

Kentucky Para – Professional Award

BACKGROUND

The Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists implemented this award in 1970. This award has been discontinued on the National level, but will be awarded in Kentucky.

AWARD

First, second and third place winners will be recognized at the KEAFCS State Meeting.

PURPOSE

1. To recognize outstanding accomplishments of Para-Professionals in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences including youth programs.
2. To encourage the use of imaginative and effective methods to reach special audiences.
3. To promote local, state and national recognition of outstanding service to special audiences through the use of Para-Professionals working with or supervised by Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educators who are KEAFCS members.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A Para-Professional is an individual who is an employee of the Cooperative Extension Service and works under the supervision of Extension professionals.
2. The Para-Professional must have been employed at least two years or the part-time equivalent of two years in present position and be working with or supervised by an Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educator who is a member of KEAFCS.
3. The application form and supporting narrative are to be prepared by the sponsoring Extension family and Consumer Sciences Educator. However the form must be signed by the applicant (Para-Professional) as well as the sponsoring agent.
4. Team entries are not permitted.

Application

1. Complete the NEAFCS/KEAFCS Cover Sheet and submit with award entry.
2. Attach personal information sheet about sponsoring Extension Family and Consumer Science Educator- name, title, business address, business phone, county, state, zip code, and number of years in Extension.
3. Program outline – limit to two (2) double –spaced typed pages:
 - a. Assigned target audience
 - b. Brief statement of program accomplishment.

Cite specific examples: include how the program serves the needs and interests of families and/or individuals with whom the Para-Professional works, methods used in carrying out the program and results.

Include use of volunteer leadership and /or cooperation with other organizations and agencies, if applicable.

4. Support evidence-limit to one (1) page news story or teaching aid may be attached if applicable (it can be front and back of sheet).

JUDGING CRITERIA 100 points total

1. Program serves needs – 20 points
2. Methods used – 40 points
3. Impact of program – 40 points