



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

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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: Pennsylvania Date: December 22, 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.)

In 2019 the Pennsylvania Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences hosted the NEAFCS national meeting held in Hershey, PA. Although this was the highlight of the program year, the affiliate had other accomplishments. 27 members from PA attended the National meeting in Hershey, PA. Pennsylvania affiliate members won 3 NEAFCS awards: Mandel Smith for Continued Excellence and Lynn James' team application for Program Excellence through Research for DWD and Jan Scholl for NEAFCS Hall of Fame. Stacy Reed, President for Public Affairs arranged a NEAFCS 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary proclamation that was announced at the National Conference. The affiliate also celebrated "Dining in Day" in December. PA made it into the Food Safety, Community Health and Wellness and Diabetes NEAFCS Impact reports this year

The association held two general membership meetings in 2019. The first was held in June 2019 in Hershey where the members were given the opportunity to experience the venue that the National meeting was to be held. The membership then traveled to State College for the Pennsylvania Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting.

The association welcomed three new members in 2019.

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

In 2020 the affiliate members have goals that focus on expanding membership, marketing the organization and developing awards and recognition of members:

- The affiliate President will attend the JCEP Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX February 12-13, 2020.
- The affiliate will hold Spring Professional Development Meeting in June 2020.
- The affiliate will send a delegation to the NEAFCS National Meeting in Snowbird, Utah in 2020.
- Affiliate regional directors will plan professional development experiences for members across the state and encourage members to apply for national awards.
- The affiliate President, President Elect and immediate past President will be an active participant of the state JCEP team. This team will plan the 2020 state JCEP conference and foster communication between the 5 state Extension professional organizations and the state Extension leadership team.

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

Penn State's 2019-20 general support appropriation from the Commonwealth increased by 2%, or approximately \$4.75 million, as the University's non-preferred appropriations bill passed the General Assembly in June 2019 as part of Pennsylvania's \$34 billion budget package, which was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf.

The University's state appropriation also includes a 2% funding increase for Penn State Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension. However, even with the funding progress, Penn State Extension Family and Consumer Sciences faced challenges in the 2019-2020 budget year. Continued support for filling Family and Consumer Sciences positions across the state is a concern. In 2019 the number of Extension educators leaving is not matched by the number of positions replaced by the University. If this trend continues the program area is at risk of facing a critical low in workforce numbers.

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

The affiliate would like to continue to market the organization to new educators that join our ranks. Continued development of marketing material that will aid in educator recruitment would be welcomed by the Pennsylvania affiliate members.