



## Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) New Professional Support (NPS) Policy

**A New Professional is a AAFCS/MAFCS member who is working in the first three years of employment of the first professional FCS job.**

### **New Professional 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.
- Leadership, grants 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

### **NPS recipients must meet the following requirements:**

- Full or Part time employment in a Family and Consumer Sciences related career within the first three years of employment of your first professional FCS job.
- Professional 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 Cherry Cramer at [cramercherry@gmail.com](mailto:cramercherry@gmail.com) and Lois Lewis at [lewsilois12@gmail.com](mailto:lewsilois12@gmail.com) **within 2 weeks of event.**
- Complete the conference evaluation.
- Write a note of thanks to the MAFCS Officers and give it to Cherry Cramer at the conference to receive awarded funds. A thank you card will be provided to NPS recipients at the conference registration desk.

### **NPS money will be awarded based on the following variables:**

- Length of attendance at the conference/event  
*NPS 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.*)  
*NPS applicants who have **not** received contributions from outside sources will be given priority*
- Funds available  
*All NPS awards are subject to the amount of total funds available for distribution*



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Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO April 15, 2024**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

NPS Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

**AAFCS PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

AAFCS Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Membership Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for the 1st Year Introductory rate AAFCS/MAFCS membership in AAFCS/MAFCS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for NPS funds for the AAFCS National Conference - June 5-10, 2024.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the AAFCS National Conference- June 5-10, 2024.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to stay at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis for the AAFCS National Conference- June 5-10, 2024.

Write a statement regarding how you plan to benefit from the 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).  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the NPS 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 NPS recipient, I will complete the requirements of a NPS recipient listed in the NPS Policy and will attend the conference as identified while enjoying the many benefits.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form by deadline: **April 15, 2024** to:  
Amanda Kinnander, % MAFCS Awards and Scholarships  
Bemidji Middle School  
Independent School District 31  
502 Minnesota Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

OR Send Electronically to: [amanda.kinnander@isd31.net](mailto:amanda.kinnander@isd31.net)

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment sent: \_\_\_\_\_