

Helpful Resources for Applying for Awards

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As we look forward to the upcoming year, it is important that we reflect on the work we completed. I hope while you are reflecting, you smile as you remember the valuable work you have done.

I am a firm believer in not reinventing the wheel and using your work in more than one way. Many, if not all, have had to complete a program review for the year. What were you most proud of? Let that be the start of your award application.

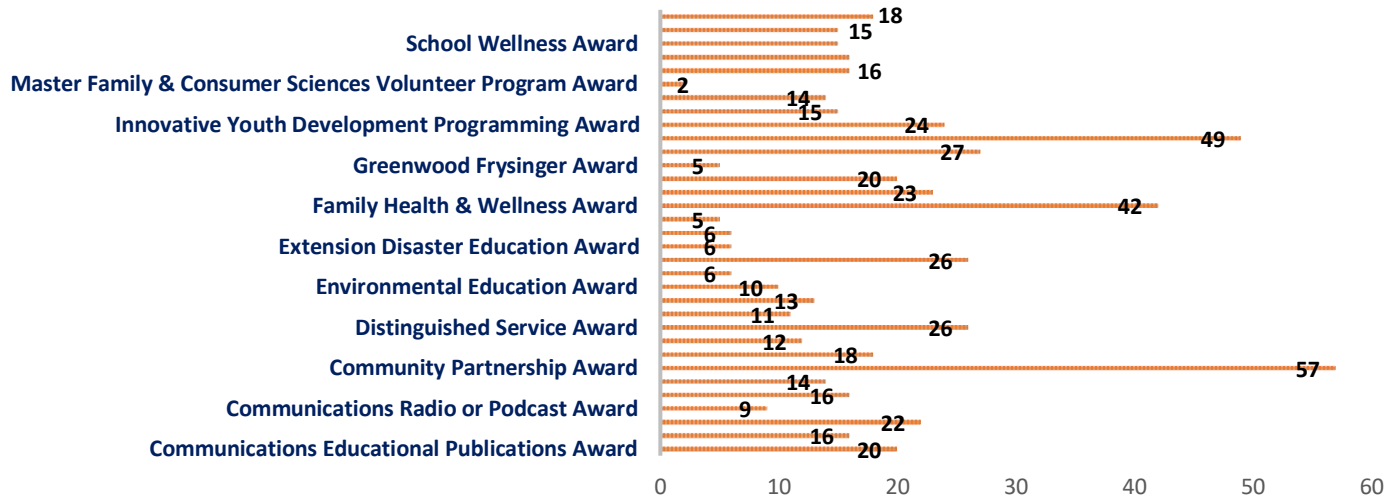
Make sure you look at the [Awards at a Glance](#) document located on the NEAFCS website. As you read each description, consider if you have completed work that supports that award, even within the last three years? If the answer is yes, write it down and create a working list of possible awards applications.



Once you have a list of awards that you have material to support you can begin the process of writing the application and exploring the [Awards Manual/Guidelines](#).

Another approach is to look at the number of awards submitted during previous years. I have included the most recent data.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS



As you can see, there are a few standout categories, and a few that have very few applications submitted. Does your working list of possible awards include the smaller categories? If not, could you fit a program into one of those categories?

A defining characteristic of many educators is the ability to adapt. I challenge each of you to write one award application for the program work you are most proud of, and one award application for a smaller award category.