

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
Friend of the Family Award
2009 Guidelines

Established in 1984, the AAFCS Friend of the Family Award is presented to an individual or organization that has affected policies for families. The award recipient is presented with an engraved plaque at the AAFCS Annual Conference & Exposition, and the recipient's name is added to a permanent display at AAFCS headquarters and is reported in the Annual Conference Program Book.

Eligibility

An individual or organization involved at the national or international level in the policy-making process whose work over time has made significant contributions that affect the well-being of families.

Current AAFCS members and staff are not eligible for nomination. Former recipients of the AAFCS Friend of the Family Award are not eligible to receive the award. Congressional candidates are not eligible for the award during a year when they are standing for election.

The award will be presented when a recipient is ranked as qualified by the jury of reviewers and approved by the AAFCS Board of Directors. No more than one award will be presented per year.

Nomination Package

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

Nominators must complete the nomination form and e-mail it with all supporting documentation to publicpolicy@aafcs.org with the subject line *Friend of the Family Award Nomination*. Do not include a photograph of the nominee with the nomination package.

Award nominations are due **January 16, 2009**.

Review Process

Nominations are reviewed by the Awards sub-committee of the AAFCS Public Policy Committee, which then submits a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval. All nominations should be kept confidential until approved by the Board of Directors. **DO NOT** notify the nominee of the nomination.

Evaluation Criteria

- Specific examples of how and when the nominee has been involved in national or international public policy that has significantly and positively affected families.
- Length of time nominee has been involved in addressing public policy issues related to families.
- Impact of the nominee's work in affecting national or international public policy for families.