



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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: Wyoming Date: 12/29/2021  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.) I believe our biggest accomplishment this year has been the ability to teach classes virtually to our state. We have only 2 full time and one part time Nutrition and Food Safety Educators and they have been able to provide amazing programming via Facebook lives. Our SNAP/EFNEP Educators have been able to service their clients in person as well as through Zoom classes and hybrid classes – part on line and the cooking portion in person.

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

My goal as President is to present the benefits of NEAFCS to our SNAP/EFNEP Educators. Many of us have Bachelor's degrees and with the dwindling number of NFS educators we are the future of our affiliate. I would imagine this is the case in many affiliates throughout the country

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

The main challenge that University of Wyoming faces is with the lack of Extension Educators across the state, not only in FCS but all disciplines. Our other challenge is the possibility of reorganization of the College of Agriculture and moving the FCS Department to other colleges. This will really dilute the FCS Department and will no longer give us a "home". We are afraid as an affiliate that FCS will just disappear from UW. It is a much needed area of study as it truly is a life science that benefits every person through nutrition education, food preparation, food safety, family finances, budgeting, child development and the list goes on.

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

During the last Annual Session SNAP/EFNEP Educator's membership was discussed. I strongly encourage NEAFCS to consider that many of us have worked to receive our Bachelor's degrees, which is the requirement for full membership in NEAFS. Making those members who have this degree and work with SNAP/EFNEP Associate members would be a disgrace. Many of us have chosen the career path we have due to our passion to work with those with limited incomes. I know the issue of cost of membership has arisen. Three SNAP Educators out of 11 of our affiliate members have deemed the cost of membership important to our professional development. Our SNAP/EFNEP Educators are valuable members of our FCS team, we develop curriculum and programing not only important for our limited income communities but to all. I believe those holding the necessary credentials be allowed to remain as full members with all benefits of membership and those with associates or high school educations be granted an associate membership.