



North Carolina Rice Festival

CALL FOR VENDORS!!



Our March 8, 2025 Festival offers a unique opportunity to:

- ✓ Sell your arts/crafts (preferably Gullah Geechee-themed)
- ✓ Promote your organization's community/social programs
- ✓ Bring your Food Truck or sell food items

- Over 4K attended last year!! -

FOR MORE INFO, email NCRFI Vendor Manager
at: northcarolinaricefestival@gmail.com



VENDOR/EXHIBITOR RULES (revised 11/2024)

(Sign/Complete This Page and Complete Form on Page 2)

The North Carolina Rice Festival Inc. (NCRFI) will host its 4th North Carolina Rice Festival on Saturday March 8, 2025, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Vendor/Exhibitors will be able to set-up beginning at 8:30 am and are expected to complete set-up no later than 10:00 am. Vendor/Exhibitors may start their take-down any time after 4:00 pm. The Festival program will conclude with a featured musical performance from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Sunset on March 8th will be at approximately 6:15 pm.

The NCRFI’s goal is to present annual events that expand public awareness of the significant history of rice to the fates, fortunes, and foodways of the people of coastal southeastern North Carolina. Our celebrations focus especially on the Gullah Geechee, who are the descendants of the Africans brought to this region to cultivate the crop that once was called “Carolina Gold” for its culinary and economic value.

All are welcome to apply, but vendors/exhibitors of Gullah Geechee heritage-related goods or whose art, crafts, or products reflect Gullah Geechee culture are especially encouraged and will be given priority consideration.

1. NCRFI reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant. Consideration will be given to providing as wide a diversity of product offerings to Festival attendees as possible.
 2. NCRFI will assign vendor/exhibitor locations and sites on the Festival grounds, with consideration given to separating similar-product vendors/exhibitors throughout the grounds.
 3. All vendors/exhibitors will comply with all rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson Festival grounds and the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.
 4. Vendors/Exhibitors must identify on their submitted Vendor/Exhibitor Application Forms the type of items and products they intend to exhibit and/or offer for sale. Vendors/Exhibitors must obtain approval from the NCRFI Festival Manager before changing or adding to their line of product offerings.
 5. The NCRFI will provide each vendor/exhibitor with a 12’ x 12’ site. Any vendors/exhibitors requiring a different-size site must indicate their specific size needs on their submitted Vendor/Exhibitor Application Forms.
 6. All vendors/exhibitors must provide their own tents, canopies, and other display equipment (tables, chairs, generators, etc.). Vendors/exhibitors who require generator(s) must indicate so on their submitted Vendor/Exhibitor Application Forms.
 7. Crafts/artisan vendors/exhibitors who choose to donate an item(s) for the March 7, 2025 Dinner Gala’s silent auction in lieu of paying the Vendor/Exhibitor Fee must arrange to deliver said item(s) to the Festival’s Silent Auction Manager by no later than February 28, 2025. Instructions regarding delivery address will be included in the acceptance email.
 - A. All vendors/exhibitors selling items must have a North Carolina Department of Revenue Certificate of Registration (CoR) AND submit a copy of their CoR with their Vendor/Exhibitor Application. CoRs must be prominently displayed at all vendor/exhibitor sites during Festival hours. Vendors/Exhibitors without a CoR can get registration information at <https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/business-registration/online-business-registration>.
 - B. Vendor/Exhibitor Application Forms will be accepted until **5:00 pm, Friday, February 21, 2025**, or until all available vendor/exhibitor slots are filled, whichever comes first.
 - C. Applications may be submitted by email (preferred) or mail, as follows:
 - a. *By email to:* festivalmanager@northcarolinaricefestival.org
 - b. *By mail to:* NCRFI, P.O. Box 674, Leland NC 28451
- **Upon acceptance**, applicants must submit the full amount of their Vendor/Exhibitor Fee (electronically via PayPal or mailed via check payable to NCRFI).
- If you have any questions or need more information, contact the **2025 NCRFI Vendor Manager** at northcarolinaricefestival@gmail.com.

The signee noted below represents this business, understands the rules stated above, and agrees to be a Vendor/Exhibitor at the 2025 North Carolina Rice Festival according to these rules. The signee further understands and agrees that failure to comply will result in removal from the 2025 Festival site and disqualification from future NCRFI events.

Signee/Typed Name: _____ DATE: _____

Signee Title: _____ CoR Number: _____



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MARCH 8, 2025 10AM – 5:30PM | Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson
8884 St. Philips Road SE | Winnabow, NC 28479

2025 VENDOR/EXHIBITOR APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: Please review and sign the attached Vendor/Exhibitor Rules Form and submit with your completed application. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM!!** All applications will be reviewed to determine if the types of items to be sold/exhibited are compatible with the mission and intent of the Festival organizers. You will be notified via email or phone if your application is accepted or not.

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

All sites are 12' x 12' (can fit 10' x 10' tent). Electricity will **not** be available. Please specify below if you need a different-sized site and/or will be bringing or using your own generator.

___ **Private For-Profit or Corporate Business** **\$75.00/site**

___ **Handmade Crafts Vendor/Artisan*** **\$55.00/site**

* *This **FEE WILL BE WAIVED** if you agree to donate an approved item(s) of comparable retail value for the Rice Festival Gala's March 7, 2025, Silent Auction.*

___ **I/WE AGREE TO DONATE THE FOLLOWING SILENT AUCTION ITEM(S):**
_____ **VALUE: \$** _____

___ **ALTERNATE SIZE SITE NEEDED:** ___ x ___ **BRINGING/USING GENERATOR? Y** ___ **N** ___

APPLICANT/CONTACT PERSON NAME: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION TYPE:

___ **Private For-Profit/Corporate Business****

___ **Nonprofit Organization**

Indicate who receives your proceeds below:

NC Dept. of Revenue Certificate of Registration (CoR) #: _____

ALL VENDORS/EXHIBITORS: YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CoR WITH THIS FORM

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY/ST:** _____ **ZIPCODE:** _____

PLEASE LIST THE ITEMS AND/OR SERVICES TO BE EXHIBITED AND/OR SOLD:

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#)

***** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE *****

Date Rcvd: _____ **| Accepted:** ___ **Denied:** ___ **| Fee Waived** ___ **Amt Due: \$** _____ **| Date Pd:** _____