



# 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.

Office Applied for: Vice President for Member Resources

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

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Work Phone/Extension	Work Fax	Home Phone

## I. Education Background

BS/BA	Home Economics	Texas A&I University	1991
	Major	Institution	Year
MS/MA	Agriculture Science	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	2007
	Major	Institution	Year
PhD			
	Major	Institution	Year

## II. NEAFCS Experience

Office	Year(s)
<b>Committee Chair</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
• Registration Chair	2016
• Pre/Post Conference Chair	2016
• Registration Co-Chair	2015

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

**Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS**

**Year(s)**

- Public Affairs Education Subcommittee 2019
- Assisted as in the Southern Region Business Meeting 2018
- Assisted with Open Session (National Anthem) 2018
- Public Affairs Education Subcommittee 2018
- Assisted as registration in the Southern Region Business Meeting 2017
- Assisted on the Finance Committee 2017
- Public Affairs Education Subcommittee 2017
- Served on the Awards Committee 2017
- Served as a Delegate in Southern Region Business Meeting 2017
- Public Affairs Education Subcommittee 2016
- Assisted as a minute reviewer in the Southern Region Business Meeting 2016
- Served on the Arrangements Committee 2016
- Assisted Nominating Committee during Annual Business Meeting 2016
- Served as a Delegate in Southern Region Business Meeting 2016
- Assisted as teller in the Southern Region Business Meeting 2015
- Public Affairs Education Subcommittee 2015
- Served as a Delegate in Southern Region Business Meeting 2015
- Served on the Awards Committee 2015
- Served as a Judge for National Awards 2015
- Served on Proposal Review Committee 2014
- Served as a Delegate in Southern Region Business Meeting 2014
- Served as a Delegate in Southern Region Business Meeting 2013

**Annual Sessions Attended (list years)**

- 2019 – Hershey, Pennsylvania
- 2018 – San Antonio, Texas
- 2017 – Omaha, Nebraska
- 2016 – Big Sky, Montana
- 2015 – White Sulphur Springs
- 2014 – Kentucky
- 2013 – Galaxy IV – Pittsburg
- 2010 – Maine
- 2003 – Dallas, Texas

**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): 2014 Proposal Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Submission Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office	Year(s)
• Past President, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2017 - 2018
• President, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2016 - 2017
• President Elect, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2015 - 2016
• Historian, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2013 - 2015
• Director, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2013 - 2015
• Alternate Director, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2012
• 1st Vice President, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2011
• District Director, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2008 - 2010
• Alternate Director, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2007 - 2008
• Secretary, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2007

### Committee Chair

	Year(s)
• Texas Extension Association for Family Consumer Sciences Public Affairs Education Subcommittee	2015 - 2016
• Chair, State Awards Committee, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2011
• Co - Chair, Member Resources Committee, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2007 - 2010
• Co - Chair, Texas Extension Association for Family Consumer Sciences Member Resources	2008 - 2009
• Chairman, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences Officer's Nominations Committee	2008
• Steering Committee Member, District 11 Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences State Conference	2003

### Committee

	Year(s)
• Texas Extension Association for Family Consumer Sciences Awards Review Committee	2015
• Texas Extension Association for Family Consumer Sciences Awards Review Committee	2015
• Texas Extension Association for Family Consumer Sciences Awards Ad Hoc Committee	2014
• Awards Ad Hoc Committee Member, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2013

### IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

	Year(s)
Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)	
• Member, District 11 Family and Consumer Sciences Strike Team (A)	2010 - Present
• Member, State Dinner Tonight State Team (A)	2015 - 2018
• Member, Regional CEA Career Ladder Peer Review Committee (A)	2016
• Member, State Agent Career Ladder Review Committee (A)	2015
• State Annual Conference Proposal Review Committee (A)	2014
• Member, Child Care Provider/Parenting Education Issue Team (A)	2014
• Member, District 11 County Wellness Program Panel Planning Committee (A)	2014
• Member, State Appeals Committee- Career Ladder (A)	2014
• Member, State Performance Management/Career Ladder Committee (A)	2013
• Advisor, State Texas Extension Education Association Educational Program	

