



National Extension Association  
of Family and Consumer Sciences

# MEMBERSHIP NAVIGATOR

Recruitment, Recognition and Retention

What makes  
**NEAFCS** unique  
and how it  
supports its  
members.

Join a National  
Committee

## TOP

Membership Benefits  
Costs and Commitments  
Career Advancement

Network, Grow, Succeed

Get Involved in the  
Leadership Experience  
Mentorship Program



**Dear Valued NEAFCS Member,**

On behalf of the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), it is with great pleasure we welcome you to our professional community! Your decision to join us marks a significant step toward enriching your professional journey, and we are thrilled to have you with us.

NEAFCS is dedicated to advancing the field of Family & Consumer Sciences through education, research, and service. Our members are passionate professionals committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. As part of this esteemed association, you join a tradition of excellence that spans decades.

As a NEAFCS member, you gain access to a wealth of resources designed to support your career and professional development:

- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with a dynamic network of peers and experts in the field. Share ideas, collaborate on projects, and build lifelong professional relationships.
- **Educational Resources:** Enhance your skills and knowledge with exclusive access to workshops, webinars, and conferences led by extension professionals and industry leaders.
- **Advocacy and Leadership:** Participate in shaping the future of Family & Consumer Sciences through advocacy initiatives and leadership opportunities.
- **Recognition and Awards:** Celebrate your achievements and those of your colleagues through our prestigious awards program.

To help you make the most of your membership, we've included a toolkit with valuable information and resources. Inside, you'll find guidance on how to access member benefits, upcoming events, and ways to get involved with NEAFCS initiatives. We encourage you to also explore our website and engage with our community through social media platforms. The NEAFCS Member Resources (MR) team is here to support you, so please feel free to reach out with any questions or for assistance.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities for growth and innovation in Family & Consumer Sciences. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. Once again, welcome to NEAFCS! We are delighted to have you as part of our NEAFCS family and look forward to your contributions and achievements.

Wishing you an amazing year!

***Vice President of Member Resources &  
MR Leadership Advisory***



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# ABOUT NEAFCS

The **National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences** (NEAFCS) is a distinguished professional organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the work of extension educators in the field of family and consumer sciences. These educators focus on enhancing the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities by providing research-based information and educational programs.

## NEAFCS aims to:

- Enhance the professional competence of family and consumer sciences educators.
- Promote the field by highlighting its importance in improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.
- Support research and innovation in family and consumer sciences to address contemporary societal issues.
- Foster collaboration and partnership among professionals to leverage resources and expertise.





# MISSION

NEAFCS empowers Extension professionals to lead effectively through research-based professional development, recognition, and the promotion of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences.

# VISION

To inspire continuous growth among Extension Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) professionals



# Values

NEAFCS is committed to integrity and transparency at all levels and is guided by core beliefs that define our actions including:

- Professional development, leadership opportunities and recognition as essential to career fulfillment.
- Member engagement and input as the basis for decision making.
- An inclusive environment that embraces diversity and fosters belonging.
- Collaboration, internally and externally, to accomplish goals by sharing resources.

## ONE LOOK at the Creed

As an Extension educator, my prime concern is people.

I believe it is my responsibility to give the best of my ability and develop myself to be an effective educator.

I accept the opportunity to empower individuals, families, and communities to meet their needs and goals through a learning partnership.

May I always be willing to accept the challenges of the changing times.



# STATE AFFILIATES

## CENTRAL REGION

Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
South Dakota  
Wisconsin



## EASTERN REGION

Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
West Virginia



## WESTERN REGION

Alaska  
American Samoa  
Arizona  
California  
Colorado  
Guam  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Mariana Islands  
Micronesia  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Mexico  
Oregon  
Utah  
Washington  
Wyoming

## SOUTHERN REGION

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Florida  
Georgia  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
Oklahoma  
Puerto Rico  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Virgin Islands  
Virginia



