



National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

2017 National & Regional Award Winners

If a region is not listed in an award category that region did not have a winner. Also note that not all awards were given in every category if there were no qualifying entries.

Greenwood Frysinger Award

National Winner – Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Southern, Texas
Southern Region Winner – Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Southern, Texas

NEAFCS Educator of the Year

National Winner – Janet H. Johnson, Southern, Kentucky
Central Region Winner – Alice Henneman, Central, Nebraska
Southern Region Winner – Janet H. Johnson, Southern, Kentucky
Eastern Region Winner – Elaine Bowen, Eastern, West Virginia

NEAFCS Past Presidents' New Professional

National Winner – Kara Lynch, Central, Michigan
Central Region Winner – Kara Lynch, Central, Michigan
Southern Region Winner – Laurie Osgood, Southern, Florida

Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award

1st Place National Winner – Johanna Hicks and team, Southern, Texas
2nd Place National Winner – Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Southern, Texas
3rd Place National Winner – Judith Knudsen, Central, Wisconsin
1st Place Central Region Winner – Judith Knudsen, Central, Wisconsin
1st Place Southern Region Winner – Johanna Hicks and team, Southern, Texas
2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Lori Wheeler, Southern, Alabama
3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Southern, Texas
1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Michelle Brill and team, Eastern, New Jersey

Florence Hall Award

1st Place National Winner – Z. Tennille Short, Southern, Tennessee
2nd Place National Winner – Lisa Treiber and team, Central, Michigan
3rd Place National Winner – Naomi Bechtold and team, Central, Indiana
1st Place Central Region Winner – Lisa Treiber and team, Central, Michigan
2nd Place Central Region Winner – Naomi Bechtold and team, Central, Indiana
1st Place Southern Region Winner – Z. Tennille Short, Southern, Tennessee
2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Lynda Latta, Southern, Oklahoma
3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Layne Langley, Southern, Louisiana
1st Place Western Region Winner – Grace Wittman and team, Western, Idaho

Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award

1st Place National Winner – Linda Uzzle and team, Southern, Louisiana
2nd Place National Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington
3rd Place National Winner – Ashley Bales, Central, Missouri
1st Place Central Region Winner – Ashley Bales, Central, Missouri
2nd Place Central Region Winner – Melinda Hill and team, Central, Ohio
1st Place Southern Region Winner – Linda Uzzle and team, Southern, Louisiana



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- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Karen Munden and team, Virginia
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Mary Kizer and team, Southern, Arkansas
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Barbara O’Neill, Eastern, New Jersey
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington

Clean and Healthy Families & Communities Award

- National Winner – Susan Cosgrove and team, Southern, Mississippi
- National Winner – Melissa Goodman, Southern, Kentucky
- Southern Region Winner – Susan Cosgrove and team, Southern, Mississippi
- Southern Region Winner – Melissa Goodman, Southern, Kentucky

Community Partnership Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Barbara Stockebrand and team, Central, Kansas
- 2nd Place National Winner – Lauren Weatherford, Eastern, West Virginia
- 3rd Place National Winner – Sally Garrett and team, Southern, Texas
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Barbara Stockebrand and team, Central, Kansas
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Amy Lorenzen, Central, Kansas
- 3rd Place Central Region Winner – Megan Hruby and team, Central, Minnesota
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Lauren Weatherford, Eastern, West Virginia
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Sally Garrett and team, Southern, Texas
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Courtney Davis and team, Southern, Texas
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Layne Langley, Southern, Louisiana
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Lisa Terry and team, Western, Montana

Early Childhood Child Care Training Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Teresa Byington and team, Western, Nevada
- 2nd Place National Winner – Amy Peterson and team, Central, Nebraska
- 3rd Place National Winner – Brenda Langerud and team, Central, North Dakota
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Amy Peterson and team, Central, Nebraska
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Brenda Langerud and team, Central, North Dakota
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Brooke Knight and team, Southern, Mississippi
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Gwen Crum and team, Eastern, West Virginia
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Teresa Byington and team, Western, Nevada
- 2nd Place Western Region Winner – Patricia Zilliox and team, Western, Arizona

