

Appendix C – Award, Recognition and Scholarship Guidelines

Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS) is offering a variety of awards to recognize and honor family and consumer sciences professionals and other individuals who have made significant contributions toward improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Applications may be downloaded, completed and mailed to the VP for Awards and Recognition; however, it is preferred that they be completed in electronic format and emailed. See address at end of this document. Award winners will be recognized at the annual GAFCS conference. Guidelines for all awards and forms are included on the GAFCS website.

ALL AWARD OR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 10TH OF EACH YEAR.

To apply for awards, fill out the appropriate application and attach any other requested information stated in award guidelines.

Governing Statements for All Categories of Awards

- **AAFCS DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO APPLY FOR ANY AWARD OR SCHOLARSHIP.**
- The Awards and Recognition Committee reserves the right not to choose a recipient for an award or scholarship if jurors do not find a worthy applicant.
- Undergraduate and graduate scholarship recipients cannot re-apply for the same scholarship the succeeding year, following acceptance of funds.
- Please note that some of the awards are national recognition; however, the applications will be evaluated on the state level with recommendations for submission to AAFCS.
- Follow award guidelines for application submission.
- All award applications should be signed by the applicant (electronic signatures accepted).
- Include a 30-word summary that will be used at GAFCS Annual Conference to announce award and scholarship recipients.
- All (AAFCS and GAFCS) applications must be submitted to GAFCS VP for Awards and Recognition for review. Upon receipt of the applications, those that require forwarding will be forwarded as needed, unless otherwise instructed.
- Check specific award information for packaging details.
- Members are allowed to submit more than one award or scholarship application per year.
- Payment of student scholarship funds will be submitted to their institution to deposit into student account.

I. SCHOLARSHIPS

a. GAFCS First Timer Attendee Scholarship

Awarded to a GAFCS professional member attending the GAFCS Annual Conference for the first time. The scholarship covers cost of registration. AAFCS membership must be current, at the time of the award. Recipient is selected and announced by drawing from eligible registrants, at the State Annual Conference.

NOTE: If this is the first time you will be attending a GAFCS Annual Conference, make sure you mark the appropriate box/line on the registration form.

b. **GAFCS Graduate Scholarship**

Any GAFCS member who is a graduate student presently enrolled in a Georgia institution and has been a member two (2) years prior may apply. The member must be currently enrolled in a graduate program in family and consumer sciences or related specialized programs at the graduate level, is planning to be enrolled for the upcoming academic year and making satisfactory progress. The award is presented at the GAFCS Annual Conference.

i. **GUIDELINES**

1. Have three (3) evaluators complete the recommendation form for scholarships and return the completed recommendation form to the VP for Awards and Recognition, by the awards deadline.
2. Include a résumé that includes the following: educational background (include GPA on a 4-point scale), professional experiences and responsibilities (include graduate assistantships if relevant), special recognition and/or awards received and include dates (e.g., honors, awards, scholarships, grant proposals funded, and stipends), participation in volunteer and community service activities, and professional and leadership development activities, such as professional organizations.
3. Attach the following:
 - a. A brief explanation of why you need scholarship help.
 - b. A brief description of your academic success or scholastic record.
 - c. A brief description of you, your interests, and your experience which led you to choose a career in Family and Consumer Sciences.
4. Recipient of scholarship will send a thank you note to the scholarship donor and a copy of the note to the current GAFCS President within two weeks of being awarded.

c. **TC Transcontinental GAFCS Undergraduate Scholarship**

Any student unit member who is an AAFCS/GAFCS member and currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in family and consumer sciences or related specialized programs, at a Georgia institution, for the academic year and making satisfactory progress may apply. Although consideration will be given to students from Griffin or Spalding County, undergraduate GAFCS student members who apply must meet all requirements outlined in the awards, recognitions and scholarship guidelines. The scholarship is awarded at the GAFCS Annual Conference. The award check will be sent to institution to be deposited into student account.

i. **GUIDELINES**

1. Have three (3) evaluators complete the recommendation form for scholarships and return the completed recommendation form to the VP for Awards and Recognition, by the awards deadline.
2. Include vitae/résumé that includes the following: educational background (include GPA on a 4-point scale), professional experiences and responsibilities, special recognition and/or awards received and include dates (e.g., honors, awards, scholarships, grant proposals funded, and stipends), participation in volunteer and community service activities, and professional and leadership development activities, such as student organizations.
3. Attach the following:
 - a. A brief explanation of why you need scholarship help.
 - b. A brief description of your academic success or scholastic record.
 - c. A brief description of you, your interests, and your experience which led you to choose a career in Family and Consumer Sciences.
4. Recipient of scholarship will send a thank you note to the scholarship donor and a copy of the note to the current GAFCS President within two weeks of being awarded.

