

NACAA MEMBERSHIP

NACAA membership is open to any member of a state affiliated association which meets the requirements of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents.

Membership includes Extension Educators/Professionals working in:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- 4-H Youth Development
- Community Development
- Administration
- Aquaculture/Sea Grant
- Related Disciplines

NACAA MISSION

- Foster the professional improvement of its members
- Communication and cooperation among all Extension Educators
- Enhancement of the image of the Cooperative Extension System
- Development of personal growth opportunities of Extension professionals



We Help You Grow Professionally

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NACAA is built on three foundation blocks that are the basic components of NACAA's professional enhancement areas: Program Recognition, Extension Development, and Professional Improvement.

1. Program Recognition:

This component contains the award based programs and workshops in the areas of:

- Communication
- Extension Programs
- 4-H and Youth
- Professional Excellence
- Public Relations
- Recognition and Awards
- Scholarships

2. Extension Development:

This component is designed to enhance members in the area of general Extension training and focus on:

- Public Relations and Agriculture Issues
- Early Career Development
- Administration Skills Development
- Teaching and Educational Technologies

3. Professional Improvement:

This component is to further the professional improvement of members in specific subject matter areas such as:

- Agronomy and Pest Management
- Agriculture Economics
- Animal Science
- Forestry and Natural Resources
- Community and Commercial Horticulture
- Aquaculture/Sea Grant

SCHOLARSHIPS

The NACAA Educational Foundation administers a vested endowment that provides scholarship funds for use by members for advanced degrees, group and individual professional improvement tours and other training opportunities. Awards have exceeded \$25,000.00 annually.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

The County Agent is the official publication of NACAA. Members receive professional improvement, news of the association, activities, shared education efforts from other states, and reports from NACAA leadership and member states.

- The Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference proceedings are available each year
- NACAA members are encouraged to publish articles in *The County Agent* and *The Journal of Extension*.
- NACAA is on the World Wide Web with the latest information and the opportunity to communicate with the leadership. The site is: <http://www.nacaa.com> and is managed by the NACAA Electronic Communications Coordinator.
- NACAA official headquarters are located at 252 North Park St. Decatur Illinois 62523 and is staffed by the NACAA Executive Director

RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Top 2% of membership in each state is recognized for distinguished service annually
- Achievement Awards are given for program excellence by members with under 10 years of service.
- Pinnacle Award for outstanding humanitarian efforts.

NACAA MEMBER ACTIVITIES

- Leadership seminars for state associations and NACAA leadership
- Professional improvement opportunities
- Study tours and professional training
- Scholarships from the NACAA Educational Foundation
- Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference
- Opportunities for peer reviewed seminars and poster sessions
- Distinguished Service Award for top educators each year
- Achievement Award for early career recognition
- Planned educational programs and tours for professional improvement
- Family programming
- Opportunities to meet and collaborate with NACAA members across the United States
- Recognition for outstanding Extension programs

NACAA GOALS

- Promote the Extension Educator as a credible research based educational resource
- Promote and enhance leadership skills
- Increase participation in NACAA programs and activities including the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference as access to academic credit and educational resources
- Promote and strengthen the involvement in NACAA of early career agents
- Enhance NACAA's visibility with USDA

JOIN NACAA

- Become involved in your state and national professional association for extension work in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and natural resources, community development, 4-H youth development and administration
- Share ideas with colleagues and other professionals
- Network with other professionals
- Present or publish peer reviewed research or educational programs
- Access scholarship and professional improvement opportunities
- Achieve recognition for outstanding program efforts
- Enhance your career opportunities

TO JOIN NACAA....
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**“Dedicated to
Professional
Excellence”**

**JOIN
TODAY!!!**

We're more than you think.....