



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: Texas Date: Jan 19, 2022
Person Completing Form: Amy Ressler Phone: _____

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

The annual conference of TEAFCS is a highlight of our year. We were grateful and fortunate to be able to hold the conference in person with about 150 members attending. The pinnacle of the conference is the award ceremony, and we are pleased to have very competitive and highly acclaimed applicants and winners. Overall, our membership is seeing an increase as some of the hiring holds are lifted, and new employees come on board. In general, we are proud we have survived the negative impacts of the pandemic and have found ways to adapt and even strengthen our programming. Additionally we are honored to have national officers from Texas including past president, Dianne Gertson.

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

Our goals include an increase in membership including various ways of being more inclusive of those working in the FCS discipline but not in a traditional agent position. Related to that we are looking for ways we can help with financial support the cost of dues for individual members. Additionally, as communication remains critical for all aspects of our work, we hope to maintain and enhance our communication channels.

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

Funding continues to be a challenge for our overall agencies in terms of legislative funding positions, as well as our membership in terms of ability to maintain the costs of membership dues. Our members have a variety of situations where some have ample county budgets that will cover membership costs and some that have no financial resources for membership other than "out of pocket."

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

Assistance related to funding the costs of dues, although we do appreciate that there has not been an increase in several years. Also, the costs of attending national meeting can be discouraging, although we do recognize and appreciate the affiliate scholarships and the award winner rewards, it still can be difficult and expensive for your "average" member.

Texas appreciates being a part of NEAFCS and the hard work of the board and management company.