

So, You've Applied for An Award...Now What?

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As the March 15 national deadline for NEAFCS draws nearer, it may be tempting to heave a deep sigh of relief that awards season is finally over.

But wait...not so fast!

Awards submissions may be over but there is still so much more to do. The next step is for each affiliate to complete the State Winner Form with the list of winners they want to submit for regional and/or national award consideration.

Once these applications are submitted, they will be sent to the judges for scoring in each category at both the regional and national levels. Notifications to winners and non-winners alike will be sent out in early May.

Then, of course, the regional and national award winners will be recognized in high style at the NEAFCS conference in Raleigh, NC. Expect lots of smiles, sparkles, and thundering applause!

BUT FIRST...

Before we get to the fun stuff, we need to recruit awards judges. Be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for an email from me looking for members to step up and support their colleagues by judging awards. And don't forget: You can still be a judge even if you signed up for regional or national consideration. There are a lot of awards categories that need judging, so there is sure to be one you haven't applied for that would be perfect for you to judge.

Stay tuned!

