



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the  
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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: Maryland Date: 11/27/2024

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

The NEAFCS Maryland Affiliate held two board meetings during 2024. Followed by our Summer meeting focused on celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at College Park, MD.



And recently our Fall meeting held in Ellicott City, MD.



The Maryland NEAFCS Affiliate meetings, held during summer and fall, aimed to connect FCS professionals, facilitate knowledge sharing, explore industry trends, and foster professional development. These gatherings encouraged collaboration and discussions among peers, driving professional and personal growth while collectively shaping the future of the field.

Thirteen Affiliate members flew to Tucson, AZ to attend and participate in the annual session. Collectively, Maryland members presented six (6) concurrent sessions and two (2) posters. We also received several regional awards in the individual and team category. Additionally, two members moved on to receive two national awards during the annual awards ceremony.

Maryland is proud to honor the service of Dr. Jesse Ketterman, who fulfilled his term as Eastern Regional Director, and we are pleased to also be the home of our new Vice President of Member Resources Troy Anthony Anderson.

This year marks several accomplishments among members. One agent, Dr. Deon Little was recognized for completing her doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Three agents, Dorothy

Nuckols, Alex Chan and Jennifer Dixon-Cravens were promoted to Senior Agent in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR).

Maryland was well represented at JCEP conference - PILD in 2024. Our Immediate Past President Carrie Sorenson attended PILD, and did a presentation. Carrie was excited to be able to attend in-person and meet those from other states. Carrie reported that the conference was very valuable for leadership development and encouraged other members to attend in the future.

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

- Assist new FCS educators and staff in their transition to Extension.
- Foster active involvement in our organization capitalizing on the 5 membership categories.
- Update State Affiliate By-Laws and Policies & Procedures to help members understand how the association functions, and clarify processes to better guide incoming officers.
- Encourage members to actively participate in the work of NEAFCS by submitting impact statements, proposals for annual session workshops and posters, applying for awards, and joining local and national committees.

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

- The challenge of Extension employee retention, growth and development. We anticipate that by being a part of a professional association such as NEAFCS we can expand FCS Extension awareness and utilization, and improve its impact.
- Another challenge would be the way in which the bylaws around membership are written to grow interest within the general FCS profession versus all categories speak to being employed directly within FCS Extension.

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

None shared at this time.