



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: President Elect

Date: 2-3-23__

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

Jennifer	Porter	Bridge	
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I. Education Background

BS/BA BS Home Economics/Child Development	Morehead State University	1989
Major	Institution	Year
MS/MAE Adult Education	Western Kentucky University	2015
Major	Institution	Year
PhD		
Major	Institution	Year

II. NEAFCS Experience

Office

Vice President Public Affairs,

2022-2023

Committee Chair

Public Affairs Subcommittees: Education 2000, 2001 and 2002, Chair in 2002, Advocacy 2005-2009, Marketing 20016-2020

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS

Year(s)

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

1995 Dallas, TX, 1997 Cincinnati, OH-Galaxy, 1998 Rapid City, SD, 1999 Greensboro, NC, 2000 Baltimore, MD, 2001 Portland, OR, 2002 Kansas City, MO, 2003 Salt Lake City, UT-Galaxy, 2004 Nashville, TN, 2005 Philadelphia, PA, 2006 Denver Colo., 2007 Minneapolis, MN, 2008 Indianapolis, IN-Galaxy, 2009 Birmingham, Ala., 2010 Portland, ME, 2011 Albuquerque, NM, 2012 Columbus, OH, 2013 Pittsburgh, PA, 2015 White Sulphur Springs, WV, 2016 Big Sky, Montana, 2017 Omaha, NE, 2018 San Antonio, TX, 2021 Online, 2022 Raleigh, NC

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): 2022 _____

Annual Session Proposal Year(s): 2012, 2013(2) _____ Proposal Type: Concurrent Sessions

Award Submission Year(s): 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2015, 2018 ____

III. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office

Year(s)

President-2006

VP Professional Development-2005

VP Public Affairs-2003-04

VP Member Resources 2001-02

Secretary 1995-96

Committee Chair

Year(s)

Retirement and Fringe Benefits-1994,

Pride of Kentucky Endowment Chair, 2014-2016.

Past Presidents, 2008-2010,

Emerging Issues in FCS Extension 2017-2020

Committee

Year(s)

Pride of Kentucky Endowment, 2012-2016

Past Presidents 2006-present

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)	Year(s)
Director of Human Environmental Sciences search committee (A)	2007
College of Agriculture Leadership Exploration committee (A)	2009
Kentucky Extension Leadership Development Curriculum, chair (A)	2010-2015
Plate It Up KY Proud! Committee member (A)	2008-2014, 2021-present
Military Families Focus committee chair (A)	2008-2010

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

(Professional, civic, service, religious or agency related organizations) Organizations, Leadership role

	Year(s)
University of Kentucky Staff Senate	2019-present,
ESP Alpha Kappa Chapter, President	2010,
Alpha Kappa Chapter ESP Leads committee chair,	2018-2021
Meade County Habitat for Humanity, President	2016-2019,
Meade County Museum and Arts Council, President	2005-07
Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce, President	2004-06 and 2019-2020,
Meade County 20 Leader Think Tank	2018- present,
Doe Valley Section Representative	2018-present,
Hosparus Volunteer	2018-present

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions	Year(s)
Food Service Manager, Camp Caleb	1988

VII. Awards and Honors

	Date(s)
Visionary Leadership Award, Southern Region, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2021
Visionary Leadership Award, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2021
Visionary Award, Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce	2021
Distinguish Service Award, Southern Region, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2020
Distinguished Service Award, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2020
Rita T. Wood Grant for Leadership Development	2019
Excellence in Research Award, Kentucky Extension Association Family and Consumer Sciences	2016
Outstanding Graduate Student in Adult Education Western Kentucky University	2015

Social Networking Award 1 st place Southern Region	2015
State Team Achievement Award, "Pride of Kentucky" project, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2013
Marketing Package Award-Southern Region National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	2007
Continued Excellence- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	2006
Outstanding Community Service, Meade County Farm Bureau	2006
Mid-Career Service Award Epsilon Sigma Phi	2004
Distinguished Service Award- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	2002
Multi-Area Team Achievement Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi	2001
Early Career Service Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi	1998
Progress Award, Kentucky Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	1998
New Achiever Award, Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	1996

Position Statement

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

As a seasoned professional, I have reached a point in my career where the challenge of leading on the national level is the next logical step. I have been an active member of the association for 32 years and have served on several national committees as well as NEAFCS Vice President Public Affairs. I have been very active on the affiliate level, serving in multiple officer positions (including affiliate president) and as chair of both our endowment and FCS issues committee. As a servant leader, I value the experiences of working alongside members to bring forward new ideas and projects to strengthen our affiliate for future advancement and impact. I understand the important role associations must play in professional development and advancement. I am grateful to the many extension professionals who have influenced and mentored me throughout my career. Serving our membership will not only provide an opportunity to use the skills I have gained on a new level but will pay honor and tribute to those who have groomed me for this role.

