



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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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.

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

- Our affiliate stayed connected during 2020 with an in-person meeting in February, and an on-line Zoom Annual Business meeting in October. Our board met via Zoom three times during the year. All meetings were very interactive and met our goals. A spring newsletter helped keep everyone connected between our meetings.
- KEAFCS members participated in planning and hosting the United Association Conference in March. The conference brings together Family and Consumer Sciences professionals from across the state of Kansas for a cost-effective professional development opportunity.
- In 2020 KEAFCS had member representation at the JCEP Leadership Conference, the virtual PILD conference, and the virtual NEAFCS Annual session.
- Our public affairs VP and committee successfully shared 9 impact reports that highlighted the great work going on in Kansas.
- Awards recognized this year included: Chelsea Richmond – Distinguished Service Award and Denise Dias – Continued Excellence.

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

- **Continue to be an active voice with our KSRE administrators reinforcing the importance of FCS programming.**
- Continue to support new member recruitment
- Educate current members of the resources and opportunities available through NEAFCS, and the NEAFCS website
- Find additional ways to support members as we make our way through the COVID pandemic
- We are looking at a change in our by-laws to better reflect the work FCS agents are doing related to youth programming at the state level.

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

- **There are several titles, (Family & Consumer Science, Family & Community Wellness, agent or educator) that are confusing to our public. We continue to have good discussion about which title best describes the great work that we do. This is being discussed through our JCEP organization early in 2021.**
- **COVID has brought us new opportunities to reach our membership and the people we serve. No doubt this will continue well into 2021, and will shape future successes.**

- **K-State Research & Extension has implemented a hiring freeze since the pandemic started. County boards can still fill an agent position, but there is limited support from the state budget. Since many county/district budgets are tight, positions may go unfilled for a longer time.**

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

- Continue to look for ways to convey the value of belonging to NEAFCS. Some of our newer educators and even some experienced ones have not made membership a priority.