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MEMBER





## WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- If you are an Extension employee working in any capacity with **Family and Consumer Sciences** programming with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, you can be an Active/Affiliate Member of NEAFCS for a \$110 per year (Does not include State Affiliate dues).
- If you are a full time graduate or undergraduate student enrolled in a University, College, or other educational setting **studying Family and Consumer Sciences** or related field with an interest in Extension Education as a future career, and are not currently employed as an Extension Educator, you can be a Student Member of NEAFCS at \$55 per year (Does not include State Affiliate dues).
- If you have been an **active or affiliate member of NEAFCS** for at least five (5) years and have retired, resigned, or otherwise become ineligible for active or affiliate membership, you can you can become a Life Member of NEAFCS. Should you ever re-enter the Extension service, you will be required to resume active membership status and pay annual dues of \$330 one-time payment.
- If you are **employed by a State Land Grant Institution** with a Bachelor's degree or working in a corporate/business field related to the work of Extension educators, you can become a Partner Member of NEAFCS for \$100 per year.

Joining NEAFCS can significantly enhance your career, provide valuable resources, and connect you with a community of like-minded professionals. If you are dedicated to advancing in the field of family and consumer sciences, NEAFCS is an excellent choice for your professional growth.



# MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

# JOIN US

## LIFE MEMBER

- ✓ FORMER EXTENSION EMPLOYEE
- ✓ ACTIVE MEMBER FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS
- ✓ GRANTED MEMBERSHIP UPON ONE TIME PAYMENT FEE TO THE ASSOCIATION.
- ✓ PAYS ANNUAL DUES

**\$330.00 /LIFETIME**

## STUDENT MEMBER

- ✓ UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT
- ✓ ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL SETTING, STUDYING FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES OR RELATED FIELD WITH AN INTEREST IN EXTENSION EDUCATION AS A FUTURE CAREER.
- ✓ PAYS ANNUAL DUES

**\$55.00 /YEARLY**

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- ✓ EMPLOYED VIA EXTENSION
- ✓ WORKS IN ANY FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CAPACITY
- ✓ HOLDS LESS THAN A BACHELORS DEGREE
- ✓ BELONGS TO A STATE/TERRITORY AFFILIATE OF EXTENSION
- ✓ PAYS ANNUAL DUES

**\$55.00 /YEARLY**

+ STATE DUES

## ACTIVE MEMBER

- EMPLOYED VIA EXTENSION
- WORKS IN ANY FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CAPACITY
- ✓ HOLDS A MINIMUM OF  
✓ A BACHELORS DEGREE
- ✓ PAYS ANNUAL DUES
- BELONGS TO A  
✓ STATE/TERRITORY
- ✓ AFFILIATE OF EXTENSION

**\$110.00 /YEARLY**

+ STATE DUES

## PARTNER MEMBER

- ✓ EMPLOYED IN AN EDUCATION, CORPORATE, OR BUSINESS FIELD RELATED TO THE WORK OF EXTENSION EDUCATORS.
- ✓ HOLDS A BACHELORS DEGREE
- ✓ PAYS ANNUAL DUES

**\$110.00 /YEARLY**





## WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

1. Access to a growing, nationwide network of nearly 1,800 Extension professionals actively involved in Family & Consumer Sciences programming in their communities.
2. Opportunities to develop and enhance your leadership and management skills by serving in a leadership capacity on the state or national level.
3. Forums for presenting research and program information and discussing common Extension concerns at the Annual Session (i.e. webinars, concurrent sessions and poster sessions).
4. Opportunities to publish research in a peer-reviewed publication – the online Journal of NEAFCS.
5. Recognition for outstanding achievements through an extensive awards and recognition program.
6. Access to professional development opportunities on the state, regional and national levels. This includes free webinars for all members sponsored by NEAFCS, valued at \$50 each or more.

7. Discount on Annual Session registration packages for members.

8. Ability to earn continuing education credits through participation in the Annual Session and webinars.

9. Up-to-date information on the latest products, methods, materials and technological advances to enhance the effectiveness of your programs.

