

2024 MAFCS Teacher of the Year Award Guidelines & Nomination Form

Nominate a current MN FCS teacher (or one who has retired in the past 12 months) who has created and run a family and consumer sciences program that has a FCS Curriculum Focus:

Examples of curriculum focus include an original, expanded or substantially modified traditional FCS content area (as listed below) OR, a teaching emphasis consistently embedded in the nominee's curriculum, i.e., service learning, technology, project based learning, STEM and communications.

- **Career Awareness/Job Skill Training** (e.g., work/study, literacy education, entrepreneurship)
- **Consumer Education/Family Finance** (e.g., consumer rights, understanding credit, budgeting and managing money)
- **Creative Dimensions/Alternative Program Designs** (e.g., caring for children, the elderly, or the disabled; peer or cross-age tutoring; internationalized curriculum; impact of legislation on family life)
- **Family Life/Personal and Social Development** (e.g., alternative family structures such as step, blended, or single-parent families; programs for children in self-care; abuse or crisis intervention programming; dealing with grief and death)
- **Nutrition Education/Diet and Health** (e.g., wellness; food science and chemistry; dietary education)

Although the more generic word “program” is used throughout this document, a teaching unit, semester project, or initiative suitable for integration with an existing program may also be submitted for an award. Please visit the AAFCS site (www.aafcs.org) and review the previous National TOY award winners. **Judges are looking for programs that are unique and different from previous TOY winners.**

Basic qualifications for Teacher of the Year are:

- is employed as a full-time permanent FCS teacher of kindergarten – 12th grade or who has retired within twelve months of the AAFCS national nomination deadline, December 1st;
- is an AAFCS member at the time of nomination and for **at least** three consecutive years prior to nomination;
- is willing to enter the National AAFCS Teacher of the Year competition, representing the MN affiliate, by submitting a portfolio of their program by the AAFCS national nomination deadlines; attend the National AAFCS Convention where they will be recognized as an Affiliate (MN) TOY or be selected as one of the three merit finalists, one of which will be selected as the National AAFCS Teacher of the Year recipient. The Teacher of the Year is also requested to attend the State Conference in early 2024 to receive their award, present their program and attend a reception in their honor.

Note: Funding will be awarded from the MAFCS organization and the Educational Committee, but the candidate may incur out of pocket costs, need to submit grant applications or work with their local district to cover costs beyond the MAFCS award. AAFCS staff do not qualify for this award.

To nominate the 2023-24 MAFCS TOY, fill out this form and attach/include your letter of recommendation including the impact their program has had within their FCS department/classes, school and community.

Please submit to Jill Hanson email is: jhanson@lpge.k12.mn.us OR home address: Jill Hanson 321 3rd Street SE, Melrose, MN 56352 **please submit an application by Monday, September 25, 2023.**

2024 MAFCS Affiliate Teacher of the Year Award Nomination Form

Name of nominee _____

Home address _____

Home/cell phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Email _____

School district _____

Nominee's school(s) _____

School address _____

Grade level(s) taught _____ Has current FCCLA chapter _____

Certification: As of the due date of the nomination form, applicant holds one or more AAFCS credential(s). _____

Nominated by _____

Email _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Address _____

Questions? Contact: Jill Hanson, jhanson@lpge.k12.mn.us or cell 507-525-0971.