



New Achiever Award Guidelines

Deadline Posted on AAFCS Website

The New Achiever Award was introduced as a part of the Association's 75th Anniversary observance in 1984 when it was established to identify and honor emerging family and consumer sciences professionals who have exhibited the potential to make significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS. An AAFCS member can only receive the New Achiever Award once.

Applying for the New Achiever Award

- The Applicant must be a professional member of AAFCS (a) at the time of application and (b) two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to this application.
- The applicant has earned a degree in family and consumer sciences.
- The applicant has at least three (3) but no more than nine (9) years of service to and experience in the field.
- The applicant is nominated by a sanctioned entity of the Association (such as an affiliate, community, committee, or unit, etc.). One nomination will be accepted from each nominating group. If the national award is not received, applicants may be nominated again by their affiliate and submit the application materials.
- Application materials are prepared by the applicant and must be submitted in English.
- Applicants can submit to only one AAFCS award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship per annual review cycle.
- Members of the AAFCS Board of Directors and Awards and Recognition Committee are not eligible to apply during their terms of office. AAFCS staff are not eligible to apply during their periods of employment with the Association.
- All policies, procedures, and guidelines must be followed for the award nomination to be considered for juried review.

Submitting the Application

The application must be submitted using the official application form as one PDF document. Please be aware of the page requirements for each section. Please include page numbers and headings. The online application will require submission of a color headshot photo of applicant that will be used in marketing and promotional materials. Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to AAFCS. Questions should be forwarded to awards@aafps.org.

Section 1: General Information

Applicant Information

- ☐ First and Last Name (include AAFCS Credentials, if applicable)
- ☐ Phonetic Pronunciation of Name
- ☐ Current Title/Position
- ☐ AAFCS Member Number and Number of Years of AAFCS Membership
- ☐ Contact Information (Email, Phone Number, Mailing Address)
- ☐ 150 Word Biography in 3rd Person

Nominator Information

- ☐ Name(s), Sanctioned Entity of the Association (role)
- ☐ State Affiliate
- ☐ Contact Information (Email, Phone Number)

Section 2: Applicant's Curriculum Vita or Resumé (Maximum of three pages)

Section 3: Statement of Professional Involvement & Achievements (Maximum of 4 pages in 12-point font)

- **Program Development:** Initiated, developed, or participated in the development or implementation of an innovative program and/or curriculum.
- **Contributions:** Contributed to the community through exemplary volunteer service using family and consumer sciences skills and backgrounds.
- **Research:** Conducted and/or applied research that is particularly relevant to current issues or has applied research findings to enhance the lives of individuals, families, or communities.
- **Support:** Has documented experience creating or supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion policymaking, projects and programs.
- **Collaborative Work:** Worked with agencies and groups outside the family and consumer sciences community.
- **Recognition:** Received recognition for outstanding program/curriculum development that reflects a level of professional responsibility. (Examples: authoring books, curriculum modules, online media, or articles that have appeared in major magazines, professional journals, or other publications in print or online.)
- **Supporting Documents:** Incorporate supporting items in readable scale such as photographs/drawings, figures/tables, and media et al., which illustrate and further explain the applicant's professional involvement and achievements

Section 4: Two Letters of Support (Each letter limited to one page): Letters written from individuals who can give evidence of the applicant's impact and/or potential to positively impact individuals, families, the community, and/or profession

Evaluating the New Achiever Award Application

- Individuals who apply for an award and those who nominate or write a letter of support for a current applicant cannot serve as jurors for this award.
- Jurors cannot review applications from family members, their current students, students at their own institution, or applicants who share the same employer. Jurors are responsible for identifying any applicants that include a potential conflict of interest and recusing themselves from the review process.
- An individual who has applied for an award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship shall not serve as a juror for any award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship during the period in which his or her own application is being reviewed.
- Jurors selected by the AAFCS Awards and Recognition Committee review and score the application using the Evaluation Criteria.

Awarding the New Achiever Award

- The recipient(s) will be notified in the spring and will be honored during the AAFCS Annual Conference.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee reserves the right not to award if jurors do not find a worthy applicant.

Recognizing the New Achiever Award Recipient(s)

- Award recipients will be recognized at the AAFCS Annual Conference. Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Award recipients will receive a commemorative token and their name and photo will be shared in AAFCS communications and materials.

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in ineligibility of the applicant for the award.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria correspond with the New Achiever Award guidelines. They provide clarification, ease in preparing the application materials, and consistency in evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible
Has initiated, developed, or participated in the development or implementation of an innovative program and/or curriculum.	/ 15
Has contributed to the community through exemplary volunteer service using family and consumer sciences skills and backgrounds.	/ 15
Has conducted and/or applied research that is particularly relevant to current issues or has applied research findings to enhance the lives of individuals, families, or communities.	/ 10
Has documented experience creating or supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion policymaking, projects and programs.	/ 10
Has worked with agencies and groups outside the family and consumer sciences community.	/ 10
Has participated in AAFCS at the affiliate and/or national levels. (For example, applicant has attended annual conferences, given presentations, served on committees, or shown professional growth through active leadership roles.)	/ 10
Exhibits qualities/competencies of an outstanding professional in a traditional or non-traditional family and consumer sciences career.	/ 15
Has received recognition for outstanding program/curriculum development that reflects a level of professional responsibility. (Examples include but not limited to authoring books, curriculum modules, online media, or articles that have appeared in major magazines, professional journals, or other publications in print or online.)	/ 5
Exhibits qualities/competencies of an outstanding professional in a traditional or non-traditional family and consumer sciences career.	/ 15
Certification: As of the due date of the application, the applicant holds <u>one or more</u> AAFCS credential(s): CFCS, CFCS-HDFS, CFCS-HNFS, CFCS-Retired, CPFFE, CNWE	/ 5
Presentation of all Application Materials: Materials are clearly stated, complete, organized, and concise with correct spelling, grammar, etc.	/ 5
Total	/ 100