application in writing. The applicant acknowledges that the Committee has the authority to govern the conduct and organization of the parade and agrees to abide by all the decisions made on the day of the parade by the Committee or its agents. The applicant has read and understands the Rules as listed herein and agrees to abide by them. The applicant agrees that it is responsible for the safety of its unit, property connected therewith, and persons affiliated with the unit. Should the unit or any property connected therewith be damaged or destroyed, or should any person be injured as a result of any act of conduct of the applicant, the applicant agrees to indemnify the Village of Elk Grove Village against and save it harmless from any and all liability to, death of person and from damage and destruction to property caused by the applicant.

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