



All-Star Affiliate Award Guidelines **Deadline Posted on AAFCS Website**

The AAFCS All-Star Affiliate Award was introduced in 2026 and recognized Affiliates who have demonstrated good governance and their commitment to FCS and their affiliate membership.

Applying for the All-Star Affiliate Award

- Any AAFCS Affiliate that is active and in good standing may apply for recognition.
- Application materials are prepared by the applicant Affiliate and must be submitted in English.
- All policies, procedures, and guidelines must be followed for the award nomination to be considered for review.

Submitting the Application

The application must be submitted using the official application form. Once the initial application is submitted; applicants will receive a confirmation email and instructions on submitting all objective evidence.

Applicants are required to have completed the following two steps:

1. Submitted your Affiliate annual report and related documentation to AAFCS, typically due to AAFCS between February and April prior to the AAFCS Annual Conference.
2. Sent correspondence to the Affiliate's membership at least twice during the previous year (July to June)*.
 - a. Evidence should be one of the following: newsletter, paper mailings, eblast.

Applicants are required to have achieved three (3) of the listed milestones during the previous year (July to June) *:

3. Host an Annual Meeting of at least 25 people.
 - a. Meeting can be in person or virtual.
 - b. Evidence provided shall include:
 - i. Conference agenda with the date and time(s) included
 - ii. Registration numbers. (A list of attendees is not required.)
4. Share the AAFCS FCS Industry Study with local media using 2 modes of communication.
 - a. The industry can be found here: <https://www.aafcs.org/resources/fcs-wow>
5. Secure press coverage for at least two events or programs.
 - a. This can include media coverage of the Affiliate or individual members at their workplace, program of work, or other FCS-related activity.
6. Submit an event for an AAFCS-recognized PDU and be accepted.
 - a. Click here to apply: <https://www.aafcs.org/credentialing/professional-certifications/credentialing-pdu-preapproval>
7. Host Paper-Based Testing of an AAFCS credential.
 - a. Click here to apply: <https://forms.office.com/r/tuLfzXBgze>
8. Obtain formal recognition of the FCS profession from a decision maker or elected official.
 - a. This would include formal (on letterhead) letters of support, declarations, and recognition of special days such as FCS Educator Day and FCS week.
9. Facilitate an AAFCS membership recruitment event or project.
 - a. This can be virtual or in person.
 - b. Evidence shall include:
 - i. A link to the event posting, copy of advertising flyer, or copy of the event agenda.

- ii. Information on the number of attendees and the number of individuals that signed up for AAFCS membership.
10. Submit at least 1 name for an AAFCS award.
 - a. Evidence shall include:
 - i. The Award and name of the nominee who was nominated by the Affiliate.

Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to AAFCS.

*Note: “during the previous year (July to June)” means the time between the previous Annual Conference and the next Annual Conference. As an example, if applying in February of 2026, records provided must be for milestones attained between July 2025 and June 2026. Submitting annual reports in April of 2025 would not be accepted as this milestone falls outside the time span indicated.

Evaluating the Application

- AAFCS staff will evaluate each application to confirm applicants have met all requirements.
- Applicants can apply every year.

Recognition of Accepted Applications

- Recipient(s) may submit their application and paperwork at any time.
- Affiliates who submit their applications prior to May 31st of the current year and who meet all requirements will be recognized during the Affiliate President’s Unit at the AAFCS Annual Conference.
- Affiliates who meet all requirements will also receive a digital banner to add to their website, email signature, and newsletter, and will be recognized on the AAFCS.org website.

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in ineligibility of the applicant for the award.