



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: Minnesota Date: December 31, 2019
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

Awards and Recognition – NEAFCS – MN Affiliate received seven award nominations in seven categories, representing two individual and five team applications. The applications involved nine NEAFCS MN Affiliate members & thirty three community partners or Extension staff from other states who are non-members. Six NEAFCS – MN Affiliate life members served as judges on the affiliate level. Results of the MN Affiliate, North Central Region and National judging includes:

1. **Continued Excellence** (1st place MN Affiliate; Recognized at NC Region, & National) – Mary Caskey
2. **Food Safety** (1st place MN Affiliate; 1st place NC Region, & 1st place National) - Cottage Food: Keep it safe! Keep it legal!; Suzanne Driessen & Kathy Brandt
3. **Communications – Educational Curriculum Package** (1st place MN Affiliate; 3rd place NC Region) - “RentWise Renter Education”; Lori Hendrickson & Rebecca Hagen Jokela
4. **Innovation in Programming** (1st place MN Affiliate) - “Overindulgence: Online Education for Parents”; Rebecca Hagen Jokela, Kelly Kunkel, Jean Illsley Clarke & Lisa Krause
5. **Extension Housing Outreach** (1st place MN Affiliate; 1st place NC Region, & 2nd place National) - “RentWise Education”; Rebecca Hagen Jokela & Lori Hendrickson
6. **Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award** (1st place MN Affiliate; 1st place NC Region, & 1st place National) - “MFLN 2018 Virtual Conference – Cultural Competency Awareness, Action, and Advocacy”; Sara Croymans, Anita Hering, and many community members.
7. **Friend of NEAFCS MN Affiliate** (recognized on MN Affiliate level) – Kathleen Olson

Public Policy/Public Relations - Impact statements were solicited from members. The statements were reviewed and nine impact statements were submitted to national.

78% of Minnesota’s program impact submissions landed a spot in the National final copy and infographics (<https://www.neafcs.org/impact-statements>).

Statements submitted:

Submitter	Subject Area	Program
Rebecca Hagen Jokela, Lori Hendrickson	Healthy Home and the Environment	RentWise Train-the Trainer Workshops

Lori Hendrickson	Financial Management	The Financial Educator Certificate Program
Sara Croymans, Anita Hering	Protecting Our Resources – Family Life	Military Families Learning Network (MFLN) – Family Transitions (FT)
Megan Janssen Hruby	Community Health & Wellness	Power of Produce Club
Kelly Kunkel	Food & Nutrition	Nudging to Health
Kelly Kunkel, Becky Hagen Jokela	Improving Children’s Lives	Parenting in the Age of Overindulgence Online Course
Sara Croymans, Lori Hendrickson	Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency	Recovery after Disaster: The Family Financial Toolkit, the Recovery After Disaster Video
Kathy Brandt, Suzanne Driessen	Food Safety	Cottage Food: Keep it Safe! Keep it Legal
Kathy Brand, Suzanne Driessen	Food Safety	Serve It up Safely™ Food Manager Certification Renewal Online Course

Impact statements were shared at PILD, with Extension government relations’ staff, the Dean of Extension and Center Associate Deans.

Membership – a newly created membership option for MN Active was unanimously passed. The details of this option include: member can hold state office, be a committee member, vote at the state level and be named in an award. MN Active Membership is only available to SNAP-Ed Coordinators, SNAP-Ed Educators, Community Nutrition Educators (CNEs) and Financial Capability Educators regardless of whether they have a degree or not. MN Active members are not eligible to advance to regional and national award competition in the individual categories nor can they be national officers or serve on a national committee. Cost is \$40 with 100% staying in Minnesota.

Professional Development - The 2019 NEAFCS-MN Affiliate Professional Development Day was held on July 30th at the Stearns County History Museum with twenty-seven participants registered for the event. The program was titled, “Getting to Know Your Neighbor” and focused on issues immigrants and refugees face as they come to the United States. Speakers Natalie Ringsmuth, Director of Unite Cloud and Karin Blythe of Lutheran Social Services, as well as a panel of our own Extension staff-Yoha Christianson, Nimo Yusuf and Jose Lamas shared their experiences. It was informative and educational; a day well spent.

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

- Promote NEAFCS and MN affiliate’s benefits and membership options (new MN Active) to potential members to expand membership.
- Encourage members to participate in opportunities through the state and national organizations (NEAFCS, JCEP) to receive recognition and enhance teaching, scholarship and professional development.
- Establish a regular blog schedule to keep membership informed of opportunities and information.
- Monitor and review the NEAFCS-MN Affiliate budget and investments. Utilize funds to support the work and growth of our association members.
- Update the Manual for Officers and Committees with the President providing leadership.

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

- Membership challenges due to restructuring of the Extension System, with far fewer people with FCS degrees and limited budgets for joining more than one association.

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