

Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the NEAFCS National Office, 325 John Knox Rd. Suite L103 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Fax: (850) 222-3019 Email: djessup@executiveoffice.org

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:	Colorado	Date:	12.6.23
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

Our accomplishments in 2023 included providing a fall professional development retreat for all members, winning the NEAFCS Western Region Award for our Meal Planning with Confidence program and onboarding some new members. While we were able to keep current FCS positions around the state and refill those positions with new FCS specialists, we still lack overall capacity to provide in-depth programming in all FCS topics around the state.

Additionally, we were proud to appoint a new Colorado State Advisor, Katie Dunker. We have not had an active state advisor for numerous years. By having this position filled we will be able to bridge the gap between FCS programming topics around the state and advocate our needs at both the state and national levels.

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

Our goals in 2024 are to provide more professional development opportunities and onboard CEAFCS member more efficiently. We will strive to highlight the benefits of being a CEAFCS member, how it can enhance one's work and what resources it provides to us. Additionally, we will provide more professional development information, classes and support. This will be done both virtually and in person so that all members can join with ease.

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

Some of the biggest challenges we faced in 2023 were based around capacity and training. We have many specialists that cover very large areas. The geographical distance does not allow these specialists to offer a broad depth of programming to each of the communities they serve or to partner with other specialists to support or co-teach classes. In addition to needing more FCS positions, we need to support our newest members by providing training on programs, aiding to determine community needs and finding funding for equipment.

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