Environmental Education Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Keishon Thomas and team, Southern, Georgia
- 2nd Place National Winner – Johanna Hicks and team, Southern, Texas
- 3rd Place National Winner – Melanie Thomas, Southern, Florida
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Keishon Thomas and team, Southern, Georgia
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Johanna Hicks and team, Southern, Texas
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Melanie Thomas, Southern, Florida

Extension Housing Outreach Award

- National Winner – Erica Tobe and team, Central, Michigan



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Central Region Winner – Erica Tobe and team, Central, Michigan

Southern Region Winner – Denise Everson and team, Southern, Georgia

Family Health and Wellness Award

1st Place National Winner – Amy Ressler, Southern, Texas

2nd Place National Winner – Lorrie Coop, Southern, Texas

3rd Place National Winner – Sharolyn Jackson and team, Central, Kansas

1st Place Central Region Winner – Sharonlyn Jackson and team, Central, Kansas

2nd Place Central Region Winner – Julie Garden-Robinson, Central, North Dakota

3rd Place Central Region Winner – Holly Jay, Central, North Dakota

1st Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Ressler, Southern, Texas

2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Lorrie Coop, Southern, Texas

3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Heather Janney and team, Southern, Florida

1st Place Western Region Winner – Heidi Le Blanc and team, Western, Utah

Food Safety Award

1st Place National Winner - Suzanne Driessen and team, Central, Minnesota

2nd Place National Winner – Amy Peterson and team, Central, Nebraska

3rd Place National Winner – Elisa Shackelton and team, Western, Colorado

1st Place Central Region Winner – Suzanne Driessen and team, Central, Minnesota

2nd Place Central Region Winner – Amy Peterson and team, Central, Nebraska

3rd Place Central Region Winner – Joyce McGarry and team, Central, Michigan

1st Place Southern Region Winner – Susan Culpepper, Southern, Georgia

2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Alyssa Anderson and team, Southern, North Carolina

3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Michelle Carter, Southern, Arkansas

1st Place Western Region Winner – Elisa Shackelton and team, Western, Colorado

2nd Place Western Region Winner – Wendy Wedum and team, Western, Montana

Human Development/Family Relationships

1st Place National Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington

2nd Place National Winner – Teresa Byington and team, Western, Nevada

3rd Place National Winner – Naomi Brower and team, Western, Utah

1st Place Western Region Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington

2nd Place Western Region Winner – Teresa Byington and team, Western, Nevada

3rd Place Western Region Winner – Naomi Brower and team, Western, Utah

Marketing Package Award

1st Place National Winner – Loren Wells and team, Eastern, West Virginia

2nd Place National Winner – Kayla Colgrove, Central, Nebraska

3rd Place National Winner – Brenda Long and team, Central, Michigan

1st Place Central Region Winner - Kayla Colgrove, Central, Nebraska

2nd Place Central Region Winner – Brenda Long and team, Central, Michigan

3rd Place Central Region Winner – Anita Hering and team, Central, Minnesota

1st Place Southern Region Winner – Katie Funderburk and team, Southern, Alabama

2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Kathryn Holland and team, Southern, Georgia



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- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Maranda Revell, Southern, Texas
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Loren Wells and team, Eastern, West Virginia
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Joey Peutz and team, Western, Idaho

Program Excellence Through Research Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Mary Blackburn and team, Western, California
- 2nd Place National Winner – Laurie Weinreb-Welch and team, Eastern, Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place National Winner – Radonna Sawatsky and team, Southern, Oklahoma
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Laurie Weinreb-Welch and team, Eastern, Pennsylvania
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Radonna Sawatsky and team, Southern, Oklahoma
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Kane Reeves and team, Southern, Tennessee
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Mary Blackburn and team, Western, California

School Wellness Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Shannon Cromwell and team, Western, Utah
- 2nd Place National Winner – Amy Mullins and team, Southern, Florida
- 3rd Place National Winner – Randi Roxanne Price, Southern, Georgia
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Mary Shroeder and team, Central, Minnesota
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Mullins and team, Southern, Florida
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Randi Roxanne Price, Southern, Georgia
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Dianna Bowen, Southern, Arkansas
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Shannon Cromwell and team, Western, Utah

