



GEAFCS AWARDS MANUAL

2023

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*National Extension Association
of Family and Consumer Sciences*
Georgia Affiliate

NEAFCS ONLY AWARDS

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The 2023 Awards Manual/Guidelines will become available on the NEAFCS website on **December 1st**.

It contains a complete description of awards as well as eligibility requirements. Members should review and follow the guidelines in the manual in preparing and submitting awards applications.

Please remember that membership dues should have been renewed by December 31st in order to be eligible to apply for awards.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Georgia deadline for national awards submission is **February 15, 2023**. Awards will be submitted electronically to NEAFCS using the online process. The NEAFCS Awards Application will be available on the NEAFCS website on **December 1st**.

Georgia Members submitting national awards applications must complete the following:

1. Submit the NEAFCS Award Application online by the Georgia deadline of February 15, 2023.
2. **IMPORTANT:** Email a copy of your awards submission confirmation page to GEAFCS VP of Awards and Recognition, Diandria Barber at diandria.barber25@uga.edu.

If the submission is a team award, please include a list of **ALL** team members. Additional team members cannot be added after the deadline.

Reminders

- Use video files that are compatible with Windows Media Player or web links for videos.
- Combine files with Adobe Acrobat; create PDF files, merge, and order.
- One picture required in last (fourth) space; application not accepted if not loaded. Do not include extra pictures in written application.
- Do not enter awards for another person; the entries are tied to your member profile.
- Links can be included for newsletters, curriculum, and blogs, within the Program Outline or Upload File areas.
- For team award applications, only the team leader completes the online award application. Large teams of more than 20 members, in last space put "additional team members listed in application."
- **Judges scores are final!**

GEAFCS ONLY AWARDS

ALVA YOUNGNER FACS PROGRAMMING FOR 4-H

One state award of \$250 is presented annually to an outstanding professional for their work with 4-H and youth.

DEAN SHARON Y. NICKOLS PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

One state award of \$750 to provide funds for Family & Consumer Science Educators to pursue either a professional improvement experience or an advanced degree.

Reminders

- Make sure current NEAFCS dues are paid.
- Follow GEAFCS procedures and ensure all judging criteria are met.
- All awards must have a 30-word and 50-word summary statement.
- Review specific award information for packaging details.
- Award team leader/members must be NEAFCS members.
- Non-NEAFCS award team members are not eligible for monetary awards and will receive only a certificate.

ALVA YOUNGNER FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AWARD FOR 4-H AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND

GEAFCS established this award for outstanding educational accomplishments by members for work with 4-H and Youth.

AWARD

One state award of \$250 is presented annually to an outstanding professional for their work with 4-H and youth. A certificate and cash award will be presented at the state meeting. The cash award is to be used for professional improvement that will serve the interests and needs of the recipients.

PURPOSE

The award is to recognize professional Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educator for outstanding educational programs that demonstrate impact on 4-H and youth in Family & Consumer Sciences issues.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Persons who are current members of GEAFCS.
2. Entry may be submitted by an individual or a team.
3. Program work should have begun within the last five years.
4. Individual or team cannot win the award consecutively.
5. Email one copy to Fellowship Awards Chair, Susan Moore at susanm@uga.edu and the VP for Awards, Diandria Barber at diandria.barber25@uga.edu.

APPLICATION OUTLINE:

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| Page 1 | General Application Form for State Awards |
| Page 2 | Summary Statement for use in awards booklet (50 words or less) |
| Page 3-5 | Program Outline: limit to three (3) pages <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction: program objectives, target audience defined - 20 points- Program Description: content, delivery methods described, materials developed and/or used - 30 points- Program Impact: evaluation methods, results/impacts, visibility - 40 points |
| Page 6-7 | Supplementary materials: limit two (2) pages – 10 points |

DEAN SHARON Y. NICKOLS PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to provide funds for Family & Consumer Science Educators to pursue either a professional improvement experience or an advanced degree. One award will be given for professional improvement.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be an active member of GEAFCS
2. Must have worked a minimum of (5) years with Extension before applying
3. Pursuing a professional improvement experience, continuing education, or advanced degree relevant to Extension Family & Consumer Sciences
4. Submit a transcript if working on a degree
5. Letter of recommendation from District Extension Director or from the State Program Leader of Family & Consumer Sciences
6. After completion, submit a report of no more than (3) double-spaced pages, minimum font/size 10 points to Past Presidents Committee Chairman
7. Email one copy to Fellowship Awards Chair, Leigh Anne Aaron at laa@uga.edu and the VP for Awards, Diandria Barber at diandria.barber25@uga.edu.

AMOUNT

The \$750 award will be paid directly to the recipient at the GEAFCS State meeting when the award is announced.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented annually at the GEAFCS Awards Program.

APPLICATION OUTLINE

GEAFCS Award Manual

GEAFCS & NEAFCS AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (DSA)

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award presented by the NEAFCS. The award recognizes members for leadership, educational program efforts and professional development. There is both a State DSA & National DSA.

