

## President's Message: Shine through awards & changes to the Hall of Fame

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It's a busy time for the Association, with many deadlines having already come or quickly approaching. By the time you read this many of your state award deadlines will be fast approaching. I hope each of you will take the time to complete an awards application to be recognized for your outstanding work every day.



**As you are completing your rewards applications one piece of advice, I would give each of you is to review the rubric for your award at the back of the manual, and make sure that your award application covers the information included in that rubric.**

On the topic of Awards, I would like to make sure that everyone is aware of a change that has been made to the Hall of Fame Award. This award recognizes an outstanding NEAFCS member/s who contributed their time, skills, abilities, and/or financial resources to the NEAFCS. The recognition will be given to NEAFCS members who have demonstrated their commitment, dedication, effective leadership, and involvement in NEAFCS at the state, regional, and/or national level. Changes have been made to the selection process for this award starting this year; the most notable is that **nominations for the Hall of Fame award may only be submitted by current State Presidents**. More information on this award and the nomination process can be found at <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/neafcs-hall-of-fame#!/>



Another event that is quickly approaching that I hope you are considering attending is the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) conference sponsored by the Joint Council Extension Professionals (JCEP). **This year the conference is being co-chaired by Past President Susan Routh. Read more about it from Susan herself in this month's newsletter!**