

## Awards and Recognition Highlights

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Please check out the updated “Awards Manual” and “Awards at a Glance.” Both documents have an attractive new format! I thank Will Ferguson at the National Office for his excellent design work. I also appreciate the leaders and members of the Awards and Recognition subcommittees for their work in preparing action plans. As we proceed with implementing our plans in the coming months, please consider whether you can help by volunteering to be a judge. I will have an online sign-up form for judges in early 2021.



This month, I would like you to consider whether you might qualify for the 2021 Continued Excellence Award (CE). You must have previously received the Distinguished Service Award to qualify for the CE Award. This award is selected by your state and does not go on to regional or national judging.

The number of awards given per Affiliate is determined by the number of paid active members as of December 31, 2020:

- 1-50 members - 1 nominee
- 51-100 members - 2 nominees
- 101-150 members - 3 nominees
- 151-200 members - 4 nominees
- 201- plus members – 5 nominees

The specific qualifications for the CE Award are the following:

1. Minimum of 12 years NEAFCS membership, including the current year.
2. Applicant must have attended at least three (3) NEAFCS Annual Sessions. (*Yes, the 2020 virtual conference “counts” as an annual session.*)
3. Evidence of superior accomplishments, including evidence of impact.
4. Involvement in a professional improvement program including any or all of the following:
  - a) Participation in informal (non-credit) professional development in the past three years;
  - b) Formal study toward an advanced degree (current or completed);
  - c) Demonstration of personal commitment to professional development through participation in professional associations and contributions to the state Extension Service and Affiliate association.

Please remember that to qualify for any awards or fellowships, membership dues must be postmarked to the National Office by December 31, 2020. We cannot make exceptions to this rule.

Happy Holidays! Please let me know any questions you have at [Julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu](mailto:Julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu) or (701) 231-7187.