d. **Spirit of Giving Undergraduate Scholarship**

Any student unit member who is currently an AAFCS/GAFCS member and is a junior or senior FACS Education major at a Georgia institution, for the academic year and making satisfactory progress may apply. Special consideration given to excellent community service, service learning and/or volunteerism. Applicant must meet all requirements outlined in the awards, recognitions and scholarship guidelines. The scholarship is awarded at the GAFCS Annual Conference. The award check will be sent to institution to be deposited into student account.

i. **GUIDELINES**

1. Have three (3) evaluators complete the recommendation form for scholarships and return the completed recommendation form to the VP for Awards and Recognition, by the awards deadline.
2. Include vitae/résumé that includes the following: educational background (include GPA on a 4-point scale), participation in volunteer and community service activities, professional experiences and responsibilities, special recognition and/or awards received and include dates (e.g., honors, awards, scholarships, grant proposals funded, and stipends), and professional and leadership development activities, such as student organizations.
3. Attach the following:
 - a. A brief explanation of why you need scholarship assistance.

- b. A brief description of your academic success or scholastic record.
 - c. A brief description of you, your interests, and your experience which led you to choose a career in Family and Consumer Sciences.
4. Recipient of scholarship will send a thank you note to the scholarship donor and a copy of the note to the current GAFCS President within two weeks of being awarded.

II. STATE AWARDS

a. **GAFCS Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional**

Any Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences professional member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to GAFCS and AAFCS at the district, state, and/or national level is eligible for this award. Members must have a minimum of two (2) years prior membership before applying for the award.

i. **GUIDELINES**

1. Have three (3) evaluators complete the recommendation form for awards and return the completed recommendation form to the VP for Awards and Recognition, by the awards deadline.
2. Submit Curriculum vitae/résumé (not to exceed three (3) typed, double-spaced pages with one-inch margins on all sides and a typeface of 10 to 12 characters per inch) that has been updated within the past year (scan, if necessary, and upload.)
3. Maximum of four (4) pages of supporting materials (may include brochures; programs; photographs; newsletters; newspaper, magazine, and journal articles; complete bibliographical citations; and other relevant supporting material) that address each of the evaluation criteria listed in the guidelines (scan, if necessary, and upload).

b. **Julius Benton Professional Improvement Award**

Any GAFCS professional member desiring to engage in a professional improvement project that enables the individual to develop and share communications and public relation skills which exemplify the goals of GAFCS. The recipient will present a session at the next GAFCS Annual Conference and prepare a GAFCS newsletter article about the project. A monetary award is presented at the GAFCS Annual Conference. Members must have a minimum of two (2) years prior membership before applying for the award.

i. **GUIDELINES**

1. Submit a detail of your professional improvement project that enables you to develop and share communications and public relations skills which exemplify the goals of GAFCS. The detail should be no longer than one (1) page, doubled spaced, with no smaller than a 12 Font.

III. SERVICE AWARDS

a. **GAFCS Bronze Circle Award**

Recognizes GAFCS member with 10 years of membership in AAFCS as of the end of the month in which the GAFCS Annual Conference is held. A special certificate designed with a bronze foil logo is presented at the GAFCS Annual Conference.

b. **GAFCS Silver Circle Award**

Recognizes GAFCS members with 25 years of membership in AAFCS as of the end of the month in which the GAFCS Annual Conference is held. A special certificate designed with a silver foil logo is presented at the GAFCS Annual Conference.

c. **GAFCS Golden Circle Award**

Recognizes GAFCS members with 50 years of membership in AAFCS as of the end of the month in which the GAFCS Annual Conference is held. A special certificate designed with a gold foil logo is presented at the GAFCS Annual Conference.

d. **TOOT YOUR OWN HORN RECOGNITION**

Members have an opportunity to share accomplishments they have made during the previous and/or current membership year by submitting the form to the VP for Awards and Recognition. Members may submit the form to the VP for Awards and Recognition throughout the year to be featured in the newsletter.

