



# Candidate Application for National Office

What you can expect when applying for a National Board Position:

- Newly elected individuals will receive training from board members, and materials related to the position will be passed down.
- Candidates will be invited to join the Pre-National Board Meeting as an observer to become familiar with board business (will not be reimbursed by National to attend)
- Newly elected Executive Board members may be reimbursed for one night's lodging for post board meeting (at a rate of ½ of double room) but are not reimbursed for additional travel costs. Meal reimbursement for day of post board meeting will follow Policy Manual and current approved budget.

Upon applying for the position, I acknowledge that I will have the necessary resources (i.e. computer, internet, etc.) to complete the duties of the position.  I agree

Office Applied for: VP of Member Resources \_\_\_\_\_

Date: March 3, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

**This form should be used as a guideline. When typing your own form, add more space as necessary.**

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## I. Education Background

BS/BA	BS in Finance	Northwest Missouri State University Maryville, MO	2012
	Major	Institution	Year
MS/MA	MS in Personal Financial Planning	University of Missouri Columbia, MO	2017
	Major	Institution	Year
PhD			
	Major	Institution	Year

## II. NEAFCS Experience

Office Year(s)

N/A

Committee Year(s)

Mentoring & Leadership Chair-Elect 2020

Mentoring & Leadership Chair 2021

Mentoring & Leadership Immediate Past-Chair 2022

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS Year(s)

N/A

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

2019, 2020, 2021

Submissions for Awards, Webinars and/or Annual Session Proposals (concurrent session, poster, ignite)  
*Submission did not have to be accepted.*

Check all that apply:

Webinar Submission Year(s): Presented 2020, 2021 (With the Mentoring & Leadership Committee)

Annual Session Proposal Year(s): Presented 2021, 2022 Proposal Type: Concurrent Session & Poster

Award Submission Year(s): Regional winner 2019, Applied 2022

## III. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office Year(s)

Treasurer 2020-2021

President-Elect 2022

Committee Chair Year(s)

Finance Committee 2020-2021

Nominations Committee 2020

Committee Year(s)

Various including Finance, Nominations, Fundraising & Member Resources 2018-current

## IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A) Year(s)

University of Missouri Extension Association (UMEA) Northwest Region Representative 2020-2021

## V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

(Professional, civic, service, religious or agency related organizations)

Organizations, Leadership role Year(s)

Andrew County Health & Safety Coalition – Vice Chair 2018-current

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Member 2021-current

Andrew County Chamber of Commerce – Board Member 2019-current

**VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)**

Positions	Year(s)
Dollar General – Store Manager	2013-2014
Everything Beautiful Floral & Gifts – Store Owner/Operator	2011-2013
Bethany Medical Clinic – Office Manager/Accounts Receivable	2004-2013

**VII. Awards and Honors**

Awards	Date(s)
MU Extension Pat & Tom Buchanan Professional Development Award	2021
NEAFCS Communications Radio or Podcast 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Central Region Winner	2019
MU Extension Family Nutrition Education Program Outstanding Support Staff	2017

**Position Statement**

A. Why would you like to be a candidate for this office?

As the chair of the Mentoring & Leadership Committee, I received immeasurable support from our VP of Member Resources, Michelle Wright. The committee received all of the tools we needed to create the NEAFCS Leadership Experience. However, we were also allowed to do the work ourselves. We were given permission to be creative – to try new things. Michelle was always a friendly face, there to offer her guidance and encouragement. This allowed each member of our team to grow personally and professionally, as we developed a program to assist our peers in growing personally and professionally. I would love to now give back by offering this same guidance and support to each of the Member Resources committees. I would love to learn from each of my committees, what they hope to accomplish and what tools they may need. I would then communicate their achievements and express their needs to the NEAFCS board.

B. If you were elected, what would be your top priority/goal for your term?

NEAFCS membership delivers the opportunities an Extension professional needs to be successful in their career. Need to be published? We have the Journal of NEAFCS– and resources to help you learn how to write and judge scholarly articles. Need to be recognized? We have awards that represent every sector of the FCS Extension profession. Need support? We have virtual Connecting with Colleagues opportunities as well as national Annual Session events to facilitate multi-state relationships. Want to present nationally? As a member, you can present a webinar, a concurrent session, an ignite session or a poster session. Need leadership experience? There are opportunities from the committee level through board level to serve your profession and demonstrate your leadership abilities. The resources available for NEAFCS members goes on and on. And yet, we must work to attract new and retain existing members. Many join and never realize what is at their fingertips. My top priority as VP of Member Resources will be to broadcast how NEAFCS is a professional game-changer. As Extension, we understand communicating value by showing impact is foundational to our work. At NEAFCS, I will help us do the same – communicate our value to our members by showing real impact.