10. Opportunities to obtain free programming information and network with vendors at Annual Session.

11. Opportunity to serve as External Reviewers for promotion and tenure as well as publication reviews.

12. Opportunity to develop lasting friendships.

13. Access to creative networking opportunities through [www.neafcs.org](http://www.neafcs.org).



# AFFILIATE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



Managing your state affiliate of NEAFCS involves a combination of strategic planning, effective communication, and member engagement. In addition to the "["Affiliate Officer Toolkit"](#) **here are some key strategies to consider:**

## Develop a Clear Mission and Vision

- Define Objectives: Clearly articulate the association's core mission and vision. This helps guide all activities and ensures alignment with the organization's goals.
- Regularly Review and Update: Periodically assess and update the mission and vision to ensure they remain relevant in a changing environment.

## Effective Leadership and Governance

- Select Competent Officers: Choose affiliate officers who are committed, knowledgeable, and capable of providing strategic direction.
- Establish Clear Roles: Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of affiliate officers and members to ensure efficient operation.
- Promote Ethical Practices: Encourage transparency, accountability, and ethical behavior throughout the organization.

## Financial Management

Budgeting and Financial Planning: Develop a comprehensive budget that aligns with the association's goals and allows for sustainable growth.

Diversify Revenue Streams: Explore multiple sources of income such as membership fees, sponsorships, and events.

Regular Financial Audits: Conduct regular audits to maintain financial integrity and build trust with members.

## Engage and Retain Members

Understand Member Needs: Regularly survey members to understand their needs and expectations.

Provide value: Offer valuable resources, networking opportunities, and professional development programs.

Enhance Communication: Use newsletters, social media, and other communication channels to keep members informed and engaged.





RECRUITMENT  
RETENTION  
RECOGNITION

# RECRUITMENT *Trends*

Recruiting new members for NEAFCS can be both challenging and rewarding. **Here are some tips to help you boost your recruitment efforts.**

- Clearly articulate the benefits of joining the association. Highlight how membership can enhance careers, provide networking opportunities, and offer access to valuable resources.
- Use platforms like LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter to reach potential members. Share success stories, upcoming events, and testimonials from current members.
- Organize webinars to introduce the association to potential members. Cover topics like the benefits of membership, upcoming initiatives, and how to get involved.
- Ensure your website is user-friendly and informative. Include a section for potential members with details on how to join, events, and member benefits.
- Provide incentives such as discounted membership fees for first-time members or referral discounts for existing members who bring in new recruits.
- Pair new members with seasoned professionals in the field. This not only aids professional development but also fosters a sense of community.





- Collaborate with universities and colleges to reach students and recent graduates who are starting their careers in family and consumer sciences.
- Send out regular newsletters or emails highlighting the association's achievements, upcoming events, birthday announcements, special events (graduation, birth of a baby, etc.) and membership benefits.
- Take part in conferences and national committees to connect with professionals in the field. Set up a booth and have informational materials ready to distribute during a meeting.
- Emphasize the sense of belonging and community that comes with membership, which can be a powerful motivator for joining.
- Develop blog posts, articles, and videos that showcase the impact of the association and the field of family and consumer sciences.
- Host virtual or in-person networking events that allow professionals to connect, share experiences, and learn from each other. Invite a National Board member to your affiliate meeting.
- Form partnerships with organizations that align with the association's goals to reach a broader audience.

# RETENTION



Retaining members in NEAFCS is crucial for the organization's longevity and success.

