

# NC State 2011 Family of the Year Essay Contest

Our families provide for our basic needs: food, clothing and shelter. But they go way beyond that. Good families bring love and joy to our lives. They nurture us by supporting us and challenging us. They give us the strength and wisdom to go beyond the family to contribute to the lives of others, and, for that reason, they are the basic building blocks of our society.

NC State recognizes that without families, great institutions are not possible. NC State needs families to send students prepared to meet the challenge of a higher education (not to mention help to pay the bills). Additionally, students continue to rely on the support of their families as they meet the challenges of preparing for life after college.

The NC State Parents & Families Association wants to honor all NC State families by recognizing a "Family of the Year." **2011 marks the thirteenth anniversary of this award!** The family of the year will remind the NC State community that loving relationships and mutual support are important institutional values. The hope is that this award will help make NC State one of the most welcoming Universities anywhere.

Here is your chance to honor your family with a nomination for this year's NC State Family of the Year competition. **Simply write an essay of no more than 800 words, which specifies why your family is a great NC State family.**

If, based on your essay, we judge your family as the family of the year, you will receive:

- A \$500.00 book scholarship for the spring semester.
- Complimentary tickets for your family (up to 4 members) to the Parents & Families Weekend, October 1<sup>st</sup> football game against GA Tech.
- Weekend hotel accommodation for your family (up to 2 rooms).
- A commemorative plaque presented to you and your family Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> during the NC State v. GA Tech football game.
- Your family will also be featured in campus newspapers and on the Parents & Families Services website.

Even if your essay is not chosen, we hope you will share it with your family and use our upcoming Parents & Families Weekend to share some "quality time" celebrating your wonderful NC State family.

Visit the Family of the Year web site for information about previous recipients and nominations, [http://www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents/Family/](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents/Family/).

**\* Essays and the following application must be submitted to Parents & Families Services by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. All essays need to be electronically submitted to [laci\\_weeden@ncsu.edu](mailto:laci_weeden@ncsu.edu) or [ncsuparents@ncsu.edu](mailto:ncsuparents@ncsu.edu)**

\* The family chosen as "Family of the Year" will be notified by phone on Friday, September 23rd by 5:00 p.m.

# Family of the Year Nomination Information

*All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to  
Parents & Families Services, 3114 Talley Student Center, 515-2441.  
You may also email your essay to [laci\\_weeden@ncsu.edu](mailto:laci_weeden@ncsu.edu)*

Student Nominator's Name:

	Last	First	Middle Initial
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School Address:

Street	City	Zip
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School Phone Number:

	E-mail:
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Home Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Family's Phone Number:

	Family's E-mail:
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Please list the family members you are nominating:

Name	Relation to you	Age
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**Essays will be judged according to the following criteria:**

- Evidence of family's support for student's college success
- Evidence of family's enthusiasm for the University
- Creativity
- Grammar. *Be sure to spell check and make sure your essay is grammatically correct.*
- 800 words or less

**Nomination Guidelines:**

- All NC State undergraduates are eligible to nominate.
- All families are eligible for nomination regardless of alumni status or state of residence.
- Please attach this form to your essay.
- Family members alive or deceased may also be nominated.
- Please also include a copy of your essay via email or on a CD.
- **Essay must be delivered by 5:00 p.m., September 14<sup>th</sup> to 3114 Talley Student Center.**

**How did you hear about the essay contest?**

- Poster/Flyer – If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper – If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- Email – If so, from whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Web site – If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other - \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: FR\_\_\_\_ SO\_\_\_\_ JR\_\_\_\_ SR\_\_\_\_

College/Major \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_