Are you willing to be considered as a candidate for a different office? The national nominating committee chair would contact you first as to your preference and willingness to serve in any other position. Yes  No  Maybe

Are you willing to leave your application on file for three (3) years in the event of a position vacancy or for reconsideration for office for the next election? Yes  No

**Your signature below confirms that you have read the current NEAFCS Policy Manual and agree to the duties and qualifications for the position in which you are applying for as well as additional policies outlined in the Manual.**

Gina M Lucas  
Signature of Applicant

March 10, 2022  
Date

**Letters of support and recommendation from the following individuals must accompany the application.**

- ▶ State Director of Extension (required)
- ▶ State Program Leader or immediate supervisor (one required)
- ▶ NEAFCS board member or state/territory affiliate president (optional)

**Applications are due to the National Nominating Committee Chair by May 1st.  
Please include with your application a high resolution headshot photo for the  
candidate display at Annual Session.**

*NEAFCS is an equal opportunity/affirmative action association. NEAFCS values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Membership is not by invitation. (Strategic Plan 1993-97)*

*Please email one copy of your completed application  
to the National Nominating Committee Chair (NEAFCS Immediate Past President).*

April 14, 2022

To: NEAFCS Nomination Committee

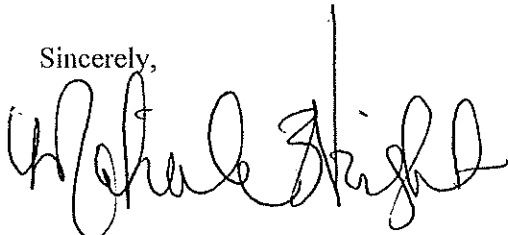
It is a tremendous honor to have the opportunity to recommend Gina Lucas for the VP of Member Resources office. As an Extension educator and member of NEAFCS, I have had the opportunity to work with hundreds of Extension professionals in our organization; and Gina is one in a million. She is extremely dedicated and an intricate part of our national association.

In her profession, Gina is viewed not only as a talented Extension professional, but as a leader among her peers. She truly believes in service beyond herself without regards to time, effort or accolades. The guidance she has provided to our committees and NEAFCS has been monumental. Because of her leadership, efforts and expertise, many of our fellow peers have climbed to new heights within our association.

Gina, overall, is a unique individual who cares, and it has been a tremendous honor to work hand in hand with her these last two years. In more ways than one, her input has been a game changer for NEAFCS! Her approach has equipped many with the necessary tools to meet the ever-changing needs of the members we serve.

Once again, I take great pride in recommending Gina Lucas for the office of VP of Member Resources for NEAFCS. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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March 4, 2022

To the NEAFCS Nominations Committee:

It is my pleasure to offer my full support to Gina Lucas in her efforts to serve as NEAFCS Vice President of Member Resources. Gina is an exemplary MU Extension faculty member and provides great leadership at the local, regional, state, and national level. We are very proud to have her represent our state and university in this manner.

Gina prepared herself well for her career in Extension through her undergraduate and graduate work at NW Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia respectively. Her nutrition and health Extension efforts through programs focus on diabetes management, healthy living, estate planning, money management, and chronic disease/pain management make an incredible impact in Andrew and Buchanan counties. She continues to demonstrate the ability to successfully build partnerships and collaborations with groups like Leadership Northwest Missouri, Leadership Savannah and the Health and Safety Coalition to broaden the reach and impact of MU Extension.

Her efforts have been well recognized by the University and her professional colleagues with MU Extension awards and NEAFCS awards. Probably as important, if not more so however, has been the positive support and recognition that she has been given by her peers. When I asked if this was a good step for Gina, her peer and supervisors were immediate in their positive support for in seeking this important role in NEAFCS. Gina's leadership has also been recognized through her service in various committee and leadership positions in the University of Missouri Extension Association (UMEA).

Her decision to seek this office was based on her strong commitment to NEAFCS and her experiences as chair of the Mentoring/Leadership Committee. Her experiences as chair exposed her to the opportunities for greater leadership service as she was able demonstrate her creative and collaborative skills with colleagues across the nation. She made a difference through that experience and now is ready to take that next step to have a greater positive impact for NEAFCS through this opportunity.

I unconditionally support Gina Lucas for this leadership opportunity and look forward to her service at the national level. If I can be of further of assistance to Gina's desire to serve in this capacity, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marshall Stewart  
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement  
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System



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March 9, 2022

Dear NEAFCS Nominating Committee,

It is my honor to support Gina Lucas's application for NEAFCS Vice President for Member Resources. I have known Gina throughout her career with University of Missouri Extension. No matter what role or what task Gina is asked to do, she completes it and with 110% energy. I have enjoyed watching her develop throughout her career.

Gina has served her community, the organization, Missouri Extension Association for Family & Consumer Sciences as well as the national organization in multiple capacities. She has held leadership roles at all levels. And in testament to the quality of her work, she received awards at the state and national levels.

I feel her service to the NEAFCS Mentoring & Leadership Committee has prepared her for the role of NEAFCS Vice President of Member Resources. During her tenure with committee, she was fortunate to be mentored by then VP Michelle Wright. She was also instrumental in the NEAFCS mentoring program which is a tremendous member resource.

In addition to experience, I believe Gina's "can do" attitude and positive smile is infectious. She energizes those around her which will help her recruit members to work with her in this role. In addition, she will put members at ease who have questions regarding the services NEAFCS can provide them.

To conclude, I wish to reiterate my full support of Gina Lucas's application for NEAFCS Vice President for Member Resources. She will be a tremendous asset to the organization's leadership team. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Britt-Rankin'.

Jo Britt-Rankin  
Sr. Program Director  
Youth & Families Extension

