

Hey, Y'all! A Southern Region Update

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It's almost spring in the South! Award applications are in bloom, and we are just as busy providing great FCS programming to our clients as we are cleaning pollen off our vehicles!

The Southern Region is booming. It's tax season again, and those of us who work with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program are filling our days dealing with forms of a hundred different letter and number combinations. "I need you to complete the 13614-C." | "Do you have your 1099-NEC?" | "Have you signed your 8879?"



Beyond taxes, the southern agents are busy with other excellent programming, teaching the importance of work-life balance while often struggling with their own and generally being a wealth of resources for the people they serve.

Thank you to the affiliates who have completed and submitted their annual report. (If you have not done yours, it's not too late! We will still accept it.) Those affiliates who reported talked about their accomplishments, goals, and challenges.

Here are some of the listed accomplishments:

Kentucky: "[We] increased communication among membership with implementation of virtual town hall meetings and newsletter committee formation."

Louisiana: "We enjoyed a wonderful LEAFCS State conference and are in the process of planning a state conference for 2024."

Oklahoma: "OEAFCS state winners were submitted to NEAFCS with 7 Southern Regional winners and 4 national winners."

Tennessee: "Membership was opened to the new category of Associate members, we had 3 individuals sign up to become associate members. We currently have 121 members across the state of Tennessee."

Texas: "The State Conference was held in Fredericksburg, Texas, where 181 members and 23 guests attended. One of the largest conference attendances!"

Feedback from affiliates regarding their successes and challenges is important to the future success of NEAFCS. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or your Regional Director with any insights, questions, or concerns.

Share comments, concerns, and questions with Sam at skennedy@ufl.edu