

President's Message: Endowment Committee's 90th Anniversary Campaign

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With the holiday season upon us, on behalf of the National Board, I would like to wish you, your family, and friends a Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! I hope that you can take some time away from your busy Extension schedule to be with family and friends and reflect on the many blessings and opportunities that life brings us.

It's a busy time for the Association, with many programs launching for the new year. This month, I want to highlight one of those programs, the Endowment Committee's 90th Anniversary Campaign.

The Endowment Committee has set an ambitious goal for the 90th Anniversary to raise \$90,000 before the 2024 Annual Session in Tucson AZ. They have challenged each of us to donate \$90 to the Endowment in the coming year to meet their goal. All money donated to the Endowment is put into a perpetual investment fund that will issue NEAFCS grants and scholarships from the capital appreciation on the donations received.



Donate to the Future of NEAFCS

I highly encourage you to consider donating to the Endowment to support this committee's goal in the coming year. The Endowment is not only an investment in our future but also an investment in the next generations of FCS professionals' futures as the Endowment will continue to grow and fund innovative NEAFCS programs for years to come.



Apply for Grant Funding

But let's talk about the present. Do you have an innovative program that you would like to start but lack the funds to do so? **The NEAFCS Endowment currently offers grants ranging from \$300 to \$3000.** Proposals must focus on innovative ideas that benefit NEAFCS and its members and/or promote the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences in one or more of the designated areas:

- * **Leadership/Professional Development Awards & Recognition**
- * **Public Issues**
- * **Diversity**

Applications are due May 15th, and I encourage you to apply for this great member benefit. You can find more information at the Endowment website:
<https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/Endowment-grant>.