

## About the Skokie Festival of Cultures

Formed in 1991, more than 25,000 visitors attend the festival, annually, the third weekend in May. The event, held at Oakton Park, brings together dozens of the world's cultures, reflecting the more than 80 languages spoken in Skokie. The festival features music and entertainment on two stages, ethnic cuisine, children's activities, a merchandise bazaar, and ethnic arts and crafts. For more information call (847) 674-1500 or go online to [www.skokieculturefest.org](http://www.skokieculturefest.org).

Please mail, email or drop off completed application to:

Skokie Park District/Skokie Festival of Cultures  
Attention: Pamela Zeid  
4701 Oakton Street  
Skokie, IL 60076

[PZeid@skokieparks.org](mailto:PZeid@skokieparks.org)

For additional information, please contact Pamela Zeid at (847) 674-1500, ext. 2715 or e-mail at [PZeid@skokieparks.org](mailto:PZeid@skokieparks.org).

### 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures

Saturday, May 20  
11 a.m. through 6 p.m.

and

Sunday, May 21  
11 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Oakton Park  
4701 West Oakton Street  
Skokie, Illinois 60076  
*(One block east of Skokie Boulevard  
on the south side of Oakton Street)*



[www.SkokieCultureFest.org](http://www.SkokieCultureFest.org)  
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### Merchandise Vendor Application

Application Deadline - April 3, 2023



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#### Event History

Plan to participate in the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, an award winning arts celebration of Skokie's cultural diversity! Over 25,000 people are expected to gather at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street (Oakton Street & Skokie Boulevard) to enjoy delicious ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts from around the world, continuous performances and a wide variety of activities for children and adults. The Skokie Festival of Cultures is sponsored by the Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie Human Relations Commission, Skokie Rotary Club, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Skokie Fine Arts Commissions and Illinois Arts Council in cooperation with various community organizations.

#### Application Information

All completed applications must be received by, April 3, 2023. Selection decision notices and confirmations will be emailed by April 17, 2023. Receipt and processing of payment does not confirm acceptance in festival.

#### Eligibility

Skokie's Festival of Cultures will focus on the cultures represented within the wide ethnic diversity of Skokie, including but not limited to Asian, African-American, European, Filipino, Hispanic, Native American, Indian and Jewish. Exhibits, vendors and performers should further visitors understanding of a peoples way of living and may not promulgate specific religious or nationalist ideology.



#### Selection Criteria

The Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee will select applicants that best represent Skokie's cultural diversity. Decisions will be based on a completed application, entries that exemplify the traditional/ethnic arts, quality craftsmanship, ethnicity and prior participation in the Skokie Festival of Cultures event.

Applicants who wish to exhibit, display, sell or perform must submit a Skokie Festival of Cultures application form describing the items to be exhibited, displayed or sold and the country/culture represented. Performers must describe the performance and indicate which country/culture it represents. Photos of items to be displayed, exhibited or sold must be included with completed applications. The sale of food items is strictly prohibited. The Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee reserves the right to reject any application which in the Committee's opinion, conflict with the Skokie Park District and Village of Skokie ordinances or are considered inappropriate for this event.

The Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Skokie Rotary Club will assume no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items belonging to Applicants.

### Booth Space

Booth space is assigned by the Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee on a first come, first serve basis and are subject to the above stated conditions. The assignment of one (1) booth space per application fee is final. Vendors will receive a 10'x10' booth space and one (1) table and two (2) chairs. **\*FOR 2023\* Merchandise vendors must provide their own freestanding tent/display structures for their 10'x10' booth space.** No display materials, extension cords or electricity are provided.

Merchandise vendors are encouraged to make their displays as colorful and appealing as possible to promote their sales. Merchandise displays should highlight the ethnic theme of the festival. Merchandise vendors are also responsible for the cleanliness of their booth space area. Overnight security will be provided on Saturday night. Please be advised that merchandise vendors are fully responsible for their merchandise/items throughout the two days of the event.

