



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.

State/Territory: Tennessee Date: 12/27/2022
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Membership was increased in 2022. We have 127 members across the state of Tennessee.
- Tennessee had 91 award submissions this year with 9 of these rising to the National level.
- Aneta Eichler and Elizabeth Renfro attended JCEP in February
- Aneta Eichler represented TEAFCS at PILD in April
- We held our State Conference in Jonesborough/Johnson City, TN this spring with 81 members in attendance for this three day event.
- An Endowment and Expenditures Committee was re-established with life time members serving as the advisors. We have an Endowment Fund that is used for Professional Development in our association. The Endowment and Expenditures Committee reviews requests and approves any spending from this account.
- TEAFCS expanded our 4-H FCS Scholarship to include non-FCS degree schools such as UT Knoxville. Students who are majoring in an FCS field as recognized by aafcs.org may apply for this \$500 scholarship. In the past, students had to attend a school with an official FCS Degree program.
- TEAFCS established a TEAMS site to store all of our documents related to TEAFCS and the Board. We will be uploading historic documents to this site as well.
- Aneta conducted a quiz with the TEAFCS membership called "FCS: Stand Up and Stand Out" about raising visibility with FCS programming. The results were:
 - ☐ Between 16-20 2 Total Platinum Level
 - ☐ Between 15-11 8 Total Gold Level
 - ☐ Between 6-10 22 Total Silver Level
 - ☐ Between 1-5 8 Total Bronze Level
- Tennessee had 36 delegates attend National Conference in Raleigh, N.C.
- We hosted a two day TEAFCS Board Retreat at Montgomery State Park to focus on updates and develop new programming ideas.

- TEAFCS sponsored Hospitality Night at UT Extension Conference for 700 attendees. We also hosted a TEAFCS Breakfast where we recognized our National winners, NEAFCS Mentor and Mentees and had the opportunity to network with other agents across the state.
- We have one agent serving as a NEAFCS Mentor for 2022/2023. We also have 3 members participating as NEAFCS Mentees.
- We concluded the year with a Transitional Board Meeting in Franklin, TN where new officers were initiated and all could meet to learn about their respected new roles.

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

State Conference 2023 will be held in Nashville, TN

National Conference participation – We will be promoting this opportunity and providing alternative travel arrangements for those who like to take road trips.

By-laws revisions

Greater support to 4-H Scholarship through dues increase – we voted to raise our dues by \$5 to help support our annual \$500 FCS Scholarship.

We would like to become more visible. One item discussed is how to expand TEAFCS into the colleges/offering student associations

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

Funding/Sponsorship of FCS Professional Development opportunities across the state. Dr. Fox would like to develop a group to begin developing this further.

Strengthening the pool of qualified applicants for FCS positions across the state.

Although we are excited about the new opportunity afforded our Program Assistants to be a part of our association, it has brought up concerns on funding for them. Many of us use fee based program monies to pay our association dues and help offset our travel to state and national conferences. Program Assistants do not have the same opportunity to create fee based monies.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address: Our greatest concerns is building visibility for FCS programs in our state and how to build a strong pool of applicants for FCS related positions.