IV. **NATIONAL AWARDS**

GAFCS will annually present a Leaders Award, New Achiever Award, Teacher of the Year Award, and Wiley-Berger for Volunteer Service if there is an eligible nominee/applicant.

a. **GUIDELINES**

- i. These awards are listed on the AAFCS website and those guidelines should be followed **once** the Georgia state winner has been determined.
- ii. Applications will be evaluated on the state level to determine state nominee. This nominee's application will then be submitted to AAFCS the following year if there is national competition. Submit state application form.

b. **AAFCS Leaders Award**

The Leaders Award began with the AAFCS 75th anniversary when it was established to identify and honor Family and Consumer Sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS. The Leaders Award guidelines and forms can be found on the AAFCS website. Applications will be evaluated on the state level and submitted to AAFCS, if selected and if there is national competition. Nominee/applicant must have at least 2 consecutive years of membership prior to the nomination and completed 8 years of service to the field is eligible to apply.

c. **AAFCS New Achiever Award**

Recognizes emerging professionals who have shown potential to make significant contributions to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Any Family and Consumer Sciences professional who is an active member of GAFCS/AAFCS may be nominated who has 2 consecutive years of membership prior to nomination and completed 3-8 years of service to the field. Applications will be evaluated on the state level and submitted to AAFCS, if selected and if there is national competition.

d. **AAFCS Teacher of the Year Award**

The Affiliate Teacher of the year competition is directed and administrated at the state level by each AAFCS Affiliate. Each participating Affiliate selects its own Teacher of the Year. The Affiliate may then choose to enter its Teacher of the Year in the national competition. This award recognizes exemplary teachers who utilize cutting-edge methods, techniques and activities to provide stimulus and visibility to family and consumer sciences in elementary and secondary education. One AAFCS Teacher of the Year finalist and up to two (2) merit finalists will be selected at the national level.

e. **Georgia Teacher of the Year Guidelines**

- i. The Georgia nominee must have membership in AAFCS at time of submission and at time of national conference plus 3 consecutive years immediately prior to submission. Have taught the submitted program a minimum of 2 previous years and current year. Is employed as a full time Family and Consumer Sciences teacher in K-12 or was a full-time Family and Consumer Sciences teacher who retired within 12 months of nomination deadline. K-12 teachers working one-half day in Family and Consumer Sciences are also eligible.
- ii. Nominee's current curriculum vitae/résumé: 3-page maximum, single-spaced, may use bullet form, with one-inch margins and 12-point Arial (regular) font and in PDF format (Adobe Reader). Include education, professional experience, professional organizations/roles, teacher related awards, and relevant community activities pertaining to the nominated FCS Curriculum Focus.
- iii. FCS Curriculum Focus: 4-page maximum, doubled-spaced, with one-inch margins and 12-point Arial (regular) font, in PDF format (Adobe Reader): Curriculum focus includes an original, expanded, or substantially modified traditional FCS content area, OR a teaching emphasis consistently embedded in the nominee's curriculum, i.e. service learning, project-based learning, STEM, and communications. Use the following headings to describe the integration of FCS curriculum focus, using the terms below as subheadings to inform or give evidence. Incorporate supporting items in readable scale such as photographs/drawings, figures/tables, and media clippings et al., which illustrate and further explain the curriculum focus.
 1. Description: Describe how your FCS Curriculum Focus exhibits creativity, innovation, and cutting-edge techniques and alignment with State or FCS National Standards.
 2. Technology: Describe how technology has impacted your curriculum focus.
 3. School/Community Setting: Briefly describe school/community and FCS Department. Include school and total FCS enrollment and the enrollment in the nominated curriculum focus for at least the past three years.

4. Goals and Outcomes: Describe goals, outcomes, and sustainability in narrative, list and/or graphic form.
- iv. Impact Statements:
1. Student Impact: Provide evidence that the curriculum focus has had a positive influence on students' lives during and beyond the duration of the curriculum focus.
 2. FCS Impact: Describe how the curriculum focus increases the visibility, growth, recognition, appreciation of, and support for FCS in the school and community.
 3. School/Community Impact: Describe how this curriculum focus had had a relevant and timely impact on the school and/or community needs.
 4. Funding and Challenges: Describe how nominee used ingenuity and perseverance to obtain, maximize, and sustain funding and/or overcome obstacles or challenges.
 5. A letter of support from a person in a position such as a supervisor, colleague, parent, student, educational partner or community leader who gives evidence of the impact and importance of the nominee's contributions to students, families, and the community in PDF format (Adobe Reader).
- f. **GAFCS Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service**

This award honors an outstanding volunteer whose work has enhanced the well-being of others. It posthumously honors David R. Wiley, D. Reid, and Agnes Miller Berger for their outstanding contribution to Family and Consumer Sciences. Applications will be evaluated on the state level and submitted to AAFCS, if selected and if there is national competition.

If you have any questions concerning these awards, please contact the **Vice President of Awards and Recognition**.

Completed applications may be emailed or mailed to the address indicated on the application form.