

# Leading Yourself, Leading Others **Leading AAFCS!** **ANNOUNCING**



## The 2023 AAFCS Leadership Academy

(Beginning Virtually April 2023 and Continuing In-Person One and One-half Days  
Prior to 2023 AAFCS Annual Conference)

### Baltimore, Maryland



**Are you an AAFCS professional who wants to be a Mentor for an Emerging AAFCS Leader participating in the 2023 Leadership Academy?**  
(Application Deadline February 15, 2023)

**Are you a “New” AAFCS Member, wanting to gain Leadership Skills and make a difference in AAFCS?**  
(Application Deadline October 1, 2022)

#### **Mentor Requirements:**

- Desire to develop AAFCS leaders;
- Attend the 2023 AAFCS Annual Conference to meet your mentee;
- Commit to a minimum of one year beginning April 2023.

#### **As a mentor you will:**

- Spend time connecting with your mentee to gain insight as to his/her needs;
- Work with the mentee to develop goals for the mentee/mentor relationship;
- Identify and use multiple venues of communications with your mentee;
- Commit to one year beginning April 2023 to a mentor/mentee relationship;
- Partner with a mentee to enhance leadership abilities.

#### **Participants will:**

- Gain knowledge and skills which facilitate the development of their leadership skills;
- Become knowledgeable of AAFCS and leadership opportunities;
- Assume leadership roles in AAFCS and other professional arenas;
- Develop a supporting network of colleagues who will link them with resources throughout their professional and volunteer experiences;
- Partner with a mentor to enhance leadership abilities.

#### **Participant Requirements:**

- AAFCS Professional Member for 7 years or less (as of Oct. 1, 2022);
- B.S. degree or greater (by August 31, 2022);
- Must participate in virtual sessions beginning April 2023
- Attend the 2023 Leadership Academy and AAFCS Annual Conference;
- Commit to work individually, with a mentor, and with a cohort April 2023-June 2024 on further development of leadership skills through completing an Affiliate project and AAFCS Project;
- Participate and be involved in networking and ongoing learning and interacting online;
- Attendance at 2024 AAFCS Annual Conference strongly encouraged.

Watch for additional information at:  
<https://aafcs.org/about/groups/leadership-academy>

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