



Position Announcement: Editor of the Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal

Start Date: August 1, 2026

Overview:

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is seeking candidates for Editor of the *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal (FCSRJ)*. The journal publishes original research in all areas of family and consumer sciences concerned with the well-being of individuals and families. The Editor is assisted by Associate Editors representing content areas within family and consumer sciences (e.g., apparel, textiles, and merchandising; family studies/human development; family and consumer sciences education; foods and nutrition; hospitality and tourism; housing and interior design; personal finance/consumer economics; and professional issues). The Associate Editors are volunteers who are invited and selected by the Editor.

Duties of the Editor

- Providing guidance of editorial policy, aims and scope, and procedures and standards for the acceptance of manuscripts.
- Encouraging the submission of high-quality articles and book reviews to the journal.
- Selecting the Associate Editors who invite reviewers and prepare recommendations on manuscripts submitted to the journal.
- Ensuring the independent, objective, and unbiased peer review of submissions to the journal in adherence to generally accepted publication ethics standards and best practices.
- When appropriate, submitting written reports (e.g., list of Best Paper winners) to the AAFCS staff liaison.
- Attending the AAFCS Annual Conference and arranging for presentations by the Best Paper Award recipients.

Qualifications, Skills, Expertise

Candidates for Editor should have the following qualifications, skills, and expertise:

- Understanding and appreciation for the history and scholarship of the profession and AAFCS.
- Record of scholarly publications including expertise in quantitative and qualitative methodology.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate and collaborate with educators and researchers (e.g., chairing graduate committees, obtaining grants, managing research, and presenting to a variety of audiences)
- Documented experience managing resources.
- Understanding of copyright laws and ethical standards.
- Support from supervisor (e.g., Department Head, Dean, or other as appropriate), if applicable.

Compensation

The Editor is an independent contractor with a three-year contract. The Editor receives an annual stipend set by Wiley, reimbursement (up to \$1,500) to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference, and complimentary AAFCS membership and online subscription to the *FCSRJ*. In addition, the editor has access to a two-person team at Wiley to provide administrative support for *FCSRJ*'s submission, screening, and peer review.

Application Process

To apply, the candidate should submit:

- (1) Letter of application describing qualifications
- (2) Current Vita/Resume
- (3) Two (2) letters of recommendation (with one by a Dean or Department Head, if currently employed)

The application materials should be emailed as one packet to Dr. Lori Myers (LMyers@AAFCS.org) by 5 PM ET on May 1st.

Timeline

May 1	Application packet due
May 11-22	Panel reviews applications and selects candidates for interviews
May 25 – June 12	Candidate Interviews via Zoom
July 6-10	Candidate Notification
Mid to Late July	Transition Meeting with current Editor, new Editor, and AAFCS and Wiley liaisons
August 1	Training and Onboarding for new Editor; Shadowing current Editor