

# Submit this form to your Regional Director and the NEAFCS National Office, 325 John Knox Rd. Suite L103 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Fax: (850) 222-3019 Email: djessup@executiveoffice.org

Please return this form by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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:	Louisiana	Date:	12/21/18
Person Completing Form:	Brittney J. Seay, LEAFCS President	Phone:	(318) 281-5741

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

**Member Resources:** The LEAFCS newsletter, The Aggregate, was distributed to LEAFCS members, Administration, and Regional Directors on December 19, 2018. The Aggregate is used to recruit new members and highlight our state affiliate many accomplishments throughout the year. We currently have 5 new members with hopes to gain more at the start of the year. We also had nineteen members to attend the NEAFCS Annual Session in San Antonio, which was a great learning experience for all to enhance their programming efforts.

**Awards and Recognition:** Awards were presented and officers installed at our Breakfast Awards Banquet held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at our state Annual Convention.

# **LEAFCS Award Winners 2018:**

# **Communication Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Community Partnership Award- Layne Langley
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Written Press Releases- Becky Gautreaux
- 1st Place Team Television/Video Program- Cathy Agan (Team Member: Markaye Russell)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Television/Video Program- Wennie Xu (Team: Tobie Blanchard, Randy LaBauve)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography- Layne Langley
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place School Wellness Award- Shannon Chevalier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place School Wellness Award- Layne Langley
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Social Media-Video Award- Wennie Xu (Team: Tobie Blanchard, Randy LaBauve)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Environmental Education Award– Valerie Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Human Development/Family Relationships Award– Valerie Vincent 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Snap-Ed/EFNEP Educational Program Award– Karen Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Innovation in Programming Award– Quincy Vidrine

# **Special Awards**

1st Place Family Health and Wellness Award- Layne Langley 1st Place Betty Jane Fairchild Award- Brittney Seay 2nd Place Betty Jane Fairchild Award- Shannan Chevallier

Recipient of the 2018 LEAFCS Scholarship: Tiffany Williams

#### **NEAFCS Award Winners 2018:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Southern Region Communications Award in Photography- Layne Langley

1<sup>st</sup> Place Southern Region Communications Award for Television and Video Program- Cathy Agan and Markaye Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Southern Region Communications Award for Television and Video Program- Wennie Xu and Team

1<sup>st</sup> Place National Award in Communications for Photography- Layne Langley 3<sup>rd</sup> Place National Award in Social Media Education for Online Video- Wennie Xu

# 2018-2019 LEAFCS Executive Board:

President: Brittney J. Seay President-Elect: Shatonia McCarty VP-Prof Development: Cynthia Stephens VP-Awards and Recognition: Karen Jones VP-Member Resources: Tiffany Williams VP-Public Affairs: Alethia Lawrence Secretary: Shannan Chevallier Treasurer: Mandy Armentor Parliamentarian: Cathy Agan Regional Directors: Markaye Russell and Sandra May Alternate Regional Directors: Dianne Uzzle and Wennie Xu Historian: Robin Landry

**Public Affairs:** Brittney Seay represented the Louisiana Affiliate at JCEP in February and received the first timers scholarship from NEAFCS. Shatonia McCarty was the PILD representative from Louisiana in April. Members are encouraged to submit impact statements by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Our goals for the next 12 months are to increase our fundraising sells at our District and State Livestock Shows so we can allow the opportunity for members to be able to attend NEAFCS in order to learn from other states and network across the nation. We also are working hard to enhance our state affiliate's webpage so it can become more informative to our current and future members. Lastly, consistently marketing our affiliate as well as the National Association so everyone can take advantage of great professional development opportunities and networking on a larger scale.

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

The challenges we previously had were due to a low member count but our state has filled numerous positions and because of that we are seeing a slight increase in our membership with hopes to gain more. Budget, lack of funding decreases on parish, regional, and state level.

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

No concerns at this time. However, a huge thanks for implementing First-Timer Scholarship's for JCEP and PILD for our members.