



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: Southern Regional Director

Date: April 11, 2025

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

Joy	Lynn	West
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
CEA-Staff Chair/FCS	Univ Arkansas Div of Ag System Cooperative Extension Service	
Job Title	Employer	
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Work Phone/Extension	Work Fax	Home Phone

I. Education Background

BS/BA Family & Consumer Science Ed (Home Ec) Univ of Central Arkansas 1990
Major Institution Year

MS/MA _____
Major Institution Year

PhD _____
Major Institution Year

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office	Year(s)
Arkansas Parliamentarian	2022-2025
Arkansas Immediate Past President	2021
Arkansas President	2020
Arkansas Chair Elect	2019
Arkansas Secretary	2016-2018

Committee Chair	Year(s)
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Resolution Committee Chair	2022-2024
90 th Anniversary Committee Chair for AR	2024
85 th Anniversary Committee Chair for AR	2019

Committee	Year(s)
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NEAFCS-AR Professional Development Conference Planning Committee	2024
AR Galaxy Planning Committee	2018-2019
Resolution Committee	2025

III. NEAFCS Experience

Office	Year(s)
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Committee Chair	Year(s)
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Mentoring and Leadership Committee Chair	2024
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Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS	Year(s)
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Mentoring and Leadership Committee Immediate Past Chair	2025
Mentoring and Leadership Committee Chair Elect	2023
Mentoring and Leadership Committee Apprentice	2022

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

2024, 2023, 2022, 2021(virtual), 2020(virtual), 2019, 2018

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): _____

☒ Annual Session Proposal Year(s): 2024 Proposal Type: Concurrent Session

☒ Award Submission Year(s): 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2018

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)	Year(s)
Early Childhood Project (A)	2024-2025
Revamp State Indicators Committee (A)	2024
Family Life Subcommittee (A)	2024-2025
Health Subcommittee (A)	2022-2023

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

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

Organizations, Leadership role	Year(s)
Jackson Co Wellness and Screening	2021-Present
Farm Bureau Women's Committee--Jackson Co	2018-Present
First Baptist Church, Searcy AR	
-Children's Choir Teacher	2003-Present
-Youth Sunday School Teacher	2014-Present
-AWANA 2yr old-Puggles Teacher	2020-Present

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions	Year(s)
Preschool Coordinator, First Baptist Church, Searcy AR	2004-2012
Monther's Day Out Teacher, First Baptist Church, Searcy AR	2000-2013
FACS Teacher, Augusta Public School, Augusta AR	1996-1999
College Recruiter, Central Texas College, Camp Darby Italy	1992-1994
FACS Teacher, PCSSD-Sylvian Hills Jr High	1990-1991

VII. Awards and Honors

Awards	Date(s)
Non-Extension:	
-Distinguished Alumni Award Nutrition & Family Science Dept, Univ of Central AR	2024
Extension:	
-Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility Award	2022
-Mildred & Liz Child's CED Professional Development Award	2018
NEAFCS National:	
-2 nd Place Marketing Package	2024
-2 nd Place Florence Hall, 3 rd Place Innovation in Programing, AR Distinguished Service	2023
-1 st Place Excellence in Multi State Collaboration, 3 rd Place Food Safety	2022
-3 rd Place Florence Hall	2021
-3 rd Place Human Development/Family Resources	2020
NEAFCS Regional:	
-1 st Place Eastern Florence Hall, 2 nd Place Southern Marketing Package, 2 nd Place Eastern Innovation in Programming	2024
-1 st Place Central Marketing Package, 1 st Place Western Innovation in Programming, 2 nd Place Southern Florence Hall	2023
-1 st Place Central Excellence in Multi State Collaboration, 1 st Place Western Marketing Package, 2 nd Place Southern Innovation in Programming, 3 rd Place Southern Food Safety	2022
-1 st Place Southern Florence Hall, 2 nd Place Southern Innovation in Programming	2021
-1 st Place Southern Human Dev/Family Relationship, 3 rd Place Southern Dean Don Felker Family Resource Management	2022

Position Statement

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

Having served my state affiliate in various offices and served in a leadership role on a national committee, I feel I now have much to offer to the members in the Southern Region. This opportunity would allow me to continue growing as a leader and to give back to the national association. This position will offer a challenge to myself, while utilizing the strengths that I have developed through experiences as an educator and member of various organizations. Much of my experience has been centered on working with members from multiple states to create the Leadership Experience. The idea of multi state collaboration and idea sharing is invigorating to me and may prove a positive experience for the members if giving the chance to experience. I believe this position could be a step towards increasing connections.

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

I would like to have regular meetings with affiliate presidents where open communication and potential collaboration can begin. These meetings can ensure all affiliates understand the request from the board clearly and are able to relay that information effectively to their membership. This will hopefully inspire state associations to be more involved at the national level and more involved with interstate sharing and collaboration. All of us can learn much from each other. I would like to encourage states in the southern region to connect with one another through online platforms such as zoom. Where states could conduct shared professional development opportunities.

