WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

“To me, one of the biggest benefits of AAFCS is the ability to interact with FCS professionals from all different areas—whether it is nutrition and foods, apparel and textiles, child life, design, or consumerism, from educators to business to social agencies. I feel that we can often get isolated into our own little worlds of work in one specific area—and forget how in FCS, all the areas cross over and affect each other.”

• Kathryn Kemp, Illinois Affiliate Coordinator

“AAFCS: Membership has offered me a foundation through which to seek current industry information, engage in discourse, create collegial relationships, and reach professionals and academics through publication and research presentation. The community at large is a dynamic and crucial component of engaging in and understanding policy, practice, and scholarship as they relate to family and consumer sciences.”

• Gus Vouchilas, Assistant Professor of Interior Design, San Francisco State University

CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS. TOUCHING LIVES.

AAFCS is a broad-based membership organization that helps connect family and consumer sciences (FCS) professionals across multiple practice settings and content areas to share knowledge, research, and experience. Our members are early childhood, elementary, secondary, university, college, and Extension educators, administrators and managers, human service professionals, researchers, community volunteers, business people, consultants, and students.

For more than 150 years, AAFCS members have been working to improve the quality standards of individual and family life by delivering educational programs, influencing public policy, and conducting research. They provide research-based knowledge about the topics of everyday life, including:

- Human Development
- Personal and Family Finance
- Housing and Interior Design
- Food Science, Nutrition, and Wellness
- Textiles and Apparel
- Consumer Issues

Join our coalition of dedicated professionals and students who are making an impact on the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. Grow and accomplish more with AAFCS!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is family and consumer sciences (FCS)?
A: FCS is the comprehensive body of skills, research, and knowledge that helps people make informed decisions about their well being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. The field represents many areas, including human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition and wellness, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues.

Q: What do I get for my membership dues?
A: Through AAFCS, you have ready-access to the latest knowledge, research, and experience of FCS professionals. AAFCS helps you sharpen your skills, form life-changing relationships, and keep current on cutting-edge research. You'll receive access to numerous members-only resources and discounts, become eligible for member awards, and receive additional points for grants, fellowships, and scholarships. Your membership dues give you membership in both the national association and the affiliate of your choice.

Q: Will my AAFCS membership help protect FCS programs and strengthen the profession?
A: Your membership helps to fund national-level communications, certification, accreditation, and advocacy efforts that can influence education funding and legislation.

Q: How do I contact my local affiliate?
A: Call national headquarters at 1-800-424-8080 or email membership@aafcs.org for your affiliate contact. Or, view the affiliate directory at www.aafcs.org/Membership/Affiliates.asp.

JOIN AAFCS TODAY!

www.aafcs.org
COLLABORATE WITH PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENTS

AAFCS Affiliate Membership*

- Attend region-specific professional/educational events.
- Receive opportunities for leadership and advancement in your state/region.

AAFCS* Communities

- Using the latest in technology, work together with members nationwide to take action on issues that support AAFCS’ mission.
- Join as many AAFCS Communities as you like, or apply to start a new one!

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)**

- Receive special members-only annual dues rate of $15.
- Participate in international events, networking, and exploration of global issues affecting families and communities worldwide (www.ifhe.org).

RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Awards

AAFCS recognizes outstanding members, professionals, and groups through national awards. Improve your eligibility with membership in AAFCS (most awards require the member be an AAFCS member).

 Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Apply for financial support for your research or studies in family and consumer sciences and receive additional points on your application if you are an AAFCS member.

EXPAND YOUR EXPERTISE

FCS Professional Development Center

www.aafcs.org/DevelopmentCenter

Your one-stop resource for learning about FCS professional development opportunities, demonstrating your expertise as an FCS professional, and connecting with your peers to exchange knowledge, research, and experiences.

On-Site Events — Includes our Annual Conference & Expo and the annual Leadership Conference.

Online: New Experiences in Training (NEXT) — Include a wide scope of training activities from research and best practice in FCS content areas to career development and leadership training.

AIM Sessions (Association Involvement and More) — Include association initiatives, governance, and education about various AAFCS programs.

Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*

Receive the quarterly AAFCS journal with FCS research, teaching, extension, and practice articles, as well as AAFCS news and information.

Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal (FCSRJ)**

Receive more than 75% off the individual nonmember price for this quarterly journal. Each refereed article in FCSRJ includes innovative research and practical information for professional FCS practitioners.

Members-Only Online Resources*

Access helpful career tools, such as:

- Membership Directory
- Resource Directory for Classroom Teachers
- Media / FFA Tool Kit

Advocacy Tools*

Use the online AAFCS Public Policy Tool Kit and other resources to take action on FCS-related issues in your community.

Distinguish Yourself in Your BUSINESS, COLLEGE, OR FCS PROGRAM

Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications (Pre-Pac)

If you are a secondary or postsecondary educator or apprentice, find out how AAFCS pre-professional assessments and certifications can be used to verify student competence, meet program accountability and improvement requirements, gain program recognition, and satisfy funding mandates.

If you are a postsecondary student, learn more about our standards-based and industry-recognized pre-professional certifications, which can be used to validate competencies when applying for employment, gaining admission to degree programs in FCS, and seeking career advancement.

Professional Assessments and Certifications**

- If you are an employer, consider using AAFCS pre-professional assessments to validate the competence of potential employees.
- If you are a baccalaureate degree FCS professional, learn how you can earn one of our nationally recognized broad field or concentration certifications. Plus, members receive $100 off the certification fee.

University Program Accreditation

The AAFCS Accreditation program benefits the public, students, higher education units, employers of alumni, and the profession by promoting and recognizing quality in FCS education.

If you are an administrator or faculty member for a baccalaureate degree or associate FCS program, learn how your program can earn recognition by meeting or exceeding established quality standards.

Member Savings

Members can participate in a wide array of insurance plans at group rates available through AAFCS’ partnership with the Trust for Insurance Education, including car insurance through Geico, student-athlete liability insurance (required by many student-athlete programs), and professional liability plans.

Determine Your Worth — Sell Your Program

FCS Credentialing Center

www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter

Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications (Pre-Pac)