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: Kentucky Date: 2022

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

The Kentucky Affiliate awarded 51 state awards. Of those award winners, 46 were sent on for judging at the regional and national levels. Kentucky had 8 Southern Region winners and 1 received the award from NEAFCS. Additionally, we had 1 Distinguished Service Award.

We had members representing Kentucky on many national committees. Jennifer Bridge completed the first year in her term as the Vice President for Public Affairs. She led very informative and educational sessions during PILD in Washington, DC to help the NEAFCS membership report impact more accurately and use the NEAFCS Impact Statements to their full capacity.

Kentucky was well-represented at both JCEP and PILD in 2022. Our President Elect attended JCEP in Kansas City in February. PILD was attended by the Affiliate President and the Affiliate VP for Public Affairs. Representatives appreciated the opportunity to attend meetings in-person and experience conferences with our leadership teams.

Our membership increased by more than 30 new members this year! Both University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University hired / filled vacant positions. This presented challenges to us throughout the year as we were onboarding new members. The affiliate hosted a special reception in lieu of “state’s night out’ while at NEAFCS in North Carolina. We also engineered a ‘First Timer’s Event’ during our Annual Session in November with them in mind. Both of these events helped new members bond with each other and feel special, and provide them with opportunities to form relationships with established members.

Our 2022 Annual Session’s theme was “ReVamp, ReTrain, ReStart with KEAFCS”. We utilized the NEAFCS Officer Toolkit and relied on it heavily as we conducted officer/chairman trainings as the bulk of our meeting along with area program of work development to help our members get organized for the coming year. Our executive leadership recognized the importance of helping members start strong in 2023 in the face of so much change.

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

To continue to support our new members and all our new officers and chairmen.

To continue engagement with extension leadership on recruitment and retention of FCS professionals.

We are re-working our ‘newsletter’ and ‘marketing’ chairmanships into a ‘Communications Chair’ to more accurately encompass what we need. Our hope is to revamp our website, use an appropriate social media account, and email links to communicate often with our members.

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

We believe retention of qualified FCS professionals to be our greatest challenge.

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

The most effective communication tool we have is our NEAFCS Impact Statements. The current plans to revamp them into a condensed format will be the most help.