

Why I Give to the NEAFCS Endowment Fund

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NEAFCS created a well-managed endowment fund many years ago that has grown over the years creating stability for our national organization. It sends a message of planned long-term stability, fiscal responsibility, and financial viability. It enhances our organization's prestige and credibility with the Extension system across the country.

The Endowment fund has created an ongoing source of income that is invested in our membership and allows us to distribute back scholarships to our members for the wonderful education and applied research they do in their counties and states. Because a permanent endowment is an invested pool of money that provides a reliable source of income in perpetuity, NEAFCS can count on annual distributions for its membership and charitable work. With appropriate investment and spending policies, the endowment's purchasing power is preserved. The current Endowment generates income to operate which benefits our current and future members. The NEAFCS endowment fund continues to grow over time with additional gifts from our members and multiple donors.

Our Endowment fund has allowed program expansion and funding for awards and scholarships. Distributions from our endowment funds are decided by committee and approved by the board of directors. It provides us with funding outside of our yearly budget and is designed to fulfill a specific purpose supporting our members. It provides NEAFCS with an independent source of funds for specific projects following approved guidelines. It allows options for meeting new challenges for FCS Extension by providing greater financial flexibility and a self-sustaining income stream.

We are building a pipeline for current and future gifts that will be used to build our NEAFCS financial security. I encourage you to contribute to our NEAFCS endowment fund as the current gifts enhance our ability to be a strong, viable organization within the Cooperative Extension system.

I encourage you to add yearly contributions to the endowment fund. Contributions large and small make a difference for our future. Consider applying for a scholarship that will fund one of your projects. Receiving an endowment scholarship not only benefits you---but benefits all of us. We are in this world together and we all can make a difference in the extension work we do. Support the NEAFCS endowment fund and take "small steps" to insure a bright future for our membership.