

Oceans of Opportunities Await You with the NEAFCS Leadership Experience

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The Leadership Experience is NEAFCS's leadership development and mentoring program. It is explicitly designed for NEAFCS members to become more involved as leaders in their communities, state associations, and NEAFCS. The NEAFCS Leadership Experience is built with two primary purposes:

- ★ To develop the personal leadership skills
- ★ Facilitate building relationships to reach your goals, discover your passions, and find your success



The Leadership Experience is an 8-part program designed to help identify the leader within, enhance



personal leadership skills, and gain confidence to lead in the community and profession. The

program will help build relationships and collaborate with other NEAFCS members and leaders across the country. Additionally, they discover personal leadership styles and how to use them effectively. Participants are given the tools to discover NEAFCS member benefits and leadership opportunities.

In the application process, mentees identify leadership interests. Based on these interests, mentees are paired with a mentor who has experience in that area and can help in growing abilities and confidence and on a path to success. The Leadership Experience accepts mentees who are in their first five years of NEAFCS membership and mentors who are experienced members who want to build collaborative relationships with new members and help them reach their full potential.

The second component of the Leadership Experience is a formal mentorship with a NEAFCS member who has experience within the leadership areas identified as being of interest to the mentee. Through the mentorship experience, mentees meet regularly with their mentor to explore the good, the bad, and, yes, sometimes, the ugly extension has to offer. Through the mentorship component, mentees will learn from their mentor's experiences the keys to their success and the pitfalls to avoid. Explore new ideas collaboratively and, most importantly, build a friendship that will last well beyond the Leadership Experience.

Application for the 2023 NEAFCS Leadership Experience open on February 1st and close March 15th.