

# Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy

September 8 - 13, 2024 Cumberland Falls State Park

## What is the KVAA?

The Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (KVAA) is a comprehensive, educational opportunity for new victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals working directly with crime victims. The weeklong Academy uses a multi-disciplinary approach to help improve the level of knowledge, skills, and consistency of victim services in Kentucky. By working together as one, we will strengthen the ability of our communities to recognize, respect, and respond to the needs and experiences of crime victims. KVAA is free to attend.

## KVAA Goals

1. Provide students with best practices, knowledge, and concrete skills for serving victims of crime.
2. Create a community of practice among participants, KVAA alumni, staff, and faculty.
3. Expand participant understanding of vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue among victim service providers and the importance of implementing strategies that promote self-care and resiliency and reduce the negative impact of the work.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We encourage individuals who work with victims of crime to attend. This includes paid (full- or part-time) staff from a variety of community-based and system-based programs and other allied professionals, such as law enforcement, health-care providers, faith-based leaders, and policy makers. KVAA is free to attend.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Please note that the application includes a personal statement where prospective students are asked to briefly state why they want to attend and how their participation will benefit them, their organization, and their community.

Application deadline: May 3, 2024  
Apply online @ <https://bit.ly/3UEk6Ra>

## Questions? Contact:

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