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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is family and consumer sciences (FCS)?

A: FCS is the research-based, integrative study of all the "life skills," including human relations, personal finance, food science and nutrition, parenting and childcare, nonviolent conflict resolution, and environmentally responsible design and construction.

Q: What do I get for my membership dues?

A: You'll have the opportunity to network with professionals in your area(s) of expertise and related fields, advance your professional development through involvement in AAFCS activities and programs, and receive resources that will help you serve individuals, families, and communities.

Q: Why should I belong to an "umbrella association" like AAFCS, instead of an organization that focuses on my professional niche?

A: By having access to professionals and information from all areas of FCS, you can deepen your knowledge of the integrative nature of the FCS profession and discover critical implications for your area of expertise.

Q: Will my AAFCS membership help protect FCS programs and strengthen the profession?

A: Your membership helps to fund national-level communications, certification, accreditation, and advocacy efforts that influence education funding and legislation.

Q: How do I contact my affiliate?

A: Call AAFCS national headquarters at 1-800-424-8080 or email staff@aaafcs.org for your affiliate contact.

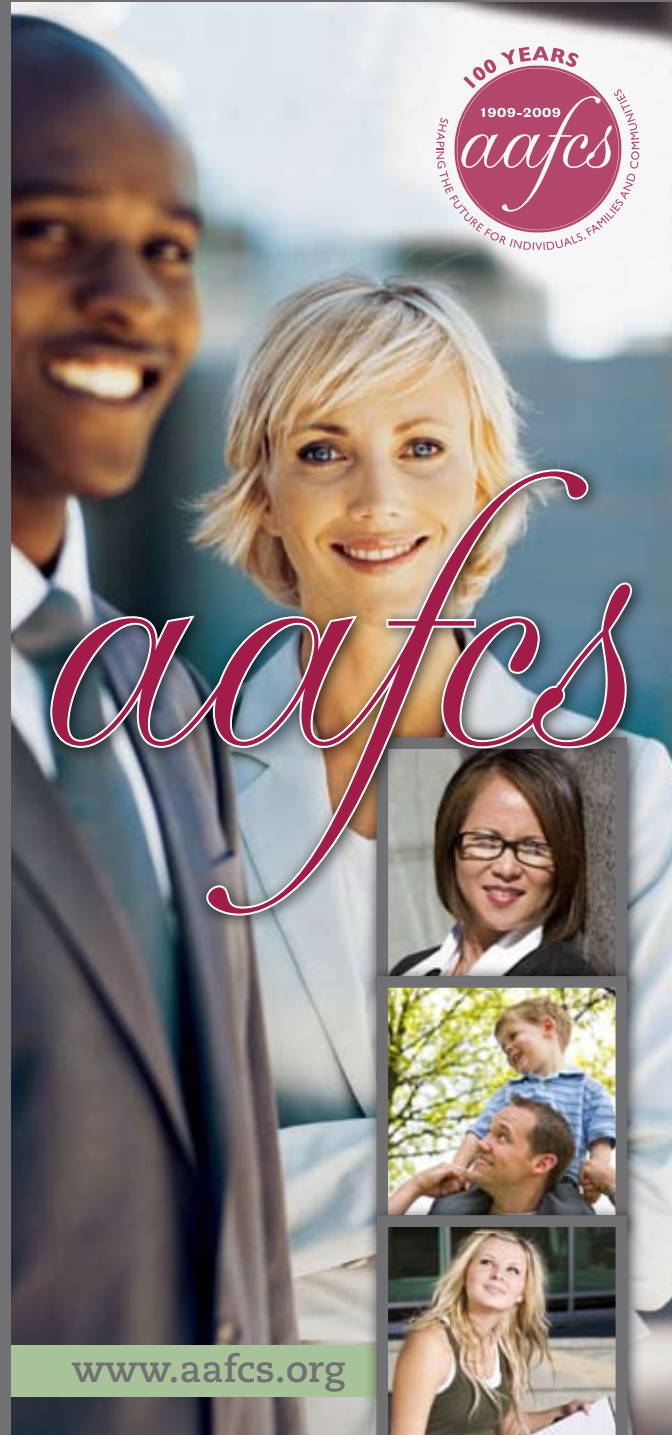
**SHAPE THE NEXT CENTURY OF FCS.
JOIN AAFCS TODAY!**



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AAFCS serves as the sole accreditation agent in the U.S. for family and consumer sciences baccalaureate programs. AAFCS is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Contributions beyond basic dues are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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Members of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) are professionals and students from all areas of family and consumer sciences (FCS) and related fields:

- ❖ Human Development and Family Studies
- ❖ Food Science and Nutrition
- ❖ Wellness and Fitness
- ❖ Individual, Family, and Community Development
- ❖ Personal Finance
- ❖ Apparel Design and Manufacturing
- ❖ Consumer Studies and Retailing
- ❖ Housing and Interior Design
- ❖ Career Development
- ❖ Hospitality Services and Culinary Arts
- ❖ Art and Design

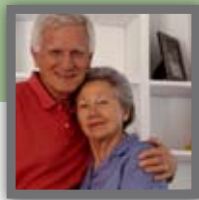
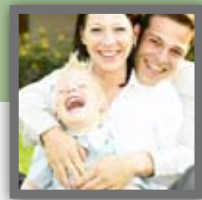
AAFCS is the only nationally recognized organization that brings these professionals together to address critical topics challenging society. Members rely on AAFCS' leadership and support to help individuals, families, and communities make informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

Join our community of dedicated professionals who are advancing the research-based life skills body of knowledge.

Shape the next century of FCS!



EXCHANGE IDEAS AND COLLABORATE TO ADDRESS SOCIETAL ISSUES



AAFCS Affiliate Membership

(Included in AAFCS Membership Dues)

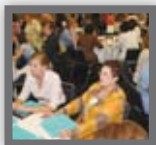
- ❖ Region-specific professional/educational networking events.
- ❖ Leadership and advancement opportunities in your state/region.

AAFCS Communities

(Included in AAFCS Membership Dues)

- ❖ Self-forming member groups who work together on policy issues, research projects, or current issues that promote the mission of AAFCS.
- ❖ Communication and networking facilitated by AAFCS' online technology.

AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo



- ❖ National summit for exploration of society's hottest issues, such as *Evolving Technology: Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities*, theme of the 99th Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI, June 19-22, 2008.
- ❖ Discounted registration fee for AAFCS members.

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)

- ❖ Special AAFCS members-only dues of \$65.
- ❖ International events, networking, and exploration of global issues affecting families and communities worldwide (www.ifhe.org).

Influence Public Policy

Public Policy Tool Kit

Online tool kit to help you take action in your community.

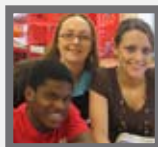
Legislative Monitoring

- ❖ AAFCS staff monitoring of national education legislation and funding.
- ❖ Legislative email alerts and updates provided to AAFCS members.

Receive Recognition

Awards

National awards to honor outstanding achievements by members and those nominated by AAFCS groups.



Kendra Naef, CFCS, AAFCS 2007 National Teacher of the Year, with students in Kimberly, WI

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

- ❖ Financial support for research and studies in family and consumer sciences, available through an annual competition managed by AAFCS.
- ❖ Opportunities to participate in national research and programs that advance family and consumer sciences.

Professional Certification

- ❖ National recognition program offering one broad field and two concentration credentials!
 - CFCS: Certification in Family and Consumer Sciences
 - CFCS-HDFS: Certification in Human Development and Family Studies
 - CFCS-HNFS: Certification in Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science
- ❖ Discounted certification application fee for AAFCS members.

University Program Accreditation

National recognition of baccalaureate FCS programs that meet or exceed established quality standards..benefiting the public, students, institutions of higher learning, employers of alumni, and the profession.

Expand Your Expertise

Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences

(Included in AAFCS Membership Dues)



The premier quarterly journal on family and consumer sciences with research, strategies, and practice articles.

FCS Products and Publications

(Members-only Discount)

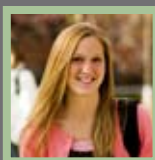
Online Services at www.aafcs.org

Updates on critical issues and expert resources, such as

- ❖ PR/Media Tool Kit.
- ❖ National Directory of Online Resources for Classroom Teachers.
- ❖ National FCS Career Connection, AAFCS' job site.

Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal

- ❖ A quarterly publication of research, integration, and application.
- ❖ Receive more than 50% off the individual nonmember price with this application! Only \$30!



Students... AAFCS Student Unit membership is your opportunity to join AAFCS now as an investment in your career. Obtain funding for your education, gain networking opportunities, get published, build leadership skills, receive student-specific eNewsletters, post your resume online at the FCS Career Connection, and more!

AAFCS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Renewals are due one year from the date membership application is received.

Organizational

Corporate/Business \$750
Non-Profit Organization \$500

- ❖ Organized group, agency, or business.
- ❖ Purpose in common with AAFCS, resulting in mutual benefits to both.
- ❖ Benefits include
 - Three subscriptions to the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences (JFCS)*.
 - 5% discount on exhibit booths at Annual Conference & Expo.
 - Members-only discount on registration for two representatives to attend the Annual Conference & Expo.
 - Acknowledgment on AAFCS website with a link.
 - One free half-page black & white inside ad in the *JFCS* OR 25% off 4-color inside full-page ad.
 - One free sponsorship of monthly newsletter to all members (one issue).

Active \$135*

- ❖ Professional with a degree in family and consumer sciences or related field working towards or supporting the vision and mission of AAFCS.
- ❖ Eligible to vote and hold office.
- ❖ Annual subscription to the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*.
- ❖ Includes all member benefits, discounts on publications, event registrations, etc.
- ❖ Special introductory rate for the first year of Active Membership (one-year only) **\$100**.
*Annual dues in CA, OH \$140; TX, KS, NE \$145; IA \$150.

Ellen Richards Sustaining \$250*

- ❖ Any individual who is eligible for membership as defined under the Active Member category and is interested in furthering the purposes of AAFCS through additional contribution, according to dues structure.
- ❖ Includes all member benefits of Active Member.
- ❖ Includes listing in the Honor Roll of Donors in Annual Conference Program Book and in *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*.
*CA, OH \$255; KS, TX \$260; IA \$265.

Emeritus \$95*

- ❖ Any individual who is retired and at least 60 years of age and has been a member of AAFCS for at least 10 years.
- ❖ Eligible to vote.
- ❖ Annual subscription to the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*.
- ❖ Includes all member benefits, discounts on publications, event registrations, etc.
*Annual dues in CA, OH \$100; KS, TX \$105.

Student (Collegiate/Postsecondary) \$60*

- ❖ Enrolled full-time as a postsecondary, undergraduate, or graduate student.
- ❖ Completed Student Status Statement.**
- ❖ Eligible to vote and hold office in the AAFCS Student Unit.
- ❖ Annual subscription to the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*.
- ❖ Includes all member benefits, discounts on publications, event registrations, etc.
*Annual dues in TX \$70.

**STUDENT STATUS STATEMENT

I am currently enrolled on a full-time basis as a(n) (check one)

Postsecondary student Undergraduate student Graduate student

My anticipated date of completion is _____.

FULL NAME OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTION (NO ACRONYMS)

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Faculty/Teacher Confirmation: I confirm that the applicant is a full-time student at my school/college/university/institution.

FACULTY/TEACHER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

B. MEMBER INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

New Member Renewing Member: ID# _____

NAME _____

TITLE/OCCUPATION _____

ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL NAME _____

OFFICE STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

OFFICE TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

HOME STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____
(To receive The FACS newsletter by email and enjoy extra member benefits. Your email will not be shared with others.)

Preferred Mailing Address Office Home

Preferred Affiliate: _____

NOTE: Your affiliate is automatically assigned based on the state indicated in your preferred mailing address. Please indicate here, only if you'd prefer to be assigned to an alternate affiliate.

REFERRED/SPONSORED BY (IF APPLICABLE) _____

C. FEES

AAFCS Membership Dues (from section A) \$ _____

Optional Upgrades:

FCS Research Journal Subscription (\$30) _____ IFHE Dues (\$65) _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____ (AAFCS dues + fees for optional upgrades)

D. PAYMENT OPTIONS

VISA MasterCard Check # _____ PO # _____ *

*An original purchase order must accompany this application in order to begin processing your membership.

NAME ON CARD _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT (FROM SECTION C) _____

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