Social Networking Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Lisa Franzen-Castle and team, Central, Nebraska
- 2nd Place National Winner – Wendy Wedum and team, Western, Montana
- 3rd Place National Winner – Jamie Rathburn and team, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Lisa Franzen-Castle and team, Central, Nebraska
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Jamie Rathburn and team, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Jody Paver and team, Southern, Kentucky
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Olivia Jones and team, Southern, North Carolina
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Julia Wilson, Southern, Kentucky
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Wendy Wedum and team, Western, Montana
- 2nd Place Western Regional Winner – Heidi LeBlanc and team, Western, Utah

Communications Award: Newsletters

- 1st Place National Winner – Kylie Ludwig and team, Central, Kansas
- 2nd Place National Winner – Ruth Shriefer and team, Central, Wisconsin
- 3rd Place National Winner – Cami Wells and team, Central, Nebraska
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Kylie Ludwig and team, Central, Kansas
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Ruth Shriefer and team, Central, Wisconsin
- 3rd Place Central Region Winner – Cami Wells and team, Central, Nebraska
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Kristen Sumpter, Southern, Georgia
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Leslie Workman, Southern, Kentucky
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Lori Wiggins and team, Southern, Florida
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Diane Smith and team, Western, Washington



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Communications Awards: TV/Video

- 1st Place National Winner – Lisa Hamilton and team, Southern, Florida
- 2nd Place National Winner – Natasha Haynes and team, Southern, Mississippi
- 3rd Place National Winner – Susan Culpepper and team, Southern, Georgia
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Caitlin Huth, Central, Illinois
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Linda Beech, Central, Kansas
- 3rd Place Central Region Winner – Katie LaPlant and team, Central, Ohio
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Lisa Hamilton and team, Southern, Florida
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Natasha Haynes and team, Southern, Mississippi
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Susan Culpepper and team, Southern, Georgia
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Julie Buck and team, Western, Idaho
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Leslie Forstadt, Eastern, Maine

Communications Award: Educational Publication

- 1st Place National Winner – Amy Ressler and team, Southern, Texas
- 2nd Place National Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington
- 3rd Place National Winner – Suzanne Pish and team, Central, Michigan
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Suzanne Pish and team, Central, Michigan
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Holly Jay, Central, Missouri
- 3rd Place Central Region Winner – Donna Krug, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Ressler and team, Southern, Texas
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Stephanie Helms and team, Southern, Alabama
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Mullins and team, Southern, Florida
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Kayla Wells-Moses, Western, Washington

Communications Award: Educational Curriculum Package

- 1st Place National Winner – Elaine Bowen and team, Eastern, West Virginia
- 2nd Place National Winner – Amy Mullins and team, Southern, Florida
- 3rd Place National Winner – Amy Ressler and team, Southern, Texas
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Nozella Brown, Central, Kansas
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Julie Garden-Robinson, Central, North Dakota
- 3rd Place Central Region Winner – Silvia Alvarez-Davila, Central, Minnesota
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Mullins and team, Southern, Florida
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Amy Ressler and team, Southern, Texas
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Cecilia Hostilo and team, Southern, Kentucky
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Elaine Bowen and team, Eastern, West Virginia

Communications Award: Photography

- 1st Place National Winner – Judith Hetterman, Southern, Kentucky
- 2nd Place National Winner – Sondra Ganus-Thorne, Southern, Tennessee
- 3rd Place National Winner – Saundra Raines, Southern, Louisiana
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Sara Croymans, Central, Minnesota
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Judith Hetterman, Southern, Kentucky
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Sondra Ganus-Thorne, Southern, Tennessee
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Saundra Raines, Southern, Louisiana
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Shana Withee, Western, Oregon



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Communications Award: Written Press Releases

- 1st Place National Winner – Linda Beech, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Linda Beech, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Sandra Raines, Southern, Louisiana
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Celeste Scarborough, Southern, Arkansas
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Margaret Viebrock, Western, Washington
- 2nd Place Western Region Winner – Jane Wolery, Western, Montana

Communications Award: Educational Technology

- 1st Place National Winner – Diana Doggett and team, Southern, Kentucky
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Diana Doggett and team, Southern, Kentucky
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Laura Smith, Southern, Georgia
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Jheri-Lynn McSwain and team, Southern, Texas

