



Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
2021 ArAFCS OUTSTANDING FCS EDUCATOR of the Year Award
Guidelines and Nomination Form
Due March 29, 2021 by 11:59PM

OVERVIEW:

The ArAFCS Outstanding Educator of the Year award was established in 2019 through a AAFCS Membership Growth Grant to recognize exemplary educators in the State of Arkansas in the Family and Consumer Sciences profession. One Outstanding FCS Educator of the Year will be selected.

To receive the ArAFCS Outstanding FCS Educator of the Year Award, the awardee must attend the Virtual ArAFCS State Conference on April 9, 2021 to be recognized and presented with a commemorative plaque.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Is a member of the ArAFCS affiliate at the time of submission and at the time of the ArAFCS State Conference, plus for at least two years immediately prior to this submission.
- Has taught a minimum of two previous years and the current year
- Is employed as a full-time, permanent FCS Educator in Extension, Higher Education, or K-12 Education. At least 50% of the applicant's employment duties must involve teaching students in K-12, college or members the general public/community.

APPLICANT STEPS:

1) Completed Applicant Form (see Page 3)

2) Applicant's Current Curriculum Vita or Resume:

Three-page maximum, single-spaced, may use bullet form, with one-inch margins and 12-point font and in PDF format. Include education, professional experience, professional organizations/roles, teacher-related awards, and relevant community activities pertaining to FCS Education.

3) FCS Education Focus Statement:

4-page maximum, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and 12-point font, in PDF format: A statement of the applicant's FCS Education/Curriculum focus, including a discussion of the content area(s) in which they teach, and the audience(s) they teach to. This may be an original,



expanded, or substantially modified traditional FCS content area/focus. You may also discuss any teaching emphasis consistently embedded in the applicant's FCS teaching, i.e. service learning, project-based learning, community outreach, STEM, and communications.

Use the following headings:

(NOTE: Any supportive items must be included in the 4 pages.)

A. Description: Describe how your FCS Education/Curriculum Focus Area exhibits creativity, innovation, and cutting-edge techniques, and alignment with School, State or FCS National Standards.

B. School/Community Setting: Briefly describe your school/community and FCS Department/Employer. Include school and total FCS enrollment and the enrollment/attendance in the nominated education/curriculum focus for at least the past three years.

C. Goals and Outcomes: Describe goals, outcomes and sustainability in narrative, list and/or graphic form.

D. Impact:

1. Discuss how the education/curriculum focus has had a positive influence on 'students' lives during and beyond the duration of the education/curriculum focus.
2. Describe how the education/curriculum focus increases the visibility, growth, recognition, appreciation of, and support for FCS in the school and/or community.
3. Describe how this education/curriculum focus has had a relevant and timely impact on the school and/or community needs.
4. Describe how you used ingenuity and perseverance to either obtain, maximize, and sustain funding and/or overcome obstacles or challenges as an FCS Educator.

4) Letters of Support (maximum of 2; minimum of 1)

Up to two letters of support should come from persons in a position such as supervisor, colleague, parent, student, educational partner or community leader who give evidence of the impact and importance of the nominee's contributions to FCS Education aimed at students, families, and/or the community in PDF format. Letters of Support should be emailed directly from the reference to kcarroll5@uca.edu by the due date. Letters emailed from the applicant will not be considered.

Once you have prepared the documents listed in Steps 1-3 above, send them as a single PDF via email to kcarroll5@uca.edu by the due date.



**ArAFCS Outstanding FCS Educator of the Year Award
APPLICANT FORM**

I. Please read, sign, and date

I understand that if chosen to receive the **ArAFCS Outstanding FCS Educator of the Year Award**, I must attend the ArAFCS State Conference. If I am unable to attend, I understand that the award will be presented to another worthy applicant.

Signature

Date

II. Applicant contact information

Note: **ArAFCS Outstanding FCS Educator of the Year Award** winner will be recognized in ArAFCS conference materials, online, in social media, and in various ArAFCS communications.

Name:

Professional title/position:

Name of school/employer:

Name of principal/immediate supervisor:

Employer mailing address:

City, State and Zip:

Employer telephone:

Home mailing address:

City, State and Zip:

Home telephone:

Preferred Email address:

IV. Nominee's ArAFCS membership and credential information

AAFCS member number:



Years of AAFCS membership:

Years of membership in the ArAFCS Affiliate:

Which AAFCS credential(s), if any, do you hold?

- CFCS
- CFCS-HDFS
- CFCS-HNFS
- CPFFE
- CFCS-Retired
- CPFFE
- CNWE

VI. FCS Education/Curriculum Focus Area

How long has the education/curriculum focus been implemented by the applicant? _____years

Grade(s)/Audience(s) Taught: _____

VII. Advisor/Sponsor of FCS Related Student Organizations

Yes No Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Yes No Future Educators Association

Yes No Other FCS related student club/public organization. Specify _____.

Review Process:

Jurors selected by the ArAFCS Awards Committee will review the applications. Applicants and those who write a letter of recommendation for a current applicant cannot serve as jurors for this award. Additionally, jurors cannot judge applications from family members, their current students, students at their own institution, applicants who have the same employer, or any applicant for whom there may be a potential conflict of interest.

An individual who has applied for an award shall not serve as a juror for any award during the period in which his or her own application is being judged.

- Award recipient will be announced in the spring of the year awarded.