

Judges: Help Others to Grow

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It's important to understand awards are a powerful way to grow your career. They help build your credibility and brand as an Extension educator and bring visibility to your university. If you did not apply for an award this year, take this opportunity to learn more about the awards process by becoming a judge.

Judges have unique opportunities. They can see first-hand the amazing work done across the nation and learn what made winning applications stand out. After reviewing the applications, they have exposure to some of the industry's best practices, leaving them feeling inspired and motivated. Best of all, they can support and encourage fellow FCS professionals across the county.

Judges will review each application to ensure all criteria and requirements have been met. Additionally, they will look at the award's unique program accomplishments, objectives, methods, impact, evaluation components, collaborative efforts, and future implications. The judges will also review supporting materials for the award, including marketing and evaluation tools, expansion plans, photos, and letters of support.

Finally, judges will provide constructive feedback to strengthen the applications. If the award does not become a national winner, applicants can use this feedback to apply the following year if they still meet the requirements.

Please consider supporting your fellow FCS professional by becoming an awards judge and helping someone's dream come true.

There is still time to sign up as a judge and signing up is easy! Just fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/2022NEAFCSJudging> and click SUBMIT.

Thank you!