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Committee (A)	2012 - 2013
• Member, Search Advisory Committee for Texas AgriLife Extension Service Director (A)	2011 - 2012
• Member, State Mentor Training Committee (A)	2012
• Member, State Walk Across Texas/Texas Education Agency Initiative Committee (A)	2009 - 2010
• Advisor, State Texas Extension Education Association Program Committee (A)	2007 - 2008
• Member, State Invest Committee (A)	2005 - 2008
• Member, South Region 4-H University Committee (A)	2007
• Member, State Volunteer Steering Committee (A)	2004 - 2006
• State 4-H Scholarship Committee (A)	2000 - 2005
• Member, State Family and Consumer Science Project Development Team (A)	2000 - 2002
• Member, State Organizational Excellence Committee (A)	2002
• Member, State Performance Appraisal County Extension Agents Committee (A)	2000

## V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

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

Organizations, Leadership role

**Year(s)**

• Member, Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee, Bellville High School	2014 - Present
• Board Member & Secretary, Austin County Raising Academic Performance (RAP) Board of Directors	2013 - Present
• Member, Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee, Bellville High School	2013 - Present
• Chair, Child Fatality Review Team (DSHS- Serving Colorado, Austin and Waller Counties)	2012 - Present
• Member, Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee, Sealy High School	2010 - Present
• Member, Sealy Independent School District School Health Advisory Committee	2010 - Present
• Member, Bellville Independent School District School Health Advisory Committee	2009 - Present
• Member, East Side Community Foundation	2000 - Present
• Board Member, Austin County Fair Board of Directors	2000 - Present
• Advisor, County Youth Government Day Committee	2000 - Present
• Chairman, Austin County Fair Home Economics Division	2000 - Present
• Member, City of Sealy Fantasy of Lights Entertainment Committee	2000 - Present
• Advisory Member, Austin County Raising Academic Performance (RAP) Organization	2001 - 2013
• Member, Austin County 2010 Census Committee	2009 - 2010
• Board Member, City of Sealy Comprehensive Advisory Board for Economic Development	2008 - 2009
• Member, Selman Elementary Parent Task Force	2005 - 2009
• Ex-Officio Member, Bellville Independent School District Curriculum Task Force	2003 - 2005
• Secretary, Colorado Valley Transit Authority (Serving Austin, Colorado and Waller Counties)	1995 - Present

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

Positions

N/A **Year(s)**

## VII. Awards and Honors

Awards

**Date(s)**

• Superior Service Award –Team Award, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	2019
• Clean and Healthy Families and Communities Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2019
• Rebuild Texas Governor's Recognition Award	2018
• Communication Award – Internet Education Technology- Social Media Education – Online Video Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences	2018

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- Florence Hall Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2018
- Continuing Excellence Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2017
- Community Partnership Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2017
- Early Childhood Child Care Training Award, National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2016
- District 11 "Top FCS Agent" Award 2016
- Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences Early Childhood Childcare Training Award 2015
- Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences Multi-County Program Award 2015
- Superior Service Award – County Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 2014
- Distinguished Service Award, National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2014
- Bellville Independent School District Partners in Education 2013
- Certificate of Service Award – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- 20 Years 2013
- Communication Award-Marketing Package, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2013
- Food Safety Award, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2013
- Newsletter Award, Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2012
- Communication Award - National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2012
- Florence Hall National Winner and Southern Region Winner, Texas Extension Association for Family & Consumer Sciences 2009

**Position Statement**

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

NEAFCS has been a breath of fresh air for me since 2009. Over the years, it has provided me with a plethora of opportunities which has allowed me to grow by leaps and bounds professionally and personally as an Extension professional and parent. As VP for Member Resources, I want to encompass every objective valued by our organization to ensure that the needs of the members are met. Providing resources in the areas of mentoring, leadership, membership, life members, diversity, member benefits and marketing communications. Most importantly, I want to serve as a strong foundation which will enable the members to be elevated in order for them to achieve bigger and greater endeavors in NEAFCS.

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

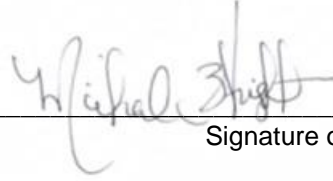
I want to be able to create a professional network that spans across the nation which truly makes a difference. In addition, I want to provide a powerful platform for the members which will keep them connected and engaged with this great professional association and all that it has to offer. It's critical to continue exploring ways to increase membership and find innovative ways of doing it. Most importantly, I want to encourage our membership to take the time to learn from each other. Life-long learning enables us to recognize our natural drive to explore, and grow which encourages us to improve our own quality of life and a sense of self-worth by paying attention to the ideas and goals that inspire us as past, present and future members of NEAFCS.

