



## **Graduate Student Ambassadors Wanted Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival**

*The mission of the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival is to recognize excellence in the field of children's literature and to provide librarians, teachers, researchers and community members the opportunity to learn about and appreciate children's literature through presentations, workshops, and personal interactions with people of significance in the field.*

In accordance with this mission, the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science has instituted an Ambassadors program. Four graduate students in LIS or an allied field will be chosen to receive free registration and housing in exchange for volunteer service during the festival. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to meet and work with people of significance in the field of children's literature, hear speakers, and attend workshops relevant to the field.

### CBF Ambassadors Program

The Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi seeks applicants for its Ambassadors program. The program provides free registration to the three day event and three nights of shared housing in exchange for 12 hours of volunteer service at the festival. Meals and travel expenses are not included.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Ambassadors Program is to increase national awareness and appreciation of the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival by aspiring graduate students in children's literature and/or library services to children. It will also provide the Book Festival with a mature, reliable volunteer workforce who can become staunch supporters of CBF as they progress in their careers.

### Qualifications

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an ALA accredited MLS or MLIS program or an active PhD candidate in children's literature or library and information science. They should have demonstrated experience in or knowledge of children's literature and/or library services to children. Completed class work can be considered in lieu of work experience.

### To apply

Please submit the attached application and statement of interest with the names of three references to:

Dr. Catharine Bomhold, Director  
Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival  
School of Library and Information Science  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
118 College Drive, 5146  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Applications can be submitted via email to: [cbomhold@yahoo.com](mailto:cbomhold@yahoo.com)

To see a list of speakers and to find out more about the festival, go to  
[www.usm.edu/bookfest](http://www.usm.edu/bookfest)

Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival  
Ambassadors Program

APPLICATION

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (You may attach extra sheets if necessary)

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Work Experience (You may attach extra sheets if necessary)

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In 500 words or less, please tell us why you want to attend the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival and believe that you would make a good Ambassador for the Festival.

Please send this application, your essay, and the names of three references to the address above.