

The Georgia Festivals & Events Association, an affiliate partner of the International Festivals and Events Association is pleased to offer an exciting opportunity for festival and event professionals and aspiring professionals to earn a scholarship for attendance to the 53rd Annual IFEA Annual Convention & Expo, September 8-12, 2008 in Boise ID, http://www.ifea.com/convention_intro.htm.

Applicants must meet the criteria outlined in this application. Once that is met, preference will be given to applicants from culturally diverse backgrounds and/or events. NOTE: If there is a possibility of your financial or professional status changing in such a way that creates a conflict with any of the requirements, please be aware the scholarship may be released.

Georgia Festivals & Events Association
Scholarship Application/Southeast Region
IFEA Annual Convention ~ Boise, ID ~ September 8-12

The Georgia Festivals & Events Association (GFEA) seeks to encourage professionalism within the festival industry. In order to enable those individuals and organizations that might not otherwise be able to attend professional development seminar and conferences, GFEA is providing individual scholarships to a limited number of deserving applicants to support the payment of such registration fees. Funding for these scholarships was made possible through the live and silent auction held at the Southeast Festivals & Events Conference held each February.

Conditions for Entry:

To apply for partial funding of the registration costs & \$500.00 reimbursement (travel, hotel or food) for the annual IFEA Convention, applicants must meet the conditions of entry.

To be eligible, recipients must demonstrate and document:

1. They could not otherwise afford to pay the complete registration fee.
2. They must work and live in the Southeast region (FL, GA, AL, MS, TN, KY, VA, NC & SC).
3. Professionals must be willing to pay \$100.00 towards the convention registration fee, student - \$50.00 towards registration.

Applicants should answer all applicable questions and write N/A where appropriate. Students should include advisor's contact information.

Questions or comments regarding the scholarship process should contact:
Carolyn Morris, Executive Director, GFEA * 770-592-7180 * cmorris@wiredearth.net

Application deadline: July 11, 2008. Notification date: July 21, 2008

Section I: Applicant Information

Name: _____

Home address _____ City/St _____ Zip _____

Student/full time Event Professional Event Volunteer Other _____

Previous Conferences:

I have not attended an IFEA Annual Convention

GFEA or IFEA seminar - date & location: _____

Other conferences/seminars _____

Section II: Organization Information

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Web Site: _____ Number of Annual Events: _____

Section II: Student

Name of School/University attending _____

Field of study/major _____

Year in school _____

Advisor's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Section III: Scholarship Information

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

- 1) In detail, describe how attending the IFEA Convention would:
 - a) Benefit you personally.
 - b) Benefit your organization.
 - c) Meet specific needs for your community.
- 2) What are your personal goals for the next five years?
- 3) What are your industry/professional goals for the next five years?
- 4) Describe your responsibilities and job scope of your current position.
- 5) Why did your organization select you?
- 6) Have any scholarships/grants have been provided from other resources to attend this convention?

Yes. Please provide amount: _____

Resource of funding: _____

Purpose (hotel, transportation, etc.): _____

If no, what funding sources are available (your organization or other): _____

Attach a resume or other information, which helps describe/support your educational background and relevant professional experience. (Optional for student applicants.)

I certify that the above is true and correct. If I should receive and use a scholarship award, I agree to attend the program to which the award applies and perform the required tasks.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

In the event of receiving a scholarship:

1. Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a written report to GFEA within thirty (30) days of the end of this conference. The report needs to contain:
 - a. The recipients overall impression of the IFEA Convention. Constructive criticism is welcome.
 - b. Share useful information gained during the convention.
 - c. How the information you received at the convention will be useful to you or your organization.
2. If a scholarship recipient's financial or professional status changes in such a way, as to create a conflict with any of the above requirements, the recipient must notify the scholarship committee immediately.
3. Please be aware that it is the policy of the scholarship committee to publicize and promote the scholarship program by all methods possible, including the publication of the names and/or photos of scholarship recipients. By submitting this application (and the potential receipt of an award) you consent to the use of your name and likeness for this purpose.
4. Event professionals receiving the scholarship will be credited all but \$100.00 of the registration fee. Students will be credited all but \$50.00 of the student registration fee.
5. Transportation, lodging and optional expenses will be the responsibility of the recipient. A \$500.00 reimbursement is available to the recipient following submission of conference related receipts.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., July 11, 2008

**Mail or fax completed application to:
GFEA • P. O. Box 965296 • Marietta, GA 30066 770-592-7150 (fax)**