

## 2024 MAFCS New Achiever Award Guidelines & Nomination Form

This award is for an emerging professional who has shown potential for making significant contributions within the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. This individual should have at least 3 years but not more than 9 years of service to the Family and Consumer Sciences field and MUST BE an active MAFCS member.

The nominee shall have evidence of professional involvement and achievements in the following categories:

- **Program Development:** Initiated, developed, or participated in the development of implementation of an innovative program and/or curriculum.
- **Contributions:** Contributed to the community through exemplary volunteer service using family and consumer sciences skills and backgrounds.
- **Research:** Conducted and/or applied research that is particularly relevant to current issues or has applied research findings to enhance the lives of individuals, families or communities.
- **Support:** Has documented experience creating or supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion policymaking, projects and programs.
- **Collaborative Work:** Worked with agencies and groups outside the family and consumer sciences community.
- **Recognition:** Received recognition for outstanding program/curriculum development that reflects a level of professional responsibility. (Examples: authoring books, curriculum modules, online media, or articles that have appeared in major magazines, professional journals, or other publications in print or online.)
- **Supporting Documents:** Incorporate supporting items in readable scale such as photographs/drawings, figures/tables, and media et al., which illustrate and further explain the applicant's professional involvement and achievements.

### Basic qualifications for New Achiever are:

- is a professional member of MAFCS/AAFCS at the time of application and has two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to this application.
- has at least three (3) but no more than eight (8) years of service to and experience in the field.
- has earned a degree in family and consumer sciences.
- is nominated by a MAFCS/AAFCS member or committee.
- is willing to prepare application materials for AAFCS New Achiever and submit application materials in English.
- Members of the MAFCS Awards Committee and members of the AAFCS Board of Directors are not eligible to apply while in office.

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.

To nominate someone for the 2024 MAFCS New Achiever, 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: Amanda Kinnander email is: [amanda\\_kinnander@isd31.net](mailto:amanda_kinnander@isd31.net) OR mail to:

***MAFCS Awards and Scholarships***

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**please submit an application by October 1, 2023.**

**2024 MAFCS Affiliate New Achiever Award Nomination Form**

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home/cell phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

AAFCS Member Number and Number of Years of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

AAFCS Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominating Person/Committee shall provide a letter of support:** Letter shall include support for the nominee highlighting evidence of the applicant's impact and/or potential to positively impact individuals, families, the community and/or profession.

**Questions? Contact: Amanda Kinnander at [amanda\\_kinnander@isd31.net](mailto:amanda_kinnander@isd31.net)**