

Awards and Recognition Highlights

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Happy New Year! Best wishes on your 2021 award applications. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our affiliate members.

I have two updates this month. Please consider putting your name on the list as a potential judge and check out our new “Awards Affirmation” for applicants. It is similar to a checklist.

1. Calling All Judges!

It's time to begin gathering **judges** for our national award program. We will need about 60 judges. We sincerely thank you for sharing your time and careful consideration of our applicants who work diligently assembling their applications. I will use the same system as last year: an online collector followed by random drawings of names for judges. You may or may not be randomly selected, but I thank you for making yourself available. Judging usually takes place in April.

[Please copy/paste or click on this link](#) to let us know which category/ies you would be interested in judging. Be sure these are categories in which you will NOT be submitting an application as an individual or member of team.

Direct link to the sign up form: <https://forms.gle/ufVj3Juubnz2wMQw9>

2. Applicants: Please Review the NEAFCS Awards Affirmation

If you apply for awards individually or as a member of a team, be sure to review our brand new NEAFCS [Awards Affirmation](#) (Awards Manual pp. 104-105) that you need to consider when applying for awards. Also, please remember that state deadlines are different from the national deadline (March 15).

Special thanks goes to Hope Wilson from the Awards Training Subcommittee for providing us with some additional tips for submitting applications.

Here's to a new year with fewer challenges! We hope to see you in person in Michigan. If you have questions for me, please contact me at Julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu or 701.231.7187.