



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.
- Newly elected board members will be required to attend the post Annual Session board meeting to be held in conjunction with the Annual Session.

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

Office Applied for: Secretary Date: April 27, 2026

Ivelisse		Colón
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent	North Carolina Cooperative Extension	
Job Title	Employer	
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Work Phone/Extension	Work Fax	Home Phone

I. Education Background

- BS/BA in Home Economics Science; Major in Nutrition and Dietetics, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, 1985
Major Institution Year
- Compendium Course in Public Health, University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, 1986
- MR Master of Youth, Family and Community Sciences, North Carolina State University, 2023
Major Institution Year
- PhD N/A
Major Institution Year

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office	Vice President of Professional Development and Recognition	Year(s) 11/2021-10/2023
	Vice President of Public Affairs	11/2023-10/2024
	President-Elect	11/2024-10/2025
	President	11/2025-10/2026
Committee Chair	Awards Committee Chair	Year(s) 11/2021-10/2023
	Public Affairs Committee Chair	11/2023-10/2024

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to the National Nominating Committee Chair (NEAFCS Immediate Past President).

Committee	Bylaws Committee Chair	11/2024-10/2025
	2025 NCEAFCS Annual Session Committee Chair	11/2024-10/2025
	2020 NCEAFCS Annual Session Speakers Coordination Committee	Year(s) 1/2020- 8/2020
	Public Affairs Committee (as District VP of Public Affairs)	11/2020- 10/2021
	Bylaws Committee (as District President-Elect)	11/2021-10/2022

III. NEAFCS Experience

Office	None	Year(s)
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Committee Chair	None	Year(s)
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Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS	Year(s)

NEAFCS National Awards Judge	3/2019-5/2019
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NEAFCS Ambassador Committee member	6/2022-10/2023
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NEAFCS 90th Anniversary Committee member 8/2023-10/2024

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025

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): _____ Proposal Type: _____

√ Award Submission Year(s): 2019 (3), 2022 (2), 2024, 2025

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)	Year(s)
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NCSU Extension Farm to Early Care and Education Collaborative 2/2017-10/2021

Extension Representative Orange County Food Council (A)	2/2020-12/2022
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Orange County Farm to Early Care and Education Coalition	1/2020- present
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Family & Consumer Sciences New Agent Mentor 11/2023-12/2024

FCS Training Spring Institutes Planning Committee 1/2024-4/2024

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent Title Promotion Mentor	10/2024-2/2026
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V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

(Professional, civic, service, religious or agency related organizations) Organizations, Leadership role	Year(s)
Coordinator St. John Apostle Music Ministry, Blessed Sacrament Church, Burlington, NC	3/2000-3/2023
Alamance County Teen Court - volunteer Spanish interpreter	8/2015-8/2017
Boy Scouts of America - Troop 39, Burlington, NC – volunteer fundraising officer	5/2017-7/2019
Puerto Rican Genealogical Society member & volunteer transcriptionist	2/2020-present

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions	Year(s)
American Airlines, Passenger Service Agent, Miami International Airport	2000-2001
eDiets.com, Nutrition Support Specialist	2003-2008

VII. Awards and Honors

Awards	Date(s)
Outstanding Performance Award, NC Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)	5/2015
Endowment Award, EFNEP	5/2015
Team Award, EFNEP	5/2015
Circle of Excellence Award, EFNEP	5/2016
Community Partnership Award, North Carolina Association of Extension Program Assistants, Associates and Technicians	8/2016
Notable Latinos of the Triad, Latino Community Coalition of Guilford County	8/2016
Pride of the Wolfpack Award, NC State University	4/2018
Social Media Online Video Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2018
Outstanding Subject Matter Program Team Award, NC Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists	6/2020
Early Career Award, NCEAFCS	7/2020
Video Program Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	9/2020
Communications Award - Educational Publications - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2021
Communications Award - Television/Video - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2021
Communications Award - Educational Publications - 3rd Place Southern Region Winner	11/2021
Florence Hall Team Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2021
Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Team Award - State Winner NCEAFCS	8/2021
Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Team Award - 1st Place Southern Region Winner, 3rd Place National Winner NEAFCS	11/2021

