



Awards and Recognition: Highlighting 2020 and Looking Toward 2021

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As we continue to celebrate NEAFCS members' accomplishments, we hope you are enjoying the [NEAFCS Facebook highlights](#) showing 2020 award winners. As we gear up for the 2021 awards program, please note that the awards manual goes "live" on December 1. Our awards training committee will be providing training and highlighting some award categories in the next few months.

This month, I would like you to consider whether you might qualify for the 2021 Distinguished Service Award (DSA), if you have not received it previously. 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 DSA are the following:

1. Minimum of 10 years NEAFCS membership.
2. Applicant must have attended at least two (2) NEAFCS Annual Sessions. (*Yes, the 2020 virtual conference "counts" as an annual session.*)
3. Evidence of superior accomplishments, including evidence of impact.
4. Award can be received only once.

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

Please let me know any questions you have at Julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu or (701) 231-7187.