### Rates and Payment Information

Vendor of Ethnic/Cultural Merchandise  
Booth Fee ..... \$200/2 days  
\*Fee includes one (1) table and two (2) chairs.

Payment must accompany completed vendor application. Receipt and processing of payment does not confirm acceptance in festival. Refund of all monies paid will be made to any application not accepted. Selection decision notices and confirmations will be emailed by April 17, 2023.

### General Rules and Regulations

Applications will not be reviewed or considered unless all required information is completed, fees are included and the application is signed.

Assignment of all booth spaces is final.

All fees submitted through the mail must be paid by check, money order, Visa, Mastercard or Discover. Check/money order should be made to the Skokie Festival of Cultures. No cash payments will be accepted through the mail.

The festival begins Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Vendors should arrive and check-in both days at the information booth at least one hour (10 a.m.) prior to the beginning of the festival. Vendors/Exhibitors are expected to stay until close of the festival (6 p.m.) both days of the event and will receive a \$50 refund of the application fee paid at the time of registration. In order to receive a \$50 refund, Vendors are asked to check-out each evening of the festival at the information booth.

Driving or parking on the grass to set-up is strictly prohibited. Vendors/exhibitors are responsible for transporting their items into the event.

Only items listed on the submitted application may be displayed/sold at the festival.

Vendors are provided with one (1) table and two (2) chairs. There will be no additional tables/chairs available the days of the festival. Vendors must provide their own tent/display structure.

The Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee reserves the right to reject any vendor's items which in the Committee's opinion conflict with the Skokie Park District and Village of Skokie ordinances and/or are considered inappropriate for this event.

The Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library and Skokie Rotary Club assume no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items belonging to Skokie Festival of Culture participants.

Any vendor who is in violation of any of these stated rules and regulations may be asked to leave the festival grounds.

### Parking

Vendors are not allowed to drive or park vehicles on the festival grounds. Driving and parking on the grass is strictly prohibited. All vehicles must be parked in a legal parking space. Upon acceptance of the completed application and receipt of a signed contract, exhibitors, vendors and performers will be given the locations of official parking sites in the vicinity of the festival.

### Weather

As is the case with all outdoor events, inclement weather may occur. Please prepare for the possibility of such weather with the appropriate protective measures for yourself and the items that you have on display.

### For More Information

For more information about the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, please contact: Pamela Zeid at 847/674-1500 ext. 2715 or stop by the Oakton Community Center located at 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures Application Information

Application Deadline: April 3, 2023

*Please Print*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic artifacts/merchandise for sale/display best represents which culture(s):**

Describe items for display/sale:  
(please circle all that apply)

Artifacts	Leather Goods	Sculptures
Antiques	Needlework	Textiles
Clothing	Painting	Tapestries
Heirlooms	Pottery/Ceramics	Weaving
Literature	Photography	Woodwork/ Woodcarving

Two photo references and/or three festival references must be included with completed application.

Booth Fee ..... \$200/2 days

\*Fee includes one (1) table and two (2) chairs.

Three festival references are required, as well as two photo references. Please include names, addresses and telephones numbers of your references.

Photographs become property of the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures and will not be returned.

### Payment method/credit card information

Method of payment enclosed

- Check or money order  
(payable to Skokie Festival of Cultures)
- Mastercard    Visa    Discover

Total Fee Enclosed: \$200

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVS# \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Charge Amount \$200

### Please read and sign:

Applicant hereby fully releases and discharges the Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Skokie Rotary Club, their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims from injuries including death, damages or loss, which he/she or the organization or company they represent may have or which may accrue to them in connection with the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures to be held May 20 & 21, 2023.

Applicant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Skokie Rotary Club, their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses, but not limited to the general public, which may arise or may be alleged to have arisen out of, or in connection with the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures to be held on May 20 & 21, 2023.

I have read the above and agree to comply with the guidelines. I understand that failure to do so may result in removal of my display, forfeiture of clean-up bond and/or a bill for damages.

I have also received, read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines stated in the 31st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures Information.

Applicant's Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee \_\_\_\_\_

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