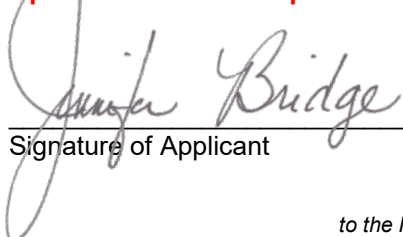
If you were elected, what would be your top priority/goal for your term?

Having served on the board, I have gained valuable insight into the needs of our association. While we are strong in number, only a small percentage of our membership is actively engaged on the national level. This has been an ongoing concern for our association. My top priority, if elected, is to work with all affiliates to foster engagement, identifying barriers and creating opportunities for member participation. As a diverse organization with rich experiences, our professionals are in various career stages. Our university requirements and advancement structures vary from years of service to professorships and our personal enrichment goals reach across a wide range of interests. As our organization continues to evolve, we must adopt changes to engage our members and help them identify how being an active member will contribute to professional and personal growth.

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 X

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 X 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.



 Signature of Applicant

February 3, 2023
 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)

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December 20, 2022

Susan Routh
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Dear Ms. Routh, NEAFCS Nominating Committee members, and NEAFCS members,

Please accept this letter as support for Jennifer Bridge to serve NEAFCS in the position of National President Elect. Jennifer will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role having served on multiple national committees within NEAFCS as well as Vice President Public Affairs. In addition, she has represented Kentucky as a member of the PILD delegation on several occasions.

Jennifer is a committed leader – to her local clientele, her colleagues, and her profession. Over her career she has dedicated herself to building the leadership skills of others. Jennifer has led several leadership initiatives in Kentucky by serving as chair of the Kentucky Extension Leadership Development (KELD) program geared toward member and volunteer development of Extension clientele. KELD team members developed [curriculum materials](#) to resonate across programmatic areas within Extension to provide key leadership skill building activities and experiences. This program continues to be used across the state with reported participation of 2589 people in 2021. Additionally, she has served as chair of the ESP Leads program geared toward developing extension personnel to serve as officers in state associations and future roles within the Cooperative Extension System.

Jennifer has been a strong and capable leader within her professional organizations. She has served in numerous state officer positions and as both KEAFCS affiliate president, and ESP Alpha Kappa Chapter President.

When I served as KEAFCS state president, Jennifer served as our Vice President for Public Affairs. Her leadership talents were impressive and important to our organization to ensure FCS as a profession was understood and valued with administration and stakeholders. During this time, she wrote FCS impact sheets for each congressional district in Kentucky. These were presented to congressional leaders during capitol hill visits through PILD.



She has cowritten information sheets on advocacy and presented at numerous meetings across the state and on the national level including PILD. She has trained local leaders how to advocate for the Cooperative Extension Service through impact reporting and telling their extension story. This serves to strengthen our entire system by building support of our organization.

Jennifer's unique skills, talents and abilities would be invaluable to NEAFCS in the role of National President Elect. I highly recommend her for the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Stephenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" being more prominent than the last name "Stephenson".

Laura Stephenson, Ph.D.
Associate Dean and Extension Director

Cooperative Extension Service

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November 14, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

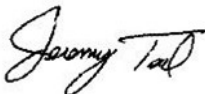
I would like to highly recommend Jennifer Bridge. I have the utmost confidence that Jennifer would be excellent in this capacity and an asset to the organization.

Jennifer is no stranger to serving in leadership and mentoring roles on a local, state, and national level. She has diverse experience which would make her perfect for this opportunity. Jennifer has been in numerous officer and leadership roles in her career, not only within FCS, but in ESP. She is currently serving on the Staff Senate for the University of Kentucky. She is also currently serving as Vice President of Public Affairs for NEAFCS.

As her immediate supervisor, I can attest that Jennifer is wonderful to work with. She has great attention to detail, displays knowledge in her role, and wisdom in dealing with any challenges that may arise.

If I can provide any further feedback or assistance, I will be happy to do so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Teal

Area Extension Director

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