

You Be the Judge! (No, really.)

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February is a busy time for awards, especially as we get closer to the National submission deadline of March 15th.

There can be some confusion about awards deadlines. March 15th is the deadline for affiliate Awards and Recognition Vice Presidents to send their winning award submissions to NEAFCS for National and Regional judging. However, prior to March 15th, each affiliate has their own submission deadlines and judging process to determine which applications will move forward to NEAFCS. Many affiliate deadlines have already passed, and many are just around the corner. Check with your affiliate Awards and Recognition Vice President about your affiliate's submission deadline.



NEAFCS will soon be making a call for judges to review the National awards submissions. I encourage you to consider serving as a judge this year. In addition to supporting NEAFCS in the awards process, it is also an opportunity to learn more about the amazing work your peers are doing and to experience being a part of the judging process.

Even if you haven't completed an award application before, going through the process of reviewing applications and completing judging sheets will help you think more like a judge. This will help you write a stronger application when you decide to submit for an award.

When you see the call for judges, consider taking the time this spring to recognize the work of your peers while also strengthening your future award applications at the same time.