



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the
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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory: Arkansas Date: December 12, 2018
Person Completing Form: Dianna Bowen – Affiliate President Phone: 501-676-3124

What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Member Resources Committee awarded participants with a blue NEAFCS polo that they can wear when conducting programs, at NEAFCS Events and district, state, and national conferences.
- Increase in participants going to NEAFCS national meeting.
- Increase in award applications which was due to the "Write Way to Win an NEAFCS Award" professional development session last year provided last year by NEAFCS-AR Awards and Professional Development Committee.
- Offered an advocacy event to members in which two former Extension employees provided valuable information on ways to promote the FCS programs throughout the state.
- Gave 4-H scholarships

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

- Have an officer meeting at the beginning of the term to do strategic planning for the upcoming year.
- Try to increase awards applications.
- Celebrate 85 years of NEAFCS by organizing a NEAFCS-AR 85th Anniversary Committee that would be in charge of planning the 85th-anniversary celebration.
- Assisting with State legislative event.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences pose in your state?

- Decreasing Extension Service Funding
- The services and education we offer in Extension in general, and FCS specifically, is highly undervalued and people miss the necessity for it.
- Finding new and innovative ways to reach our audiences.
- Utilizing technology as a medium for delivering our programs and information.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

- Money is a major concern with members in our state, therefore, the cost of national dues, registration and motel expenses for Annual Session is a big concern. Members are uncertain how they will be able to pay these expenses.
- Advocacy of FCS programing and the importance of it is also a concern.