

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:	Mississippi	Date:	12/16/2025
Person Completing Form:	Jasmine Harris-Speight/ MS Affiliate President	Phone:	662-325-6640

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

Public Affairs

Our affiliate demonstrated a strong commitment to public affairs by submitting 16 impact statements to NEAFCS. These statements highlighted the breadth and impact of our programming across Mississippi and included the following initiatives: Fund with Food, Cooking Matters for Adults, Food Safety for Childcare Providers (Tummy Safe), ServSafe, Healthy Homes Initiative, Junior Master Wellness Volunteers, Gray for a Day, Care to Read, MS Lift Resource & Referral, My Pillowcase Project, Ready in the Middle, The Prep Rally, MyPI, Prepare with Pedro, and Be Red Cross Ready.

Awards & Recognition

Mississippi members received notable recognition at the National NEAFCS Meeting in Michigan. One
member was honored with the Distinguished Service Award, and another received the Innovation in
Programming Award at the regional level, reflecting the excellence and creativity of our affiliate's work.

Member Resources

Our affiliate continues to maintain a strong and engaged membership base, consisting of 35 Lifetime Members and 56 Active Members.

Annual Conference

 A total of 11 members attended the annual conference, with several members contributing to the professional development of attendees by presenting in concurrent sessions.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months? Over the next 12 months, our affiliate plans to convene a January meeting to discuss and establish goals for the upcoming year collaboratively. This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to reflect on current priorities, identify areas for growth, and align our goals with NEAFCS initiatives and the needs of our membership. Outcomes from this discussion will guide our strategic focus, member engagement efforts, and programming activities throughout the year.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state? Cooperative Extension and Family & Consumer Sciences programs in Mississippi face ongoing challenges in maintaining programming that remains relevant to evolving audience needs. Limited financial resources and capacity constraints, including staffing and increased workload demands, also impact on the ability to sustain and support high-quality programs statewide.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS **Board to address:** No concerns at this time.