

NEAFCS AWARDS AFFIRMATION

By submitting an award application for the NEAFCS National Awards Program, you affirm the following:

- ♦ I understand that to be eligible for the awards program, my national dues must have been postmarked by Dec. 31.
- ♦ I have read the Awards Program Manual for this year's program and am aware of all requirements for my application as well as what will be required of me should I win the award.
- ♦ I am the individual, or the lead on a team, who conducted this program.
- ♦ All information provided on my award application is correct and has been double-checked before submitting.
- ♦ I am aware of the requirement for a photo to accompany my application and have provided one based on the award category's requirements for each category I submit for.
- ♦ I understand that I may opt-out of allowing NEAFCS to use my photo for marketing purposes and that doing so will not affect my score.
- ♦ I understand that NEAFCS has divided the affiliates into Regions. On my application, I am indicating which National Region my state affiliate falls under – not the part of my state where I am located.
 - **Central Region:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
 - **Eastern Region:** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia
 - **Southern Region:** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Virginia
 - **Western Region:** Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Mariana Islands, Micronesia, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

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- I understand that all judges' scores are final.
- I understand that if I receive a scholarship for the NEAFCS Annual Session as part of my award, I must use it myself (if an Individual entry) the same year I win or I forfeit the scholarship. If I am a Team Lead on a team entry, I may designate (in writing) one member of my team who is a current member of NEAFCS to receive the award in my place (*non-members are not eligible for scholarships*). I will contact the NEAFCS office to indicate my designee.
- I have provided a phonetic spelling of my first and last name in the application for the Awards Ceremony should I win the award.
- I understand that I may not submit the same application into the same category – or multiple categories – by changing who the team lead is on each application or by indicating it was an Individual effort in one instance and a team effort in another.
- I have ensured that my email address is correct on my application and that I will look for updates to the status of my application after the National deadline has passed. I know that I should contact the NEAFCS office if I am concerned about the status of my application after June 1.
- I understand that should I win a National Award, I will fill out the RSVP form that is emailed to me for the Awards Ceremony.
- I have ensured that, if this is a Team Entry- I have included the names of all of my team members either on the form, or (if more than 20 members) in my uploaded files in a very clear place. Only team members listed on my original application will be recognized and given a certificate.
- I understand that if I am the leader on a Team Entry, it is my responsibility to share all information the National Office sends to me, to respond to the RSVP, and to make all arrangements regarding scholarships and required presentations at Annual Session.