

## American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Champion Award 2008 Guidelines

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Champion Award recognizes groups, organizations, and companies that promote the connection between strong families and strong communities by creating viable projects and activities that build communities in which families are valued, supported, and strengthened. The 2008 award will be given to a group, organization, or company that has been instrumental in preparing individuals, families, and communities to better embrace the benefits, as well as the risks, associated with evolving technologies.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Champion Award recipient is presented with an engraved plaque at the AAFCS Annual Conference & Exposition. The recipient's name is reported in the Annual Conference Program Book.

#### **Eligibility**

Any group, organization, or company external to AAFCS and involved at the national or international level in promoting strong families and communities is eligible to receive this award. Current AAFCS members and staff are not eligible for nomination. Former recipients of the AAFCS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Champion Award are also ineligible.

The award will be presented whenever a qualified recipient is selected, but to no more than one recipient per year.

#### **Nomination Package**

Nominations must be made by a sanctioned entity of the Association (such as affiliate, community, committee, or unit) and must be submitted by the president or chair of the nominating group.

Nominating groups must complete the nomination form and e-mail it and all supporting documentation to [publicpolicy@aafcs.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aafcs.org) with *21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Champion Award Nomination* in the subject line by **December 1, 2007**.

Note: **Do not** include a photograph of the nominee with the nomination package (i.e., the nomination form and supporting documentation).

#### **Review Process**

Nominations are reviewed by the AAFCS Public Policy Committee, which then submits its recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval. All nominations should be kept confidential until or unless approved by the Board of Directors. **Please do not notify the nominee of the nomination.**

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- *Leadership*: the nominee has used influence, ability, and resources to shape policies and mobilize community assets to support families and/or communities as they face the benefits, challenges, and threats of evolving technologies.
- *Inclusiveness*: the nominee's work is available to individuals, families, and communities, regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion.
- *Impact and visibility*: the nominee's work is recognized as an asset and a positive force to make a difference in community engagement.
- *Sustainability*: the effort(s) recognized by this award could continue without the nominee's involvement.
- *Adaptability and reproducibility*: the projects and activities recognized by this award can be enacted in other communities in ways that localize and adapt it to fit specific environments.