



ESAE Curriculum Showcase Guidelines

Hosted by

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

Purpose: *The ESAE Curriculum Showcase provides a vibrant platform for Family & Consumer Sciences educators to share high-quality lesson plans, units, assessments, and instructional resources. More than an event, the Showcase is a celebration of the creativity, dedication, and innovation happening in classrooms every day.*

Through this Showcase ESAE aims to:

- *Highlight successful instructional practices that are making a difference for students.*
- *Support collaboration and spark connection among educators across the country.*
- *Offer inspiration for both new and veteran teachers.*
- *Keep teachers current with emerging trends, evolving needs, and best practices in Family and Consumer Sciences.*
- *Empower educators to bring fresh, effective ideas back to their classrooms.*

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 TO SUBMIT A CURRICULUM SHOWCASE, YOU MUST BE:

- 1) AAFCS Affiliate Teacher of the Year.**
- 2) Family and Consumer Sciences Educator.**
- 3) Supporter of FCS education.**
- 4) AAFCS membership not required.**

Please reach out using the AAFCS [contact us form](#) with any questions.

Submitting the Application

The application is online, found on the Awards page of the AAFCS website at <https://www.aafcs.org/myaafcs/aafcscommunities/esae/curriculum-showcase>.

The completed application requires the following:

- 1. Personal Information:** Name, Phone number, Email
- 2. Employment Information:** School or place of employment

3. **Name of Project or Presentation Title:** Maximum of 90 characters.
4. **Plans for Attending Conference:**
 - If planning to attend in person, conference registration is required.
 - If not planning to attend in person, AAFCS and ESAE will collect each participant's submission for inclusion on a "Wall of Excellence."
5. **Request for Table Space:** Table space is subject to availability. Only those showcasing in person may request table space. Only three feet of space will be provided, if available. Displays may include curriculum, videos, software, student work, pamphlets, posters, books, samples, and marketing items. Please include a description of your display if requesting table space.
6. **Upload:**
 - **Your submission must be 1-4 pages on 8.5x11inch paper**
 - **Image submission (Optional):** You may upload up to 5 documents of pictures of your project. We will include these images in a PowerPoint which will run in a loop during the showcase times.

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

Special Opportunities for Affiliate Teachers of the Year

Those individuals recognized as an AAFCS Affiliate Teacher of the Year in 2025-2026 may bring displays of recently developed materials. Displays may include curriculum, videos, software, student work, pamphlets, posters, books, samples, and marketing items and are invited to present their displays during the ESAE Curriculum Showcase.

Evaluating the Application

- Applications must be received electronically (due date posted on Showcase website).
- Volunteers from the Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education (ESAE) Community will evaluate each application to ensure program compliance.

Participating in the Showcase

- In Person Participants
 - You are advised to bring 15-25 handouts or create a QR code that links to your curriculum and/or program on a postcard, business card, or other handout; however, attendees appreciate materials they can pick-up/ handle.
 - Approximately three feet of table space will be provided, subject to space availability.
 - Participants must register for conference.
 - No materials may be sold during the sessions.
 - All expenses incurred are the responsibility of participants.
 - No electrical outlets will be available.
- Absent Participation
 - Individuals that would like to submit a showcase for inclusion, but are unable to attend, may submit an application. Please indicate on the application your intent to attend/not attend.

- AAFCS and ESAE will collect participant's 8.5x11 submission for inclusion on a "Wall of Excellence."