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE AWARD

The award recognizes NEAFCS members who have previously received the Distinguished Service Award and continue to be actively involved in professional improvement programs, the promotion of professional development of others, and leadership.

PAST PRESIDENT'S NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The award is presented to an outstanding new professional (5 years or less) and must be used to help defray the cost of attending the recipient's NEAFCS Annual Session.

Reminders

- Make sure current NEAFCS dues are paid.
- Follow GEAFCS procedures and ensure all judging criteria are met.
- Make sure each award includes a signed application form (On-line application for national awards and General Application form for State Awards for GA awards).
- DSA and Continued Excellence Awards use a vita for judging.
- Review specific award information for packaging details.
- Award team leader/members must be NEAFCS members.
- Non-NEAFCS award team members are not eligible for monetary awards and will receive only a certificate.
- All awards must have a 50-word summary statement and a 30-word summary statement.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

State DSA

1. Minimum of 5 years membership in GEAFCS
2. Evidence of superior accomplishments
3. Award can be received only once
4. Must be a current member of GEAFCS
5. Maximum of 5 state awards may be awarded

National DSA

1. Minimum of 10 years membership in GEAFCS/NEAFCS
2. Must have received state DSA
3. Evidence of superior accomplishments
4. Award may be received only once
5. Must be a current member of GEAFCS/NEAFCS
6. One award allowed for every 50 members of NEAFCS/GEAFCS

State DSA APPLICATION OUTLINE

(Minimum of 5 years membership in GEAFCS)

- Page 1 General Application Form for State Awards
(Found in GEAFCS Awards Manual or on GEAFCS website)
- Page 2 Summary Statement for use in awards booklet (50 words or less)
- Page 3-9 University of Georgia Public Service Academic Rank Vita

National DSA APPLICATION OUTLINE

(10 years or more membership in GEAFCS/NEAFCS)

- Page 1 On-line Application Form (Submitted at www.neafcs.org)
- Page 2 Summary Statement for use in awards booklet (50 words or less)
- Page 3-9 University of Georgia Public Service Academic Rank Vita

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must have been a member of NEAFCS for at least 12 years, including the current year
2. Applicant must have received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award prior to the current session
3. Applicant must have attended three annual sessions
4. Award can be received only once
5. Applicant must be actively involved in a professional improvement program including any or all of the following:
 - Participation in informal (non-credit) professional development within the past three years; or
 - Formal study toward an advanced degree (current or completed); and
 - Demonstration of personal commitment to professional development through participation in professional associations and contributions to state Extension and state associations
6. One award allowed for every 50 members of NEAFCS/GEAFCS

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE APPLICATION OUTLINE

- Page 1 On-line Application Form (Submitted at www.neafcs.org)
- Page 2 Summary Statement for use in awards booklet (50 words or less)
- Page 3-9 University of Georgia Public Service Academic Rank Vita

PAST PRESIDENT'S NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

PURPOSE

To recognize outstanding work in the area of FACS by new county extension agents.

AWARD

State: One state winner will receive \$500 to attend an NEAFCS meeting to encourage attendance by new members to national meetings.

National: One national award of \$500 presented annually to an outstanding new professional. The award must be used to help defray the cost of attending the recipient's first NEAFCS Annual Session.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be an active member of GEAFCS.
2. Must have worked at least one year but no more than 3 years with Extension.
3. State award winner will receive \$500 to attend NEAFCS meeting.
4. State winning application and runner-up application will be submitted to NEAFCS to compete in NEAFCS New Professional Award competition. The state award can only be won once.
5. Previous year's district winners may compete for state winner if they still meet eligibility guidelines by award application due date. However, they will not be eligible to win district again.

STATE WINNER REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications will be judged & ranked by May 15th. Winner will be notified by May 30th. Winner must notify VP Awards & Recognition to accept or reject the trip by June 15, 2023.
2. State winner will agree to attend the NEAFCS meeting in the year the cash award is received as an active member of GEAFCS/NEAFCS. If the 1st place winner does not meet award acceptance criteria, the 2nd place winner will be invited and awarded the \$500, etc.
3. Recipient will refund the \$500 to GEAFCS immediately if unable to attend National meeting, no longer employed by UGA Cooperative Extension, or not currently a member in good standing.

PAST PRESIDENT'S NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

NEW PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION OUTLINE

- Page 1 On-line Application Form (Submitted at www.neafcs.org)
- Page 2-6 **Program Outline:** limit to five (5) double-spaced typed pages
- i. Introduction of nominee-brief statement of the nominee's professional data.
 - ii. Program accomplishment-in 200 words or less, summarize most outstanding accomplishments as an Extension employee. Include objectives, goals, methods, results, and evaluation of programs conducted.
 - iii. Special honors or awards-list any special honors or awards received since beginning Extension employment
 - iv. Professional association membership and participation-list current membership in related professional associations. Do not include honorary societies, civic and service clubs.
 - v. Statement verifying that the applicant has never attended an Annual Session.
- Page 7 **Letter of Support** from appropriate state staff or district administrator