ESAE Membership Incentive Guidelines

Awarded by
The Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education (ESAE) Community of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)

Purpose: *This award will support one year of AAFCS membership. A total of ten membership reimbursements will be awarded, with each recipient receiving up to $150, depending on the membership category: $50 for students, $100 for new professionals, and $150 for returning professionals. Preference will be given to first-time FCS graduates, first/second year FCS professionals, AAFCS-credentialed individuals, and those with FCS majors, aiming for five students and five new FCS professionals. An individual may receive this award only once; if not selected in a given year, they may apply again the following year.*

About the community: The ESAE community of AAFCS provides a network for educators and professionals working with students of all ages to share best practices, resources, and support for the advancement of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD, YOU MUST BE:

1) Students enrolled in an FCS education program; or,
2) Professionals with 1-5 years of work experience in the teaching profession.

Submitting the Application

The application is online, found on the Awards page of the AAFCS website at https://aafcs.org/resources/awards

The completed application requires the following:

1. **Personal Information:** Name, Mailing Address, Phone number, Email, School, Major, and AAFCS membership number.
2. **Membership Category:** Graduate Student or first/second year FCS Professional
3. **College or Employment Information:** School or place of employment, graduate degree or graduated degree, advisor/supervisor name, and contact.
4. **A Personal Biography:** Maximum of 350 words in third person.
5. **Student Status Statement** (only required if a graduate student).

It is important that your application be accurate and complete. Please double-check each item listed above before submitting it online.

Evaluating the Application

- Volunteers from the Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education (ESAE) Community will evaluate and score each application.
- Applicants who are also ESAE members may not review applications in the same year that they apply for the award.

Awarding ESAE Membership Incentive Award

- Each applicant upon notice of their selection to receive the Membership Incentive Award, must join AAFCS as a member and pay their first year of membership fees.
- After confirming that the selected applicant has joined, AAFCS staff will process a second year of membership, paid for by the ESAE Community.
- Recipients of the ESAE Membership Incentive Award will be honored at the AAFCS Annual Conference.