

Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the NEAFCS National Office, 325 John Knox Rd. Suite L103 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Fax: (850) 222-3019 Email: 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:	Maryland	Date:	12/18/2023
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

This year, our membership grew and we were an active part of planning the 2023 annual session. Many members took part in Annual Session planning committees, volunteered to help with in-depth sessions, assisted with hospitality and more. We also continued to support our members by offering professional development scholarships. We awarded 6, \$300 scholarships to members of our affiliates to support their professional development in 2023. Additionally, we applied for many awards and had several members recognized nationally for various awards.

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

Over the next 12 months, our affiliate is hoping to continue to grow our membership. We are also planning to apply for additional state, regional, and national awards. We also plan to continue offering scholarships to our members to support their professional development.

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

FCS nationally, and in our state, is still working on becoming a more well-known resource. We are continuing to work to get the word out about the work we do, but it is a challenge. Additionally, we sometimes see that others in the community are offering similar programming to ours and it is a challenge to market ourselves and communicate why we are an evidence based and trusted resource.

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

None.