**Betsy Norum Student Subsidy Guidelines**

*Awarded by*
**The Community of Lifelong Professionals of the**
**American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)**

***Purpose:*** *A $500 subsidy will be awarded to an AAFCS student member to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 9-13, 2027.*

Members of the AAFCS Community of Lifelong Professionals realize that undergraduate student members of AAFCS may have financial constraints that prevent them from attending the AAFCS Annual Conference. The contacts, content, and stimulation derived from the wide variety of programs and activities offered provide important experiences for the pre-professional majoring in one of the varied areas encompassed by Family and Consumer Sciences. This subsidy is offered to give a financial boost to such a student. This subsidy has been given annually since 1995 in memory of Betsy Norum, Minnesota, National Home and Community (now Community of Lifelong Professionals) Chair, 1968-70.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD, YOU MUST BE:**

**1)** A student member of AAFCS.
**2)** A current college or university junior at the time of application.
  **a.** Your junior status must be confirmed via your letter of recommendation or your school transcript.
**3)** A first-time attendee at the AAFCS Annual Conference.

## 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:**

- **Personal Information:** Name, Mailing Address, Phone number, Email, School, Major, and AAFCS membership number.
- **A Personal Biography:** Maximum of 150 words in third person.
- **Essay:** Write a brief essay (up to two pages) indicating why you wish to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Tell us what led you to major in Family and Consumer Sciences. Include your future, short-term and long-term career goals and explain your experience (work, volunteer, service) that will help you reach those goals. Explain how the $500 subsidy will be used to facilitate your attendance at the conference. (E.g., will it pay for the hotel, travel expenses, or registration?) How will it make a difference for you? How do you plan to share your experience with other

students?

- **Letter of Recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from a faculty member in your Family and Consumer Sciences Department (or your school's equivalent). **The recommendation must be on department letterhead from your school.**
- **Transcript:** Attach an official or unofficial transcript of your academic record that indicates major and grades.

**It is important that your application be accurate and complete. Please double check each item listed above before submitting it online. The deadline for submission is January 8, 2027.**

Applicants will be notified in March 2027.

For information on the AAFCS Annual Conference:
https://aafcs.org/news-and-events/conferences