



Kay Saintsing Memorial Scholarship
Sponsored by the
North Carolina Association of Festival & Events

The Kay Saintsing Memorial Scholarship, established in 2005, is a testament to the profound respect for the late founder of the North Carolina Association of Festivals and Events (NCAF&E), Kay Saintsing. Kay, a trailblazer in the tourism community, was highly admired for her life-long commitment to public service. NCAF&E will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a North Carolina college or university student.

NCAF&E wishes this award to be made to a student who has “serious academic pursuits,” who “loves learning,” and who is “interested in the breadth of learning about recreation and tourism.” The Executive Board of the NCAF&E established the selection criteria and process for this award by recognizing Kay Saintsings’ intentions when she initiated NCAFE. The criteria are:

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, with no grade earned lower than a “C”
- Enrolled as a full-time student at a college/university in North Carolina
- Must have sophomore or junior standing
- Must be returning to their home university the following year
- Must be a Parks & Recreation, Tourism, or Event Management major
- The recipient must attend the ShowFest Conference

We invite you to apply for this prestigious award if you meet the criteria. To be considered, please submit your application to the NCAF&E Office by January 23, 2025. Ensure that you complete and include your essay with the application.

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2025 ShowFest Showcase & Awards Dinner, which will take place on Monday, January 27.

To apply, please complete the form below and return it along with the following materials:

- All transcripts (unofficial or official will be accepted)
- A 300-word essay about your future plans following graduation in the tourism, parks, or recreation field.
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a college advisor or professor)
Preference will be given to those who have a second recommendation from a member of NCAF&E



NCAF&E Kay Saintsing Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Deadline to apply: January 23, 2025

Submit application to stephanie@ncfestivals.com or mail to:

NCAF&E Office
PO Box 1642
Lexington, NC 27293

Name: _____

College or University _____

Campus or Home Address: _____

Campus Phone or Home Phone: _____

Academic Major: _____

GPA _____

References (list names) _____