**Here are some effective strategies to enhance member retention:**

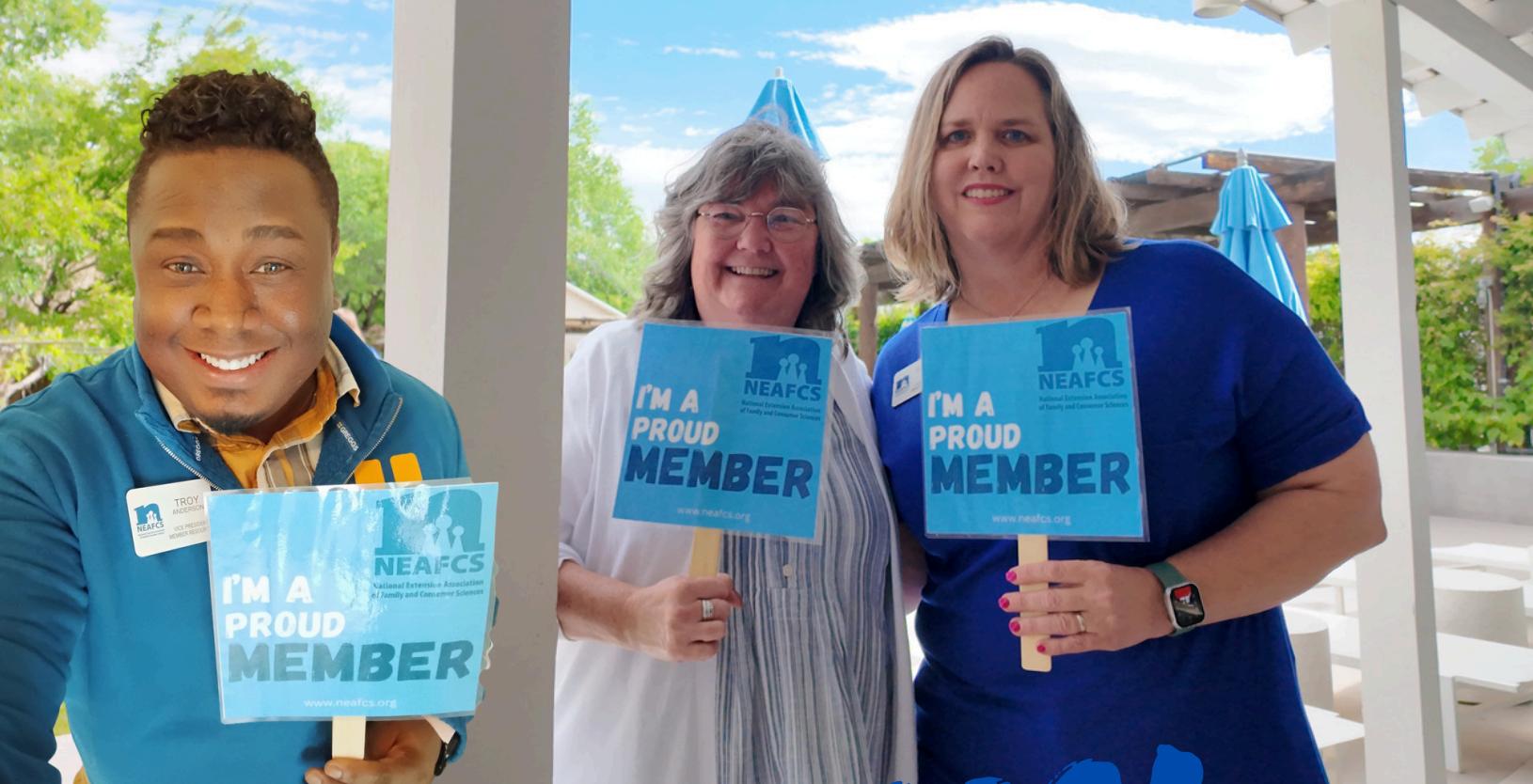
- Conduct regular formal and informal feedback sessions to understand what members value and need from the association.
- Provide members with access to valuable resources, such as peer-reviewed journals, webinars, and workshops.
- Organize events, both virtual and in-person, that allow members to connect with peers.
- Acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of members through awards, newsletters, or social media shoutouts.
- Develop a comprehensive onboarding program for new members, including welcome kits, personal introductions, cards, and orientation sessions to ensure they feel part of the community from the start.
- Offer educational opportunities that help members advance their careers, such as certifications, training programs, and continuing education credits.
- Keep members informed with regular updates through newsletters, emails, and social media.
- Provide exclusive benefits, such as discounts on renewal, gift cards to local restaurant, or partner benefits, to add tangible value to membership.
- Acknowledge and celebrate association milestones and member anniversaries/ birthdays.
- Encourage members to provide feedback and show that their opinions matter by acting on their suggestions.
- Connect less experienced members with seasoned professionals through mentorship programs.
- Ensure all resources, events, and communications are accessible to all members, including those with disabilities. Inclusivity broadens participation and retention.

