



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: Arkansas Date: December 23, 2024
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- NEAFCS-AR held a Professional Development Day, "From Me to We", at the 4-H Center with Karl Bradley, Leadership and Team Development Specialist, The Extension Foundation, as Keynote & Capnote Speaker via Zoom. Fifteen Concurrent Sessions were held including Grown Up U Podcast - 1st Place National Winner; Tricks of the Trade, MIND the Evidence, Social Media for Agents, How Do You Show Appreciation to Create a Winning Team, Adjusting FCS Programs While Keeping Evaluation Validity, Sourdough, Be Involved: Programs of Interest at the National Level, Clover Etiquette Academy, 10 -minute Grab & Go Lessons – Mental Health & Parenting, UADA Internal Leadership Development Opportunities, Creating Evaluations, What Are We AIMING FOR? Help Shape the Future of Reporting & Evaluation at CES, Increasing Your Educational Programming Impact & Reach through PSE Changes, and Revisioning At Home with UAEX Virtual Learning Project. Three Posters were also presented.
- Over 50 FCS Agents, Technicians, Associates, & Specialists attended Professional Development Day.
- NEAFCS Annual Conference, Tucson: 36 Arkansas members attended with 3 presenting concurrent sessions; 2 DSA's awarded.
- NEAFS Awards – 36 awards recognized at state Affiliate level; 6 awards recognized at Regional and/or National Level
- Members served on NEAFCS National Committees and participated in JCEP & PILD Conferences.
- Early Career Coaching Circle – Members were invited to present on how and why to apply for NEAFCS Awards

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

- Arkansas plans to hold a mini-retreat for the State Board
- Goals will be set by the new board in early January and are expected to align with the new NEAFCS Strategic Plan.

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

- Retaining new hires with lower salaries than surrounding states
- Locating FCS & Human Sciences majors to apply for jobs
- Three of 75 counties with no FCS Agent positions

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

Continue the e-mail reminders from the Regional Vice-Presidents and the National Office. Keep up the great work from the National Office and on the website in regards to the National Conference. We appreciate each of you.