



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: Western Region Director

Date: 4/14/2026

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Extension Educator (EFNEP and Community Vitality and Health)		University of Wyoming Extension
Job Title		Employer
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I. Education Background

BS/BA	History	University of Maryland Global University	
	Major	Institution	Year
MS/MA			
	Major	Institution	Year
PhD			
	Major	Institution	Year

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Wyoming President	2019-2025
Immediate Past Present	Current
Committee Chair - Vice President Awards	Current
Committee	Year(s)

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

III. NEAFCS Experience

Office	Year(s)
Endowment Committee Western Region Representative	2024-Present

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS	Year(s)
Western Region Credentials Committee Representative	2024

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

2019, 2020 (Virtual), 2021 (Virtual), 2022, 2023, 2024 and 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): 2019, 2024, 2026 _____	Proposal Type: Concurrent Session
☒ Award Submission	Year(s): 2020, 2025, 2026	

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Platte County 4-H Educator Search Committee (A)	2025
County Coordinator (A)	2025-Present

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

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

Food For Weekends – Co Chair	2019-Present
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VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions	Year(s)
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VII. Awards and Honors

University of Wyoming College of Ag, Life Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Educator	2024
University of Wyoming Extension, CNP Educator of the Year 2023, and Rookie of the Year 2016	
UW Extension CNP Linda Melcher Award	2020
UW Extension Team Excellence Award	2025
NEAFCS Regional and National Awards	2020, 2025

Position Statement

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

I am pursuing the Western Region Director role to advocate for rural Extension, elevate member engagement, and ensure states like Wyoming—small in number but significant in impact—have a strong and respected voice.

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

My top priority would be to build on the strong momentum within the Western Region by strengthening engagement and representation across all states, while ensuring rural and geographically diverse areas like Wyoming have a strong voice. I am committed to expanding opportunities for connection, leadership development, and recognition, while encouraging members to step into leadership and share the impact of Extension in their communities.

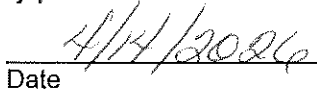
Are you willing to be considered as a candidate for a different office? The national nominating committee chair would contact you first as to your preference and willingness to serve in any other position. Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe ☐

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


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.

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



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March 16, 2026

To: National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)

Re: Mary Evans Western Regional Director Candidacy

Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Mary Evans as Western Regional Director for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS).

Mary serves with the University of Wyoming (UW) Extension as a Cent\$ible Nutrition Program Educator and Community Vitality and Health Educator. She consistently demonstrates the kind of quiet leadership that has led to personal and team success. She is responsive, inclusive, and thoughtful in her approach—qualities that will allow her to effectively represent the needs, concerns, and successes of FCS professionals across the western region.

Mary has already shown her commitment to the profession through her leadership with the Wyoming Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WEAFCS), where she served as President. In that role, she brought people together, encouraged participation, and helped elevate the voices of colleagues across the state. Her ability to listen, connect, and move ideas forward would make her an excellent representative for the region within NEAFCS.

I have full confidence that Mary will serve the western region with dedication and integrity, and I strongly support her candidacy for Western Regional Director.

Sincerely,

Amanda Marney
Associate Dean/Director
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National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Nominating Committee

April 8, 2026

Members of the NEAFCS Nominating Committee,

It is my pleasure to highly recommend Mary Evans for the position of NEAFCS Western Region Director. Mary and I met at Annual Session years ago when she joined the New Mexico Affiliate for our States Night Out, demonstrating her warmth and willingness to embrace new experiences and people. We stayed in touch and she was always very happy to help me with our Western Region volunteer needs at Annual Session when I served as the Region Director. She served in the following roles:

- Credentials Committee Representative
- Set-up support at two Annual Sessions
- Ticket taker
- Minutes reviewer

Over the years, I have been so proud of Mary's leadership of the Wyoming Affiliate. It has been so exciting to watch the Affiliate's growth under her supportive and inclusive leadership. During her six-year tenure as President of WEAFCs, membership increased from two to 10, a significant accomplishment given their small pool of eligible professionals, 15 educators statewide. She made a concerted effort to recruit members who were not previously involved with NEAFCS. Those members are now actively engaged, with several serving in officer roles. This year, six members plan to attend the Annual Session, a significant accomplishment from Mary attending alone for many years. Additionally, Wyoming had not submitted more than one or two award packets for several years. In the past two years, 13 award packets have advanced to regional and national, demonstrating the quality of their work but also a culture that encourages members to share their impacts and seek professional recognition. Many Western Region affiliates are small and struggle to gain and retain members. Some are not active at all. Mary understands this dynamic and will work to support and encourage these affiliates along with the larger active ones.

Mary is professional, wise, relational, reliable, has strong Extension experience, and has served on the Endowment Committee nationally. These qualities and experiences will be very helpful to the national Board. I have been actively recruiting Mary for several years as she is a joy to work with and it is my delight to recommend her to you.

Respectfully,

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February 2, 2026

Dear NEAFCS Nominating Committee:

In recognition of the exceptional achievements of Mary Evans, I would like to nominate her for the Western Region Director position of NEAFCS. Mary is a trailblazer for UW Extension through her programming as an educator for the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program (CNP) and the Community Vitality and Health (CVH) team. She enhances the communities she serves through innovative programming, effective educational programs, community partnership building, and commitment to personal and professional growth.

Mary has worked for Extension for over 10 years, serving multiple counties. From the beginning, Mary has dedicated herself to her work, going beyond expectations to meet community and participant needs. She is a pillar for CNP, and over the years has served as committee chairs, mentored new educators, and developed curriculum and partnership toolkits. Mary is always willing to pilot a new project, guide new educators, and solve challenges through creative solutions.

In addition to her CNP work, Mary is serving Extension with 20% of her time being devoted CVH. Mary was the first CNP Educator to trial this combination position to help maximize program coverage and staffing. Through this work, she has expanded programming and reach in her communities by offering classes, hosting events focused on health, and furthering connections with local partners. Because of her pioneering of this joint initiative, it is being trialed in other areas of the state.

Mary strives to ensure that both CNP and CVH programming are the best they can be. Currently, Mary is serving Platte and Converse counties with her CNP and CVH programming. She has implemented innovative community programming for positive community changes, such as the Food 4 Weekends backpack program, the commodity food program for seniors, and the development of food pantries at local schools. She is well respected in her community and is sought after as a partner and an educator.

Mary also served as president for Wyoming NEAFCS affiliate and continues to provide support and guidance to the new president and awards chair. She has taken a leadership role both within the state and nationally. She serves as the Credentialing Chair for the Western Region and presented at the 2024

national conference in Tucson. She has received several NEAFCS awards through her innovative programming and received a scholarship to attend PILD.

Mary is committed to personal and professional growth. She is working towards her Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. In her courses, she strives to connect assignments to her real-world work, and improve programming while earning her degree.

She is serving as the county coordinator for Platte County Extension. When there is a need, Mary is always the first to step up, and her leadership has garnered respect for her and Extension within the counties she serves. Mary is in the only CNP educator to be serving as a county coordinator, which attests to her leadership abilities, community connections, and professionalism.

Mary is an exemplary educator and colleague. It is an honor to work with her, and she is a true asset to CNP, UW Extension, NEAFCS, and her counties. I strongly support Mary Evans' nomination as the Western Region Director. She is a deserving nominee who exemplifies service and commitment to her profession.

Sincerely,



Mindy Meuli
Cent\$ible Nutrition Program Director

