



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to Cindy Thompson, Central Region Director at cpthom08@iastate.edu and the NEAFCS National Office at djessup@executiveoffice.org.

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: Missouri Date: February 17, 2023
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

The Missouri Affiliate has been working through a great deal of staff turnover and changes within the MU staffing plan/organization. We have held monthly exec board meetings and bi-monthly professional development sessions focusing on the VP areas: Awards, Professional Development, Member Resources and Public Affairs. We celebrated a large number of awards recipients last year.

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

In our professional development sessions, we are striving to connect the work done at the national level to the individual impact each professional can have in their own communities. It is our goal that MEAFCS members recognize that the national opportunities are for every member and can directly influence the everyday work they do. We strongly encourage applications for Awards and stress that national opportunities to present and serve on leadership are available to everyone.

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

Recruiting new members. We are trying to do a great deal of hiring across the state but filling those specialist positions has been difficult. Funding for professional development has largely ceased at the state level which makes it difficult for professionals to attend national session and in some cases to even pay for membership dues. FCS continues to struggle with marketing and communicating its impact.

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

Professional development funds – the cost of attending national session is prohibitive to many members.