



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the  
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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: North Dakota Date: 12-18-23  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Continue to support new member recruitment through paid dues for first year – 1 new member utilized
- Encouraged attendance at NEAFCS Annual meeting – 15 members attended (6 new “in-person”), + 1 ND Extension leadership attendee (ANR background & 1<sup>st</sup> time attending national FCS-related event), largest attendance for our affiliate
- 1 ND chapter member recognized for DSA
- 2 new NEAFCS lifetime memberships
- 1 ND chapter member serving as national officer – NEAFCS President, Julie Garden-Robinson
- North Dakota Nutrition Council recognized as 2023 Friend of NDEAFCS at Fall NDSU Extension Awards
- ND Family Community Wellness (FCW) educators awarded Program Excellence Award for Fit and Strong programming at Fall NDSU Extension Awards

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

- Increase affiliate membership & continue to support new member recruitment
- 3-6 members apply for national awards/documentation
- Encourage members to apply to present at Annual Session 2024
- Encourage member engagement with national organization through committees
- Continue with affiliate professional development and two networking opportunities for members
- Quarterly communication updates with members through social media and emails

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

- Staff turnover and retirement of professionals in their Extension roles. Losing institutional knowledge of Extension and FCS programming

- Engaging new & younger audiences/families through programming
- Funding for attending Annual Session
- Membership for our FCW specialists, comes out of own pocket not departmental budgets and is often a barrier in membership

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

- Encouraging current members to run for national office