# RECOGNITION

The logo consists of the word "Trends" in a stylized, cursive brown font. The letter "T" is positioned above the word "Trends", with a diagonal line connecting the top of the "T" to the "e" in "Trends".

To enhance the visibility and influence, NEAFCS can employ a range of recognition strategies. **Below are some tips to drive recognition:**

- Ensure your association has a clear and interesting brand identity that communicates its mission, values, and benefits to members and stakeholders. A strong logo, tagline, and consistent messaging across all platforms can enhance recognition.
- Utilize social media platforms like LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to engage with your audience.
- Organize regular webinars and workshops on topics of interest to your members.
- Partner with other programs, associations, educational institutions, or companies to co-host events or projects.
- Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of your members through awards, spotlights, or certificates.
- Regularly assess the impact of your recognition strategies.
- Encourage members to publish research papers, articles, or opinion pieces in industry journals or on your association's blog.
- Reach out to local media outlets to cover your events or feature your members' achievements.
- Encourage members to attend and present at conferences.
- Provide members with opportunities for professional development through courses, certifications, or training programs.
- Encourage current members to refer colleagues or friends to join the association.
- Keep in touch with your members through regular newsletters, emails, and updates.
- Participate in community service projects or initiatives that align with the association's mission.



# NATIONAL Committees





The areas of Awards & Recognition, Member Resources, Professional Development, and Public Affairs are strategically organized into committees to effectively accomplish the overarching objectives of each key function of the Board. The National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) features over 10 primary committees that members are encouraged to join. Each of these primary committees operates under the guidance of a National Vice President who serves on the Board. Furthermore, many primary committees include several secondary subcommittees, which are

overseen by a Committee Chair, Chair-Elect, and Apprentice. We welcome both life members and active members to participate in, and even lead, these subcommittees. This structure is designed to foster collaboration and provide opportunities for professional growth and leadership within our organization.

## COME BE A PART OF A NATIONAL COMMITTEE

### **Primary Committees are as follows:**

#### Awards & Recognition Committees

- Ceremony
- Training
- Sponsorship & Support

#### Public Affairs Committees

- Advocacy
- Public Engagement & Impact

#### Endowment Committee

#### Ambassador Committee

#### Professional Development Committees

- Program Development
- Online Professional Development

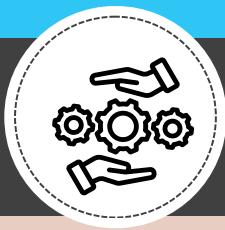
#### Member Resources Committees

- Access, Engagement, and Outreach (AEO)
- Membership and Life Members
- Journal Editorial
- Mentoring and Leadership



# NATIONAL COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP ROLES

These roles are typically a 4-year term (Apprentice, Chair-Elect, Chair, Immediate Past Chair). The Apprentice role is not required but recommended to serve as Chair-Elect. Each position may be co-chaired.



## Apprentice

Prepares to assume chair-elect role.  
Takes minutes and distributes approved minutes to committee as requested.  
Responsible for maintaining effective records.  
Attends most meetings.  
Works with the Chair to confirm agreed upon actions are carried out.  
Ensures the committee roster is up-to-date.  
Remind Chair/Chair-Elect of parliamentary procedures.  
Prepares for the transition to future leadership as Chair-Elect.

## Chair-Elect

Prepares to assume chair role.  
Attends all meetings.  
Understands the Chair's responsibilities and performs these duties in his/her absence.  
Assists chair in ensuring tasks and projects are being completed.  
May carry out special assignments assigned by committee chair.  
Takes part in meetings as a vital part of the committee's leadership.  
Utilizes parliamentary procedures.  
Assists the chair in lining up future committee leadership.  
Prepares for the transition to future leadership as Chair.