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Family Health & Wellness Team Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2022
Family Health & Wellness Team Award - 2nd Place Southern Region Winner NEAFCS	9/2022
Social Media Education Team Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	8/2022
Social Media Education Team Award - 2nd Place Southern Region Winner, 2nd Place National Winner, NEAFCS	9/2022
Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award, NC Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals	9/2023
Ada B. Dalla-Pozza Professional Development Award, NC Cooperative Extension	10/2023
Dr. Sandra Zaslow Professional Development Award, NC Cooperative Extension	10/2023
Marketing Package Team Award - State Winner, NCEAFCS	7/2024
Marketing Package Team Award - 3rd Place Southern Region Winner, NEAFCS	9/2024
Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award, NC Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals	8/2024
Dr. Edgar J. & Ethel Boone Professional Development Award, NC Cooperative Extension	1/2025

Position Statement

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

I am seeking the nomination for the office of Secretary for two primary reasons. First, I want to show my peers that national roles are possible for anyone, hoping to see more of us, especially from my affiliate, stepping into leadership roles. Second, I believe that clear, inclusive communication is the foundation of a strong professional association. My involvement with professional organizations began in college as a student member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly American Dietetic Association). Since then, I have understood that these associations are essential tools for mutual learning, social connection, and targeted advocacy. None of these goals can be achieved without long-term organizational health and transparency—areas where the Secretary plays an essential role. My experience in Extension has given me a deep appreciation for proper documentation and the trust it builds with our members. I believe the Secretary is more than just a note-taker; they are the person who ensures the National Board stays connected to the membership through honest and transparent communication.

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

My primary goal would be to ensure the board operates effectively by maintaining accurate records and minutes. I would like to build upon the work our current Secretary has done to better serve our membership, learn the business side of NEAFCS, and see if there are ways to make our processes simpler and better for everyone. Serving on the National Board is a responsibility I don't take lightly, so I aim to lead by example.

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 ☐

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

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 the policies around Campaigning and Nominations and understand that intentional campaigning is strictly prohibited.



Signature of Applicant

April 28, 2026

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 officer (one required)

**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 provides professional development for Extension professionals who provide education and outreach to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. NEAFCS is committed to providing a professional association that is open and accessible to all eligible individuals. Membership and participation are open to all without regard to legally protected status, and membership is not by invitation.

To: NEAFCS Nominating Committee

Date: March 23, 2026

Subject: Recommendation and Institutional Support for Ivelisse Colon

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support of Ivelisse Colon for the office of NEAFCS Secretary. In my role as Associate Dean and Director of NC State Extension, I look for leaders who can build strong partnerships and manage complex projects across different levels of the organization. Ivelisse has demonstrated these qualities repeatedly through her work in Orange County and her contributions to our state-level initiatives.

The NEAFCS Secretary position requires someone who can serve as a reliable liaison between the board and the general membership. Ivelisse has extensive experience in this type of coordination. She currently facilitates the Orange County Community Health Workers Coalition and serves as the liaison for our Extension and Community Association volunteers. In these roles, she is responsible for coordinating calendars, leading educational trainings, and ensuring that community projects—like the Cycle Care Kits for schools and NICU bonding hearts—are executed effectively. She has served in leadership roles with the NCEAFCS association, demonstrating the trust that our FCS agents put in her abilities and leadership. Her ability to manage complex groups and tasks all while maintaining clear lines of communication is exactly what is needed for work on a national board.

Ivelisse's work with the local Health Department to provide food safety training in both English and Spanish shows her ability to reach diverse audiences and manage technical information. She has also been a key member of the North Carolina Farm to Early Care and Education Work Group and the 2024 Spring Institutes Planning Committee. Her peers have recognized this broad impact with the Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award, for which she received 1st place at the State level, 1st Place as a Southern Region Winner, and 3rd Place as a National Winner, highlighting her ability to make Extension programming accessible for all. She has served in positions across NC State extension, including with EFNEP and as an FCS Agent, and currently serves as President of North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

NC State Extension fully supports Ivelisse's candidacy for this national office. We are aware of the time and travel commitments required for the Secretary position and are prepared to provide her with the necessary flexibility to fulfill these duties. Ivelisse is a person of great integrity who understands the importance of clear documentation and organizational history. I am confident she will be a significant asset to the NEAFCS board.

