



2025 AWARDS AT-A-GLANCE

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AWARD

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

PURPOSE

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

WHAT DO I GET?

Community
Partnership
Award

Member

Recognizes NEAFCS members for their efforts in building community partnerships to meet the educational needs and/or concerns of families.

Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Effort shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.
First place national winner shall present a Concurrent Session the year award received.

National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.

Continued
Excellence
Award

Member at
least 12
years

Recognize active involvement in professional improvement programs, promotion of professional development, leadership.

Award determined within Affiliate. Only awarded **once per person.** Received NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award prior to the current session. Has attended **3** or more Annual Sessions.

Plaque given
at Annual
Session

Distinguished
Service
Award

Member
10 years or
more

Recognizes Extension FCS Educators for leadership, outstanding programs, and personal & professional growth.

Award determined within Affiliate. Only awarded **once per person.** Number of awards given determined by number of members. Has attended **2** or more Annual Sessions.

Plaque given
at Annual
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Early Childhood Child Care Training Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding childcare professional training that addresses the needs of young children.	Application may be submitted by individual or team. Program must have been conducted with two years prior to applying. Application must contain a marketing and delivery piece as well as an evaluation tool. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Educational Curriculum Package Award	Member	Recognizes excellence in curriculum development.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships
Environmental Education Award	Member	Recognizes NEAFCS members for outstanding educational programs conducted for families and/or communities on various environmental issues/concerns.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program or activity shall have been conducted in the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships



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Excellence in Teamwork Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding FCS programming presented by a multi-disciplinary team.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Excellence in Multi State Collaboration Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding program collaboration by Extension FCS Professionals in two or more states	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Extension Disaster Education Award	Member	Recognizes innovative educational programs and outreach efforts that help individuals, families or communities become more resilient and decrease the impact of natural or human-made disasters.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Extension Educator of the Year	Member at least 12 years	Recognizes a professional Extension FCS Educator who is conducting outstanding educational programs that demonstrate impact on families and who has continued professional development activities and involvement.	Must have received DSA & CE awards prior to submitting. Attended 4 or more Annual Sessions, letters of support from administration. Showcase of Excellence display at annual session. Received once.	Plaque given at Annual Session
Extension Housing Outreach Award	Member	Recognizes programming that enhances housing outreach to communities and special needs families.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Outreach shall have been conducted with last two years. Two National winners will be selected. National winners will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	Two National First places awarded - each One (1) is an annual session full scholarship 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships based on available funds.
Family Health & Wellness Award	Member	Recognize innovative programs that promote and improve the health and wellness of families including but not limited to nutrition, fitness, family meals, meal planning, time or stress management, and healthy lifestyle.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. The program or activity shall have been conducted in the past three years. First place national winner will participate in Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Financial Management Award in Memory of Dean Don Felker	Member (may only win this award one time)	Given to FCS Educator(s) who have developed an outstanding program on some aspect of family financial management. Program should provide training in budgeting, credit management, savings, etc.	Application may be submitted by individual or team. Winner will present a Concurrent Session at Annual Session year award received.	National First place winner receives partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship.
Florence Hall Award	Member	Recognizes members who have been alert in recognizing emerging issues or new concerns and interests of families or individuals and have planned and implemented programs and involved people in planning and implementing programs that benefit families/individuals.	Program conducted within the past 5 years by individual or team.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships
Food Safety Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding innovative programming that has shown significant impact on families and individuals involved in preparing and serving food. Technology use a plus.	Application may be submitted by individual or team. Program or activity should have been conducted in the past 3 years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Greenwood Frysinger Award	Member 5 years or less	Opportunity to expand the professional's network and to recognize an outstanding mentor/mentee experience	National winner will present Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year following award receipt OR present a webinar within 18 months of receiving award. Received once.	One (1) Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship for mentee. Certificate for mentor(s).
Human Development/ Family Relationships Award	Member	Recognizes innovative human development/family relationships educational efforts including child care, parenting, relationships through the life span, marriage enrichment, communications (parent/child), retirement, aging, stress management, and related issues.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program or activity shall have been conducted in the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Innovation in Programming Award	Member	Recognizes innovation and accomplishment in the design and implementation of an FCS program.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Innovative Youth Development Program Award	Member	Recognizes innovation and accomplishment in the design and implementation of an FCS program for a youth target audience (non-4-H youth audience).	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Marketing Package Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding marketing package promoting a class, program or pertinent Family & Consumer Sciences issues.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program or activity shall have been conducted in the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding efforts and accomplishments of individuals and/or teams in diversity and pluralism for any Extension FCS program or activity, including staff development, advisory councils, programs, etc.	Application may be submitted by individual or team. Program or activity shall have been conducted within past year. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session at Annual Session the year award is received. Regional 1st place winners will jointly present a Concurrent Session.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program Award	Member	Recognizes exceptional implementation of the Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session on the program at Annual Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Past Presidents' New Professional Award	New Member	Recognizes outstanding accomplishments of NEAFCS members within first five years from date of original employment with Cooperative Extension. This award is for professionals early in their Extension career. Encourage member to attend Annual Session.	Must be in the first five years from the date of original employment with Cooperative Extension . This award is for professionals early in their Extension career. Those who leave Extension and then resume their careers are not eligible. No team awards.	National first place awarded one (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship that must be used the year award is received. Scholarship is forfeited if winner does not attend Annual Session.
Program Excellence Through Research Award	Member	Recognizes members as researchers and users of research. Emphasizes the use of research results to improve existing or to develop new programs.	Application may be submitted by team or individual. Research shall have been conducted in the past three (3) years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session on their research at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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School Wellness Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding school-based programs to promote and improve physical, emotional, and/or social wellness of students, staff or families of students in the school community. May include nutrition, fitness, garden-based nutrition education, health, character education, self-esteem, farm-to-school and more.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The program or activity shall have been conducted in the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
SNAP-Ed/EFNEP Educational Program Award	Member	Recognizes outstanding nutritional education programs targeted to SNAP-eligible and EFNEP audiences.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The network has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will participate in the Showcase of Excellence at Annual Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Social Media Education Award	Member	Recognizes innovative social media education efforts.	Application may be submitted by an individual or a team. The media has been created within the past three years. First place national winner will present a Concurrent Session the year the award is received.	National First place awarded One (1) Annual Session full conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Communications Educational Publication Award	Member	Encourages excellence in communications in 6 categories, including educational publications.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Communications Internet Education Technology Award	Member	Encourages excellence in communications in 6 categories, including internet education technology.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Communications Newsletters Award	Member	To encourage excellence in communications in 6 categories, including newsletters.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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Communications Radio/Podcast Program Award	Member	Encourages excellence in communications in 6 categories, including educational radio and/or podcast programs/spots from one (1) to 15 minutes in length.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Communications Television/Video Program Award	Member	Encourages excellence in communications in 6 categories, including educational television and/or video programming.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.
Communications Written Media Award	Member	Encourages excellence in communications in 6 categories, including Written Press Release, special feature story, or personal news column.	Application may be submitted by an individual or team. Programs shall have been conducted within past three (3) years.	National First place awarded One (1) \$300 Annual Session conference registration fee scholarship. 2nd & 3rd places receive partial Annual Session conference registration fee scholarships.



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