## Chair

Plans and schedules committee meetings.  
Creates meeting agendas with input from Chair-Elect and Apprentice.  
Reports to Vice President of Member Resources or Board Representative.  
Defines committee's goals and objectives.  
Holds members accountable for tasks and projects.  
Understands the tasks and projects to be completed via yearly action plan.  
Keeps committee members informed.  
Exercises leadership and use parliamentary procedures.  
Maintains continuity when serving in the past chair role and serves as advisor when needed.  
Prepares for the transition to future leadership by recruiting the next apprentice.



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# NATIONAL COMMITTEES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## Appointed Committees are as follows:

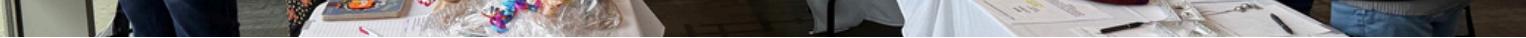
- Annual Session Planning Committee
- Finance/Investment Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Credentials Committee
- JCEP's PILD Planning Committee
- National Nominating Committee
- National Office Committee
- Site Review Committee



Being part of a national committee in NEAFCS offers a valuable platform for personal and professional growth, networking, leadership development, and contributions to the field. These opportunities can significantly enhance one's career and impact within the family and consumer sciences extension community.



# MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR



## November

- RFP applications for PILD concurrent sessions due in November by the designated deadline.
- JCEP Leadership Conference Scholarship Application announced as early in November as possible but no later than the last Monday in November.

## December

- Affiliate Annual reports are due to National Office by December 31st.
- JCEP Leadership Conference Scholarship applications due to the National Office via the online submission form by December 15th (preference given to first time attendees) with extension to February for remaining scholarships.
- PILD First Timer Scholarship Application announced in mid-December.
- All Affiliate dues are due to the National Office by December 31st.

## January

- Bid to host Annual Session due January 1 to National Office three years out (preferred but will accept at any time if bids are needed)
- Showcase of Excellence or Concurrent Session applications due to the Vice President for Professional Development by the required deadline (between January 31 and February 15 based on the approved action plan for that year).

## February

- PILD scholarship applications due to Vice President of Public Affairs by February 1st.
- Impact Statement Reports due via online submission form by February 1st.
- JCEP Leadership Conference Scholarships due to the National Office via the online submission form by February 1st (remaining scholarships without first time preference given).

## March

- Applications for all awards are due to Vice President of Awards and Recognition by March 15th.
- Journal of NEAFCS articles due April 1st.

## May

- Hall of Fame Nominations due to the National Office via the online submission form by May 1st.
- First Timer Annual Session Scholarship deadline will be set for May of each year (when offered).
- Applications (credentials) for Officers and Regional Directors due to National Nominating Committee Chair (Immediate Past President) by May 1st.
- Endowment Project Proposals are due to the National Office via the online submission form by May 15th of each year.

## July

- State Affiliates will receive current membership lists for review by July 1st (to assist with delegate process).

## August

- August 1st is the final date to receive additional membership dues from State Affiliates to be counted towards voting delegate numbers.
- Final delegate count will be provided to state /territory affiliates to assign final voting delegates (from National Office to Regional Directors).
- August 31st is the final date to finalize voting delegates.





# RESOURCES

SCAN ME



## MEMBERSHIP

- Digital Downloads
- Printables



# Active Membership Application & Renewal Form

This is a:  Membership Renewal  New Member Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

Please print or type. If you are joining/renewing as an Active member, and your state has an active Affiliate, please submit this form to your state/territory treasurer with your payment of \$110 for national dues and appropriate state/territory dues. Otherwise, please mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

## Category

ActiveMembership—To qualify, you must be an Extension employee working in any capacity with family and consumer sciences, have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and belong to your State Affiliate if one is active in your state and you meet their membership requirements. If there is not an active Affiliate in your state, or you do not qualify for membership with your State Affiliate, you may still join as an Active Member.

