



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the
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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory: Maine-New Hampshire Date: 12-29-21
Person Completing Form: Lisa Fishman Phone: _____

What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

The Maine-New Hampshire affiliate is pleased to have basically held it all together for the past 2 years.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

Our goal in the next year is to grow our affiliate by demonstrating the tangible benefits NEAFCS membership can bring. We have members who will apply for awards in 2022, and we have one member testing the waters of National Board involvement.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

Lack of recognition for the value of FCS programming. There is a dire lack of funding for FCS positions in both Maine and New Hampshire, with resources going to increasing Extension Administration's footprint and to positions in 4H and Ag programming areas. In New Hampshire, clusters of FCS programming have been parsed out of FCS job descriptions and folded into other programming areas, effectively minimizing the role of FCS educators/agents/staff.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

How to make the case that FCS education is as important, if not more important, than STEM-STEAM education?

How to make it a legislative action that all Land Grants will have fully-staffed FCS programs to address issues and needs such as childhood obesity, increases in chronic disease, increases in mental health issues, increasing concerns over the safety of our food supply, increasing consumer debt, increasing inflation and to manage finances. Is PILD enough? We need to have legislators at OUR table, not just go to The Hill to leave impact statements with aides at THEIR table.