Sincerely,



David Monks
Vice-Provost, Outreach and Engagement, NC State University
Associate Dean and Director, NC State Extension



To: NEAFCS Nominating Committee

Date: March 23, 2026

Subject: Recommendation of Ivelisse Colon for NEAFCS Secretary

As the State Program Leader for Family and Consumer Sciences at North Carolina State University, I am pleased to recommend Ivelisse Colon for the position of NEAFCS Secretary. My role involves supporting agents across 100 NC counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee, and Ivelisse consistently stands out as a leader who combines practical community work with the organizational and leadership skills necessary for national office.

The NEAFCS Secretary must maintain accurate records and manage the flow of information for the association. Ivelisse has already proven her capability in this area through her work as our District Treasurer and current NCEAFCS President. When she stepped into the Treasurer role unexpectedly in 2024, she did more than just maintain the books; she rebuilt the entire registration and payment system for our 2025 Annual Session. By using Qualtrics to bridge the gap between paper checks and digital credit card payments, she managed a budget of over \$20,000 and ensured that every transaction for speakers, catering, and sponsorships was tracked with total accuracy. This experience with financial recording and membership data, as well as her strong leadership skills demonstrated as our current president, directly prepares her for a national leadership position and the NEAFCS Secretary's duties.

Ivelisse also brings the digital skills required to manage the association's records. During the 2020 pandemic, she was instrumental in moving our state annual session to a virtual platform. She took responsibility for editing video content, organizing media files, and ensuring that educational session recordings were distributed correctly to our entire membership. As a leader with NCEAFCS, Ivelisse has been instrumental in supporting new agents as they become acclimated to their roles; she is a fierce advocate for FCS, and her dedication to community work on the ground and her mentorship and leadership with our agents demonstrates that she would be an asset to the national association. She is a trusted leader who never shies away from difficult tasks or asking hard questions; I trust Ivelisse's advice and counsel wholeheartedly and often turn to her to get a read on how things are working for our agents on the ground.

Her commitment to the profession has been recognized by her peers through several prestigious awards. In the last three years alone, she has received numerous awards from both national and state extension organizations, including the Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award from the North Carolina Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, Ada B. Dalla-Pozza Professional Development Award from NC Cooperative Extension, and the 2022 NEAFCS Ambassador Award. These honors reflect her steady leadership and the high regard in which she is held by other FCS agents in North Carolina. Ivelisse is a dependable, organized, and forward-thinking professional who will serve the national board with the same dedication she shows for our state program.

I am delighted to recommend Ivelisse for a national officer position, and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have (amhardis@ncsu.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Hardison-Moody', with a small yellow rectangular mark at the end.

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April 7, 2026

Dear National Nominating Committee Members,

Please accept this letter to support Ivelisse Colon's application for the NEAFCS office of secretary.

As immediate past affiliate president, I've recently had the pleasure of working closely with Ivelisse as she is currently serving as president. For nearly a decade, Ivelisse has been very active in a variety of leadership roles at the district and state level associations. She has attended and volunteered for several national sessions. Her roles have included national awards judge as well as serving on the ambassador and 90th anniversary committees.

I've worked with numerous professionals serving in leadership roles over my 36-year career. When it comes to being a dependable leader, Ivelisse ranks in the 99 percentile. You can count on her to meet critical deadlines in a detail-oriented way. She leads with vision. I've observed her as state chairperson for several different committees, and she does a great job of gently delegating tasks. If a task is neglected, she will volunteer her time to ensure it gets completed.

Ivelisse also has excellent interpersonal skills, some innate and some that she's developed. I'm certain that other national officers will enjoy working beside her.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margie Mansure".

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