FirstName	MiddleName	LastName	
JobTitle	Employer		
Work Mailing Address	City	State/Territory	Zip
Work Physical Address (if different from work mailing address)	City	State/Territory	Zip
HomeAddress	City	State/Territory	Zip
WorkEmail Address	HomeEmail Address		
WorkPhone/Extension	WorkFax	HomePhone	

Sendmail to my (check one):  Work Address  Home Address Are you a former member of NEAFCS?  Yes  No  
If you are a former member, please provide the name under which the membership was listed, years of membership and corresponding state/territory:

Please check the ONE box that BEST describes **YOUR ROLE IN EXTENSION:**

Extension Agent  Extension Specialist  County Director  State Program Leader  
 State Extension Administrator  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the ONE box that BEST describes your **AREA OF GREATEST EXPERTISE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Aging
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Youth Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Please indicate UP TO 3 (three) **MAJOR AREAS OF PROGRAMMING** for which you have responsibility:

<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Aging
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Youth Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

**For Active membership status, submit this form directly to your State Affiliate Treasurer.**

**If there is no State Affiliate in your state, send your form directly to:**

**NEAFCS National Office, 325 John Knox Rd, Suite L-103, Tallahassee, FL 32303**



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Completing Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



# NATIONAL EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

# Leadership Ladder

## Recommended Steps for Success



## Roles for Each Phase to Guide You to a National Officer and Beyond

Role 1: Committee Member	Role 2: Committee Chair
<p><b>A person in this role will build leadership capacity if they welcome opportunities to broaden their horizons as they carry out the projects and directives delegated to them. Setting a solid foundation at this level is essential to climbing the leadership ladder.</b></p>	<p><b>A person in this role must rally their troops, must align with and communicate the directions established by executive leadership and be able to build a shared understanding of the tasks and projects to be accomplished with the members of their team. Building on your solid foundation at this level is essential to climbing the leadership ladder. You need insights to determine if you want to keep rising.</b></p>
<p>Builds consensus Reasons critically Communicates clearly Overcomes adversity Maintains accountability</p>	<p>Demonstrates character Thinks logically Displays commitment Possesses capacity Promotes teamwork</p> <p>Inspires others Reasons critically Leads decisively Demonstrates passion Overcomes adversity Focuses on results Manages stress</p> <p>Demonstrates character Thinks logically Builds reputation Inspires innovation Displays commitment Possesses capacity Promotes teamwork</p>

Role 3:  
National Board Member

**A person in this role serves as a driver of the organization. Executives prepare and execute the strategic plan that guides the direction of the organization or their area of responsibility. They exercise leadership among their peers. They manage not just one team but several teams. They define and set ambitious goals, identify opportunities and launch initiatives to turn them into a reality. They are the external outward-facing representative of the interests of the organization and must further the interests of the different stakeholders within the organization.**

Initiates independently  
Drives achievement  
Inspires others  
Leads decisively  
Sustains financial stability

Demonstrates passion  
Seeks innovation  
Focuses on results  
Possesses experience and expertise  
Demonstrates strategic thinking  
Displays commitment

Possesses capacity  
Promotes teamwork  
Fosters and adapts to change  
Considers big picture  
Leads with vision

## National Board Positions Preferred Qualifications

### President/President-Elect

- Must have served on the Association's Executive Board.
- Attended three or more Annual Sessions.
- Should have served as Affiliate President and one term on the national board or two terms on national board prior to applying for the President Elect position.

### Vice President for Member Resources

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served as State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair, or served on a National Committee at least two years.

### Vice President for Public Affairs

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served as State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair, or served on a National Committee at least two years.
- Attended a National or State Public Issues or Public Policy Conference.

### Vice President for Awards & Recognition

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served on a National Awards and Recognition Committee for at least two years, or served as a National Board Member, or served as State/Territory Affiliate Awards chair/contact.

