

NEAFCS Member Resources: Membership Committee

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In 2024, NEAFCS, your professional organization for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences is celebrating our 90th Anniversary! I encourage you to visit the NEAFCS website to review and complete your Member Profile under the "My Features" tab on the NEAFCS website. Then you can select and join one or more of the NEAFCS 13 Committees.

The Membership Committee extends an invitation to you to join this committee to participate and engage in promoting NEAFCS membership in the categories of Active Member, Associate Member, Life Member, Student Member and Partner Member. This committee meets quarterly by Zoom, in-person at the NEAFCS annual conference or as new opportunities develop throughout the year.

The Membership Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to the 90th NEAFCS Annual Conference, September 16-19, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona. The Membership Committee annually hosts a welcome event for **First-Timer NEAFCS Conference** attendees and this year this event will take place on Monday, September 16th at 1:00 pm with a conference orientation and door prizes. NEAFCS leaders and members will be available to answer your individual questions to prepare you for a fantastic NEAFCS educational conference experience!

As a member in NEAFCS, you have the professional opportunity to be involved in an association that links to the needs of Family and Consumer Sciences educators, who impact the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

The NEAFCS Member Resources: Membership Committee promotes the **seven key benefits** of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences and the mission and goals of the Land Grant University Extension System.

1. Provides members with a **NEAFCS NETWORKING** membership base with 2,900+ fellow members that form a dynamic community to engage from coast to coast.
2. Provides up-to-date information to **STAY INFORMED** on the latest products, methods, resources, and technological advances to enhance the effectiveness of your Extension programs.
3. Provides **AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT** through your \$110 membership dues with endless opportunities for Extension professional growth.
4. Provides **RECOGNITION** opportunities to present research and program impacts at professional conferences and in peer-reviewed publications and achieve recognition through our Regional and National Awards system.
5. Provides personal **GROWTH** opportunities to develop and enhance your personal leadership and management skills in addition to promotion and tenure.
6. Provides **Scholarships** to NEAFCS members to participate in conferences and sessions for JCEP, ELC, PILD and NEAFCS.
7. Provides NEAFCS **MEMBER DISCOUNTS** to save money on registrations, in addition to providing free webinars for members.

Thank you for your NEAFCS membership and I extend an invitation to you to join the Member Resources: Membership Committee.

