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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(s) 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.

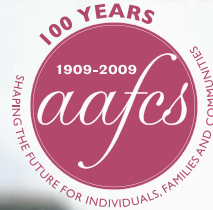
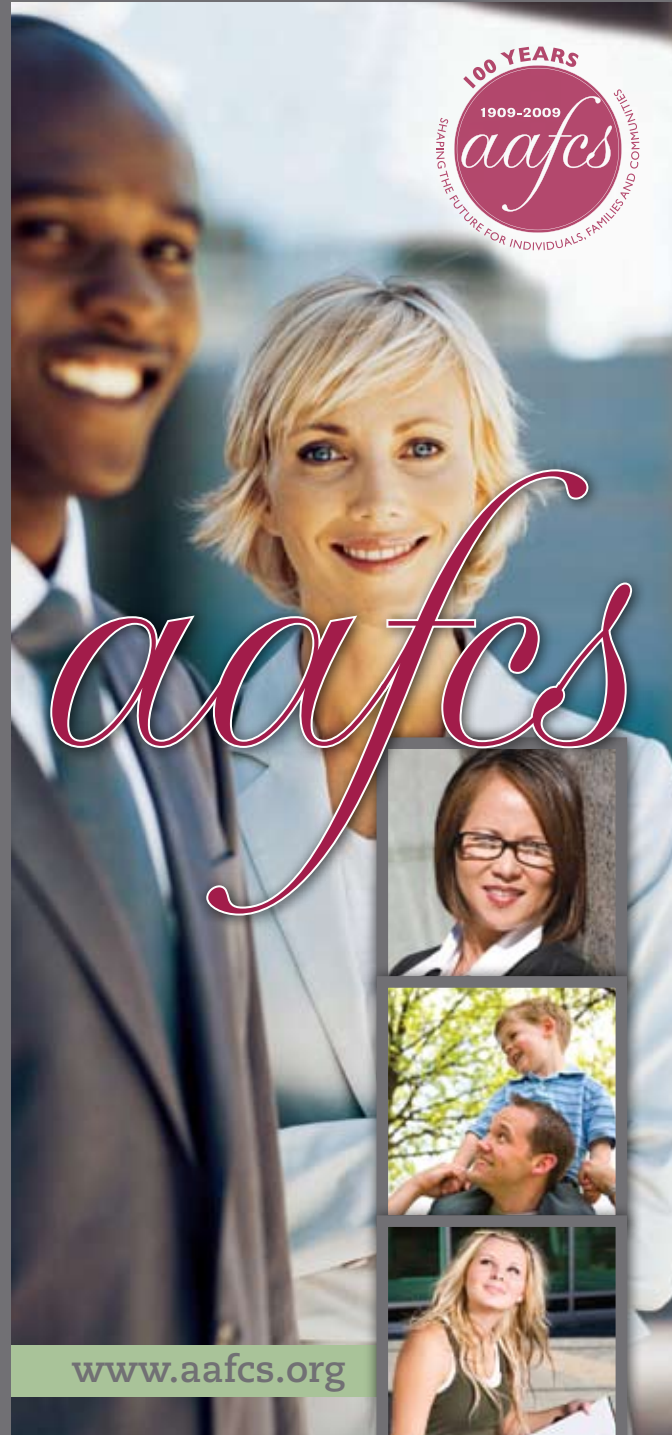
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American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) members are professionals and students from all areas of family and consumer sciences (FCS) and related fields, including:

- ❖ 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!

www.aaafcs.org

AAFCS—YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS!

Collaborate with Professionals and Students

AAFCS Affiliate Membership*

- ❖ Attend region-specific professional/educational events.
- ❖ Receive opportunities for leadership and advancement in your state/region.

AAFCS Communities*

- ❖ Using the latest in online technology, work together with members nationwide to take action on issues that support the mission of AAFCS.
- ❖ Join as many AAFCS Communities as you like, or apply to start a new one!

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)**

- ❖ Receive special members-only annual dues of \$85.
- ❖ Participate in international events, networking, and exploration of global issues affecting families and communities worldwide (www.ifhe.org).

Receive Recognition Awards

Nominate an outstanding member, professional, or group for one of AAFCS' prestigious national awards. Most awards require the nominee to be an AAFCS member.



AAFCS 2008 National Teacher of the Year Mary W. Ludwig with her students.

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Apply for financial support for your research or studies in family and consumer sciences and receive additional points on your application if you are an AAFCS member.

*Included in AAFCS Membership Dues **Members-Only Discount

Expand Your Expertise

AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo**

- ❖ Register at a discounted rate to participate in our national conference, such as the AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo, *Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future*, in Knoxville, TN, June 25 - 28, 2009.
- ❖ Exchange research, strategies, and ideas on FCS-related topics.



Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal (FCSRJ)**

Receive more than 50% off the individual nonmember price for this quarterly journal. Each refereed article in *FCSRJ* includes cutting-edge research and practical information for FCS professionals.

Online Resources at www.aafcs.org

Access helpful career tools, such as:

- ❖ Membership Directory*
- ❖ Resource Directory for Classroom Teachers*
- ❖ FCS Career Connection, AAFCS' job site*
- ❖ PR/ Media Tool Kit*

Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*

Receive the quarterly AAFCS journal with FCS research, strategies, and practice articles, as well as AAFCS news and information.



Influence Public Policy

- ❖ Take action in your community using the online AAFCS Public Policy Tool Kit and Deliberation Guides.*
- ❖ Receive email alerts and updates related to national education legislation and funding.*

Family and Consumer Sciences Credentialing Center

Assessment and Certification of Pre-Professionals

- ❖ If you are a secondary or postsecondary educator or administrator, find out how AAFCS pre-professional assessments and certifications can be used to verify student competence, meet program accountability and improvement requirements, gain program recognition, and satisfy funding mandates.
- ❖ If you are a postsecondary student, learn more about our standards-based and industry-recognized pre-professional credentials, which can be used to validate competence when applying for employment, gaining admission to degree programs in FCS, and seeking credit-by-examination.

Assessment and Certification of Professionals**

- ❖ If you employ FCS professionals, consider using AAFCS professional assessments and certifications to validate the competence of potential employees.
- ❖ If you are an FCS professional, learn how you can earn one of our nationally recognized broad field or concentration certification.



Accreditation of University Programs

The AAFCS Accreditation program benefits the public, students, higher education units, employers of alumni, and the profession by promoting and recognizing quality in FCS education.

- ❖ If you are an administrator or faculty member for a baccalaureate FCS program, learn how your program can earn recognition by meeting or exceeding established quality standards.

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.
 - **First-year dues in CA, OH \$105; TX, KS, NE \$110; IA \$115.

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
 - *Annual dues in 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 only be shared with your affiliate leadership and with other AAFCS members through our online directory.)

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 (\$85) _____

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) _____

"For only \$5 a month, my student membership in AAFCS gives me the opportunity to meet passionate FCS professionals, travel to all kinds of neat places, network with potential employers, make new friends, and have tons of fun!"

- Megan L. Pritchett, AAFCS 2008-2009 Student Unit Chair and FCS Teacher

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