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

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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.**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
May 11, 2020

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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April 23, 2020

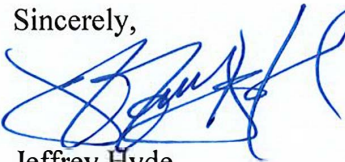
To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to provide a letter of support for the nomination of Lorenza Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent-Family and Community Health, for the position of Vice President for Member Resources with the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS). As you are aware from Michelle's application materials, she has been an active committee member and chair for many years. Michelle has held leadership positions in the state association, including president, as well as serving in numerous chair positions on the national level.

Michelle has great leadership and communication skills, and continually promotes the relevance of Family and Community Health educational objectives and outcomes for Extension programming. As a Family and Community Health agent in Austin County, Michelle has extended programming to new audiences and strives to provide relevant, impactful, and timely information to clientele. She is service-oriented, a mentor to new agents, and is respected for her professionalism and enthusiasm for Extension education. She is an advocate for professional development and the recognition of individuals that excel in their positions.

Some of the most important characteristics about Michelle are the personal attributes that may not be found in the resume or nomination form. She is an individual with strong family values and beliefs that match her strong work values. Michelle has a very calming influence and can address critical issues with poise and professionalism. She communicates well and is passionate about the importance of being involved in your professional association. I have no doubt that Michelle will be a valuable, contributing member to the NEAFCS leadership team and she has my encouragement and full support to be nominated for this position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Good luck as you fill the leadership positions within NEAFCS.

Sincerely,  


Jeffrey Hyde  
Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

cc: Jeff Ripley  
Donnie Montemayor

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DISTRICT 11 OFFICE - CORPUS CHRISTI

May 4, 2020

NEAFCS Committee

It is my pleasure to provide a letter supporting Michelle Wright for the nomination of Vice President for members resources with the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Michelle has been a highly effective member of the state and national association. She has held leadership positions, including Texas state president, as well as serving in many different positions on the national level. I am fortunate to supervise Michelle in her professional capacity as a Family and Community Health agent in Austin County. Michelle has served as a 4-H agent, Family Consumer Science, and Family and Community Health agent for the last 28 years.

Michelle provides outstanding outreach educational efforts on the local level. Examples of Michelle's excellent work are in programs such as Chronic Disease Prevention, Diabetes Education, Walk Across Texas-Physical Education, Friend to Friend Cancer Prevention, and Be Well Live Well Healthy Lifestyle. Michelle has also been a leader in developing her programs addressing Healthy Teen Relationships - Dating Dilemmas. Michelle is also very active in mentoring new agents and has provided leadership to numerous interns over the years. Michelle is a highly effective agent that has great family values. She translates these values in her personal and professional capacity planning, implementing and evaluation of her excellent program.

Michele also has quality leadership attributes in motivating and empowering coworkers and volunteers in accomplishment of goals. Michelle has a great ability to communicate with her peers and engage them in meaningful project work. She is a good communicator using technical tools in meeting the needs of those wanting digital technology educational opportunities.

I would highly recommend Michelle Wright's nomination for this very important national office. Ms. Wright would be an excellent selection to lead NEAFCS. Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information about Michelle's ability to lead.

Sincerely,



Donnie Montemayor

District Extension Administrator

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May 12, 2020

Karen Munden  
NEAFCS Chair of Nominating Committee  
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Dear Ms. Munden:

It is my distinct pleasure to provide a letter of support for Ms. Michelle Wright and her application for a national leadership position with NEAFCS. Michelle has provided exceptional leadership to Texas (TEAFCS) and NEAFCS. I have been impressed with her leadership and communication styles as she continually promotes the value of Family and Consumer Sciences. Michelle was one of the first individuals I met when I started my career with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Michelle has served as a colleague, mentor, teacher and most importantly, a friend. Michelle and I often work together, and I have come to rely on her knowledge and opinions.

However, some of the most important characteristics about Michelle are the personal attributes that may not be found in a resume or nomination form. She is a caring individual of integrity and high morals. Michelle has a very calming influence and is able to address critical issues with poise and professionalism. She communicates well, is a great representative of NEAFCS and is passionate about causes that are important to her.

As you can probably tell, I am a very enthusiastic supporter of Michelle and feel she is highly qualified and ready to assume the position of NEAFCS Vice President for Member Resources. I trust her nomination materials will receive the fullest consideration from the nominating committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information that would assist in your decision-making process.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Gertson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dianne Gertson  
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