

## CALL for NOMINATIONS FOR the 2026 TnAFCS Awards

We are calling for nominations for the 2026 TnAFCS awards. The winners of the awards will be announced at the state conference at Carson Newman on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, TnAFCS award winners will become our state nominees for the National AAFCS awards for 2027.

**To nominate a TnAFCS member for an award, please submit the following to Dr. Samantha Hutson [shutson@tntech.edu](mailto:shutson@tntech.edu) by March 31, 2026:**

- (1). Your Name and Email,
- (2). Full Name of nominee and award for which you are applying or nominating someone,
- (3). Credentials of nominee, including place of employment, a brief list the roles, responsibilities, and achievements that qualify the nominee for this award.

The awards are as follows:

**NEW ACHIEVER AWARD:** The purpose of the **New Achiever Award** is to identify and honor emerging family and consumer sciences professionals who have exhibited the potential to make significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS and TnAFCS.

**LEADER AWARD:** The purpose of the **Leader Award** is to identify and honor family and consumer sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS and TnAFCS.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** The **Teacher of the Year Award** is to recognize exemplary teachers who utilize cutting-edge methods, techniques and activities to provide stimulus and visibility to family and consumer sciences in elementary and secondary education.

**STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:** The **Student of the Year Award** is to recognize exemplary students who demonstrate leadership and professional potential in the field of family and consumer sciences in elementary, secondary, or postsecondary education.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** The **Distinguished Service Award** (DSA) was established by the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) Foundation in 1979 as a living tribute to members of AHEA (now AAFCS) to recognize superior achievements in family and consumer sciences, outstanding contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession, and sustained association leadership at both state and national levels.