



National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) was organized in 1933. It is the only professional association serving the unique needs of Family and Consumer Sciences educators working in the Extension system.

Who Should Join –

- If you are an Extension employee working in any capacity with Family and Consumer Sciences programming with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, you should be an **Active/Affiliate Member** of NEAFCS. (This includes *Active Member*, *Associate Member* and *Member in Transition* classifications.)
- If you are a full time graduate or undergraduate student enrolled in a University, College, or other educational setting, studying Family and Consumer Sciences or related field with an interest in Extension Education as a future career, who is not currently employed as an Extension Educator, you should be a **Student Member** of NEAFCS.
- If you have been an active or affiliate member of NEAFCS for at least 5 years and have retired, resigned or otherwise become ineligible for active or affiliate membership, you should be a **Life Member** of NEAFCS. Dues are payable in a one-time fee. Should you ever re-enter the Extension service, you will be required to resume active membership status and pay annual dues.
- If you are employed by a State Land Grant Institution with a Bachelor's degree or working in a corporate/business field related to the work of Extension educators, you may become a **Partner Member** upon payment of dues to the National office.

Why I Should Join –

1. Access to a growing, nationwide network of more than 2,000 Extension professionals actively involved in Family & Consumer Sciences programming in their communities.
2. Opportunities to develop and enhance your leadership and management skills by serving in a leadership capacity on the state or national level.

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and recognizes Extension professionals who impact the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.
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3. Forums for presenting research and program information and discussing common Extension concerns at annual conferences, (i.e., webinars, concurrent sessions and poster sessions).
4. Opportunities to publish research in a peer-reviewed publication the online Journal of NEAFCS.
5. Recognition for outstanding achievements through an extensive awards and recognition program.
6. Access to professional development opportunities on the state, regional and national levels. This includes free webinars for all members sponsored by NEAFCS, valued at \$50 each or more.
7. Discount on conference registration packages for members.
8. Ability to earn continuing education credits through participation in national meetings.
9. Up to date information on the latest products, methods, materials and technological advances to enhance the effectiveness of your programs. Opportunities to obtain free programming information and network with vendors at annual session.
10. Opportunity to serve as External Reviewers for promotion and tenure, as well as publication reviews.
11. Opportunity to develop lasting friendships.
12. Access to creative networking opportunities through www.neafcs.org.

For more information contact your state affiliate or Susan Cosgrove, NEAFCS Vice President for Member Resources at susanc@ext.msstate.edu