

APPLE II FOREVER

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COMMUNITY VENUE SELECTION FOR 2026

THANK YOU!!

A big thanks goes out to everyone in the community who participated in the voting.



VOTING RESULTS

- Voting was open from Friday 11/14 to Friday 11/21
- 105 total votes
- **University of Illinois Springfield** has been chosen by the community as the venue



How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

- **Voters rank candidates** in order of preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc.).
 - **If a candidate gets over 50% of first-choice votes**, they win immediately; otherwise, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated.
 - **A vote for an eliminated candidate transfers** to the next choice on the voter's ballot, and this process repeats until a candidate has a majority.
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Ranked Choice Results

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)	65	22	18
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIU-E)	13	73	19
University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL)	27	10	64*

* Four votes were excluded due to specific request.

OVERALL RANKING BY THE COMMUNITY

- University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)
 - Strongest community support by far
 - Many of the community's comments praised the 2024 event at UIS
 - Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIU-E)
 - Community's second choice ranking
 - Viable backup location
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PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- 42 of the submitted responses included a comment.
- For those interested: the unedited, anonymized comments are published in the full report, linked at www.kansasfest.org/venue-search



NEXT STEPS

- Request contract from UIS for 13–19 July 2026; will most likely take 2+ weeks.
- Once the contract is signed, we will begin planning for the event at UIS
 - WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!
 - Garage Giveaway
 - On-site transportation
 - Airport pickup
 - Featured speakers
- See everyone in person at **KansasFest 2026!**

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