Houston Pumpkin Festival Scarecrow Contest

Submit completed entry form by email to pumpkinfest@verizon.net or by mail:

The Houston Pumpkin Festival
P.O. Box 141
Houston PA 15342

Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous, loveable, family friendly – NOT frightening, gruesome, bloody, or making political statements. The Festival Committee/HVFD reserves the right to disqualify entries they feel to be distasteful or not family friendly.

Name your creation. This along with your name or group name will be displayed. The sign should be no larger than 11x17 inches and able to withstand the weather.

- Only one entry per individual, family, business, organization, or group.
- **Applications must be submitted by 7:00pm, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.**
- Scarecrows must be set up on **Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 pm.**
- Scarecrow will remain on display until the end of day **Sunday, October 11, 2026**. Pick up will be from **5:00 - 7:00 pm**. Remaining scarecrows will become property of the Festival Committee/HVFD if not retrieved during the set time frame.

Winners:

- Announced on Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest.
- Winner/winners will be contacted by phone or email if not present.
- Signs will be placed at the winning scarecrow and remain on display until Sunday evening.
- Multiple cash prizes will be available.

- Size – Scarecrow should stand/sit 4-7 feet tall. It will be on display in a 4x4 area.
- Handmade (no commercial costumes, masks, etc)
- Able to stand or sit on its own. (We suggest a 2x4 piece of lumber or broomstick for the central body).
- Able to withstand various types of weather. Please firmly attach your decorations. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow to keep it in good presentable condition throughout the festival.

Group Name or Business

Contact Name

Email

Phone Alt Phone

**The Houston Pumpkin Festival's interpretation of these rules and any decisions made by the Festival Committee are absolutely final and cannot be challenged. The rules are subject to change at any time without notice.*

**Neither the Pumpkin Festival or any affiliation of the HVFD will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2026 Scarecrow Contest.*

**By entering the Scarecrow Contest, you confirm that you accept these rules.*