Communication Award: Internet Education Technology

- 1st Place National Winner – Lisa Poppe and team, Central, Nebraska
- 2nd Place National Winner – Julie England and team, Southern, Florida
- 3rd Place National Winner – Jody Paver and team, Southern, Kentucky
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Lisa Poppe and team, Central, Nebraska
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Sara Elnakib, Eastern, New Jersey
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Julie England and team, Southern, Florida
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Andrea Johnson, Southern, Kentucky
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Jody Paver and team, Southern, Kentucky

Communications Award: Radio/Podcast

- 1st Place National Winner – Justin Thomas and team, Southern, Tennessee
- 2nd Place National Winner – Sara Croymans and team, Central, Minnesota
- 3rd Place National Winner – Kylie Ludwig, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Central Region Winner – Sara Croymans and team, Central, Minnesota
- 2nd Place Central Region Winner – Kylie Ludwig, Central, Kansas
- 1st Place Southern Region Winner – Justin Thomas and team, Southern, Tennessee
- 2nd Place Southern Region Winner – Kristen Sumpter, Southern, Georgia
- 3rd Place Southern Region Winner – Kimberly Burgess-Neloms and team, Southern, Alabama
- 1st Place Western Region Winner – Jane Wolery, Western, Montana
- 2nd Place Western Region Winner – Tonya Johnson and team, Western, Oregon

Master Family and Consumer Sciences Volunteer Award

- 1st Place National Winner – Kathleen Savoie and team, Eastern, Maine
- 1st Place Eastern Region Winner – Kathleen Savoie and team, Eastern, Maine



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Distinguished Service Award

Apriell	Burgess	Alabama
Kari	vanDelden	Alaska
Jane	Newton	Arkansas
Anne	Zander	Colorado
LuAnn	Duncan	Florida
Wendy	Lynch	Florida
Denise	Everson	Georgia
Cynthia	Sweda	Georgia
Betty	Gavin	Illinois
Denise	Dias	Kansas
Kathryn	Tharman	Kansas
Katherine	Alexander	Kentucky
Melanie	Bealmear	Kentucky
Denise	Wooley	Kentucky
Linda	Uzzle	Louisiana
Lisa	Treiber	Michigan
Pamela	Redwine	Mississippi
Jennifer	Russell	Mississippi
Lisa	Terry	Montana
Susan	Pearman	Nebraska
Sherri	Cirignano	New Jersey
Cindy	Davies	New Mexico
Stephanie	Parker-Helmkamp	North Carolina
Sherrie	Peeler	North Carolina
Marie	Economos	Ohio
Daniel	Remley	Ohio
Jean	Bailey	Oklahoma
Kathy	Enyart	Oklahoma
Claudia	Mincemoyer	Pennsylvania
Michele	Atkins	Tennessee
Susan	Cole	Tennessee
Vicki	Lofty	Tennessee
Eunice	Buckner	Texas
Angela	Burkham	Texas
Paula	Scott	Utah
Andrea	Bennett	West Virginia



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Continued Excellence Award

Jean	Ince	Arkansas
Patti	Wooten Swanson	California
Gisele	Jefferson	Colorado
Joey	Peutz	Idaho
Nancy	Honig	Kansas
Cynthia	Williams	Kansas
Elizabeth	Kingsland	Kentucky
Edith	Lovett	Kentucky
Leslie	Workman	Kentucky
Mandy	Armentor	Louisiana
Brenda	Long	Michigan
Kelly	Kunkel	Minnesota
Carolyn	Conger	Mississippi
Janet	Jolley	Mississippi
Tammy	Roberts	Missouri
Carol	Larvick	Nebraska
Brenda	Langerud	North Dakota
Shannon	Carter	Ohio
Barbara	Hennard	Ohio
Elizabeth	Gardner-McBee	Oklahoma
Karen Ranel	Lasley	Oklahoma
Sharon	McDonald	Pennsylvania
Christopher	Sneed	Tennessee
Michelle	Allen	Texas
Heidi	LeBlanc	Utah
Margaret	Miltenberger	West Virginia