

NATIONAL EXTENSION
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CONSUMER SCIENCES

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Membership Categories

Active/Affiliate Membership - \$100/year

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.)

Student Membership - \$50/year

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, and are not currently employed as an Extension Educator, you should be a Student Member of NEAFCS.

Life Membership - \$300 one time payment

If you have been an active or affiliate member of NEAFCS for at least five years and have retired, resigned or otherwise become ineligible for active or affiliate membership, you are eligible to be a Life Member. Dues are payable in a one-time fee. You should check with the

president of your state Affiliate to determine the process for becoming a Life Member. Should you ever re-enter the Extension service, you will be required to resume active membership status and pay annual dues.

Member in Transition

Individuals who have been employed in any capacity with family and consumer sciences programming, who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and who have been a member of NEAFCS, but has currently been furloughed, placed on temporary work assignment, working in a part-time role, or is on a leave of absence may maintain membership in the state Affiliate and NEAFCS. A member could stay in this membership category for a maximum of five years and then pay dues to become a Life Member.

Partner Membership - \$100/year

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 Should I Join?

- Access to a growing, nationwide network of more than 2,000 Extension professionals actively involved in Family & Consumer Sciences programming in their communities.
- Opportunities to develop and enhance your leadership and management skills by serving in a leadership capacity on the state or national level.
- Forums for presenting research and program information and discussing common Extension concerns at annual conferences, through webinars, and in the Journal of NEAFCS.
- Recognition for outstanding achievements through an extensive awards and recognition program.
- Discount on conference registration packages.
- Access to professional development opportunities on the state, regional and national levels. This includes free webinars for all members sponsored by NEAFCS.
- Ability to earn continuing education credits through participation in national meetings.
- Up to date information on the latest products, methods, materials and technological advances to enhance the effectiveness of your programs.
- Opportunity to serve as External Reviewers for promotion and tenure, as well as publication reviews.
- Access to creative networking opportunities through www.neafcs.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I join NEAFCS?

A. Go to www.neafcs.org/join-neafcs, and download a copy of the membership application. Submit the application, along with your NEAFCS dues of \$100 and your state Affiliate dues, if applicable, to your Affiliate treasurer. Your treasurer will send your NEAFCS dues and application to the NEAFCS National Office.

Q. How will I know when my membership has been processed?

A. As soon as the National Office receives your dues payment, you will be added to the NEAFCS membership database. A welcome email will be sent to you that includes your membership username and password information.

Q. How long is the membership year?

A. The membership year is January through December.

Q. Can I join any time during the year, and if so, will my dues be pro-rated?

A. Yes, you may join NEAFCS or renew your membership any time during the year. However, your dues must be paid by January 1 in order to qualify to apply for awards. Further, dues are not pro-rated. You will pay the full dues amount, regardless of when you pay.

Q. Who owns my membership, me or my employer?

A. You, the individual, owns your membership, regardless of who pays for it. It cannot be transferred to someone else.

Q. Are membership dues refundable?

A. No, membership dues are not refundable.