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.

Jay West
Signature of Applicant

4-11-2025
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)

April 4, 2025

Dear NEAFCS Nominating Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Joy West, Jackson County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences and Staff Chair, for the position of NEAFCS Southern Regional Director. I am confident that Joy would serve your association well in this role. Joy is a veteran FCS agent, with an excellent record of success in program development and delivery. She has been an active member of NEAFCS, serving in a variety of capacities and successfully competing for numerous awards over the years at state, regional, and national levels. Her deep understanding of the organization and of FCS Extension programming generally would, I am sure, make her a great asset as a regional director.

I am in full support of Joy standing for election for this position. As Director for Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, I strongly encourage agents and specialists to actively engage in professional service, particularly within the various national agent associations. I was thrilled to learn of Joy's interest in this position, and I will ensure that Joy has the resources she needs to excel in this service role for NEAFCS. If you need anything else from me, please feel free to reach out to me by email (jda042@uada.edu) or cell phone (479.305.9294).

Best Regards,



John D. Anderson
Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Extension and
Director, Cooperative Extension Service

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April 7, 2025

National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)
Executive Board Nominating Committee

Dear NEAFCS Executive Board Nominating Committee,

I am pleased to provide a positive recommendation for Mrs. Joy West, MS, FCS County Agent & Staff Chair for Jackson County, Arkansas, for the NEAFCS Southern Regional Director. Joy has been a dedicated University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service employee since 2012.

I have known Joy for several years and have had the privilege of watching her conduct meetings, facilitate communication, and conduct FCS programs. She is organized and plans for all likely and logical (and sometimes the not-so-logical) contingencies that may occur when dealing with the public. She thinks of the audience and puts herself in their shoes and seats, which helps ensure a pleasant experience for all stakeholders. Her communication style is kind, direct, and complete. She has a great way of including everything needed in communication without being too wordy or sparse with her words. Her written communication is likewise clear and concise. I appreciate her love for FCS and her passion to advocate for FCS programs, clients in her communities, and the professional organizations that support our work.

Joy conducts a balanced FCS program in her county. She provides financial programs, nutrition and food, family life, and health and wellness to ensure that the needs of all the individuals and families in her community are served. She is exceptionally skilled in diabetes prevention programming, with her delivery being a model for our state. Joy is professional in conduct, dress, demeanor, and style. I admire her appreciation and awareness that we are always "on" and being watched. She knows just about everyone in the state and region, and she has not yet met a stranger. Her genuine warmth and kindness draw you in; you feel like long-time friends before you know it. This, along with her organization and communication skills, makes her a perfect fit for the Nominating Committee.

Her peers agree. In 2024, Joy was honored by her alma mater, the University of Central Arkansas, with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is for distinguished Nutrition & Family Science Department graduates who demonstrate outstanding accomplishments and leadership in FCS professions. She is a leader in the FCS content area for our 75 counties and will be an excellent addition to the NEAFCS Nominating Committee. Joy is dependable, creative, innovative, problem-solving, and fun. If I can provide further information, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,



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University of Arkansas, United States Department of Agriculture, and County Governments Cooperating

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April 4, 2025

National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

National Nominating Committee Chair, Rick Griffiths

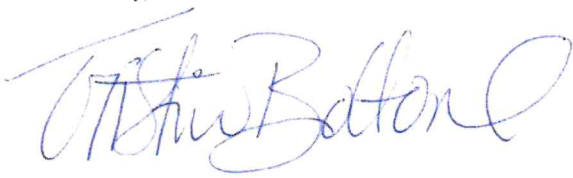
Dear Nominating Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Joy West for the position of Southern Region Director for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS). Joy has served both Arkansas NEAFCS and the National Association with dedication and determination. As a member of NEAFCS-AR, she has held several positions including, President, Resolutions Chair, and Parliamentarian. She displays a deep commitment to NEAFCS-AR and other members look up to her as they explore their own paths to leadership.

Joy currently serves as the NEAFCS Mentoring and Leadership Committee Past Chair. She has been deeply committed to the success of the Leadership Experience. Starting as a committee member and working her way through each role until serving as the Chair. During this experience she has recruited and developed both mentors and mentees from across the country. It is evident by the roles and responsibilities that she seeks out, that she wants people to succeed and rise to their full potential. This is what makes her a great leader.

Joy has not only the desire to serve, but the skills as well. She is consistent, loyal, creative and innovative. Through each of her previous roles, Joy has developed skills and knowledge that will make her a great Southern Region Director. She has a way of connecting with people and encouraging them to actively participate. She has excellent time management skills which will allow her to disseminate information effectively to members. I believe that Joy demonstrates the qualities and expectations of the Southern Region Director. We are proud of the work she does not only in her county, but across the state and nationally. We fully support her desire to continue serving as the NEAFCS Southern Region Director.

Sincerely,



Tristin Bolton, MS.

President

Arkansas Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

