

Awards and Recognition News

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Awards season has begun, and we have updates and tips for you, in addition to the results of the successful silent auction held in Hershey, PA. Please let me know any questions you might have.

Please Note Changes in the Awards Manual

The 2020 NEAFCS Award information was opened on December 1, along with social media and a notification on the NEAFCS website cover page. Several changes were made in the manual and everyone is encouraged to follow the directions closely. Awards are due on March 16, 2020, instead of March 15, 2020, which is a Sunday. The other changes are the result of committee discussions and changes requested by sponsors. These are some specific changes to note:

- The Clean and Healthy Families & Communities Award will not be offered in 2020.
- The Financial Management in Memory of Dean Don Felker (new title) is now a \$500 cash award for one national winner. The award is sponsored by Purdue.
- The Past Presidents' New Professional Award now recognizes members within their first five years of employment with cooperative extension (previously three years). The award recipient must attend the national session to receive the award.
- The Educational Curriculum Package Award was moved from the communications awards category to its own category.
- New for 2020 - Extension Disaster Education Award. It recognizes innovative educational programs and outreach efforts that help individuals, families or communities become more resilient and decrease the impact of natural or human-made disasters.
- The Social Media Education and Social Media Education-online Video Award were combined to form the Social Media Education award.
- All 1st place Communication Award recipients will receive a \$300 voucher for Annual Registration fees.