



Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) Helping Undergraduate and Graduate Students (HUGS) Policy

HUGS Recipients will receive the following as a participant in a professional event:

- Networking
- Partial monetary assistance (as available) for attending state, regional, and national family and consumer sciences conferences to be reimbursed after the event.
- Scholarship, leadership, and community service involvement opportunities.
- Mentoring from experienced professionals and/or sponsorship.
- Connections to job opening information.
- Resources, knowledge, and professional development.
- Resume building experience.

HUGS recipients must meet the following requirements:

- Full time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled, in good standing, in a Family and Consumer Sciences related program of study.
- Pre Professional/Graduate Student (P/GS) member status of the American and Minnesota Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences in good standing (current paid membership).
- Participate actively in the funded event by attending all scheduled sessions, networking with other attendees.
- Write a brief article for the MAFCS newsletter after the event and submit to:
Lois Lewis and Cherry Cramer at lewislois12@gmail.com and cramercherry@gmail.com
within **2 weeks of the event**.
- Complete the conference evaluation.
- Write a note of thanks to the MAFCS Officers and give it to Cherry Cramer at conference to receive awarded funds.

HUGS money will be awarded based on the following variables:

- Length of attendance at the conference/event
*HUGS applicants who attend **all** days/sessions of a conference/event will be given priority.*
- Other financial contributions from outside sources (*i.e. professional development funds from place of employment, grants, etc.*)
*HUGS applicants who have **not** received contributions from outside sources will be given priority.*
- Funds available
All HUGS awards are subject to the amount of total funds available for distribution



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Date of Application: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2023

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____

School Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Email: _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION

School: _____ Undergraduate Program _____ Graduate Program

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Phone: _____

Advisor Email: _____

AAFCS PRE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

AAFCS Membership Number: _____ Date of Membership Renewal: _____

_____ I am applying for AAFCS/MAFCS student membership support.

_____ I am applying for HUGS funds for the 2024 MAFCS State Conference February 29-March 2, 2024.

_____ I plan to attend the 2024 MAFCS State Conference February 29-March 2, 2024.

_____ I will be staying at the hotel for the MAFCS State Conference February 29-March 2, 2024.

Write a statement regarding how you plan to benefit from attending this event:

Are you receiving any other financial assistance to attend this event? _____ Yes _____ No

If YES, please explain what is covered by other institutions (registrations, hotel, etc).

I, _____, have read the HUGS Policy. I understand funds will vary from event to event and that while no monetary assistance is absolutely guaranteed, MAFCS professionals will make every effort to raise the funds necessary to support this valuable program. If chosen as a HUGS recipient, I will complete the requirements of a HUGS recipient as listed in the HUGS Policy and will attend the conference as indicated while enjoying the many benefits.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send completed form by deadline: **December 1, 2023** to: **Amanda Kinnander % MAFCS Awards & Scholarships
Bemidji Middle School ISD #31 502 Minnesota Ave NW
Bemidji, MN 56601**

OR Send Electronically to: amanda_kinnander@isd31.net

Date Received: _____ Payment sent: _____