### Treasurer

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served as State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair, or served on a National Committee at least two years.
- Served as Treasurer of a professional organization or has appropriate educational background and training in both finance and investment management.

### Vice President for Professional Development

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served as State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair, or served on a National Committee at least two years.

### Regional Director

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions.
- Served as a State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair, or served on a National Committee or similar service in another professional organization.

### Secretary

- Attended one or more Annual Sessions. Served as State/Territory Affiliate Officer or State/Territory Affiliate Committee Chair or served on a National Committee at least two years.



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- ✓ Receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information.
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### BENEFITS:

- ✓ Receive awards, fellowships, and grants as a team member with Active Members and Life Members but not as an individual.
- ✓ Serve on committees as a member only.
- ✓ Receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information.
- ✓ Pay registration fees at a reduced rate for the Annual Session.
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### BENEFITS:

- ✓ Receive awards, fellowships, and grants.
- ✓ Serve on committees or chair committees, serve as a voting delegate, mentors or hold elected office.
- ✓ Serve as a voting delegate, when a state/territory affiliate lacks sufficient delegates to the Annual Business Meeting.
- ✓ Receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information. Pays registration fees at the same rate as Active Members unless a special rate for Life Members is established.
- ✓ Granted access to NEAFCS.org, which includes publications and other resources, upon payment of dues.
- ✓ Submit proposals to present at NEAFCS Annual Sessions through the Program Review Process.
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# PARTNER MEMBERSHIP **\$110**

A Partner Member is an individual with a bachelor's degree working in an education/corporate/business field related to the work of Extension Educators. They may become a Partner Member, upon payment of full dues to the National Office.

### BENEFITS:

- ✓ Receive awards, fellowships, and grants as a team member with Active Members and Life Members but not as an individual.
- ✓ Serve on committees as a member only.
- ✓ Receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information.
- ✓ Pay registration fees at the same rate as Active Members.
- ✓ Granted access to NEAFCS.org, which includes publications and other resources, upon payment of dues.
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# STUDENT MEMBERSHIP **\$55+STATE DUES**

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### BENEFITS:

- ✓ Have your achievements recognized by receiving awards, fellowships, and grants as a team member with Active Members and Life Members.
- ✓ Serve on committees as a member only. Apply to be a mentee via the NEAFCS Leadership Academy.
- ✓ Network with over 2,000 Extension professionals across the country and develop your professional skills for life beyond the classroom.
- ✓ Receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information.
- ✓ Pay registration fees at a reduced rate for the Annual Session.
- ✓ Granted access to NEAFCS.org, which includes publications and other resources, upon payment of dues.
- ✓ Build your resume with leadership experience and submit proposals to present at NEAFCS Annual Sessions through the Program Review Process.
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### **Leading Yourself**

*Learning to lead yourself as a Family Consumer Sciences Professional (self-discovery, identifying strengths, communication styles).*



### **Leading in Your Community**

*Leading others as a Family Consumer Sciences Professional (team building, leadership styles, and strategies)*



### **Leading as an Extension Professional**

*Learning to lead within Extension (collaborations, program teams, subject matter areas)*



### **Leading in NEAFCS**

*Learning to lead within NEAFCS (learning about the organization, governance, paths to leadership roles).*



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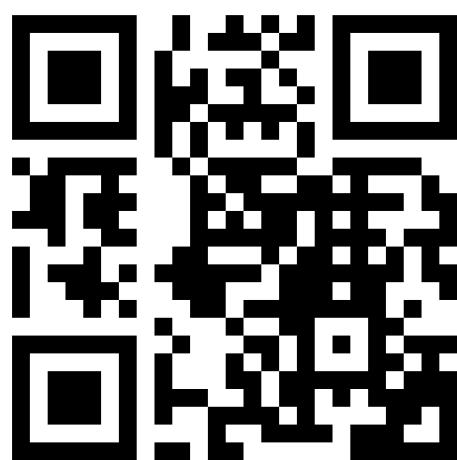
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