



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BANDS
2024 MUSIC & MOTION MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Dear Marching Band Director,

On behalf of Southern Illinois University Bands, SIU Admissions, Provost Sheryl Tucker, and Chancellor Austin Lane, we are pleased to invite you to the **Music & Motion Marching Band Festival** here at SIU!

Music & Motion 2024 will take place on Saturday, October 19 in beautiful Saluki Stadium. We will begin at 10:00 AM.

As in the past, we have worked cooperatively with both the University of Illinois and Eastern Illinois University to avoid direct scheduling against their contests – allowing those of you wishing to take part in both festivals the opportunity to do so. This year, both the U of I (October 26) and EIU (October 12) contests take place on completely different dates, so I am happy to report there are no conflicts!

We will employ a traditional 7-member judging panel, with awards in each class (including percussion, drum major and color guard). Each band will also receive a beautiful, custom-made participation award. Classes will be determined by band size.

For those of you who wish to promote a non-competitive philosophy, we are pleased to help. Our “Festival Class” will provide feedback on your performance with positive, encouraging comments to the members of your band.

We are offering a special "early bird" entry fee. If you enroll before October 1, the entry fee is \$125.00. After that date, the fee is \$150.00.

We hope that you will be able join us for this exciting day of marching music, fellowship, and fun. Enclosed, please find an entry form. We welcome you to return it at your earliest convenience. Space for the event is limited, and registrations will be accepted based on the day they are received.

We look forward to having you and your band with us this fall!

Sincerely,

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