

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP - NACAA

We provide you with many opportunities to enhance your career both daily and in the long-term. With the NACAA, you'll have a chance to grow with:

Professional improvement and development opportunities

Attend professional development sessions that will make a difference in your education programs.

Leadership development

Gain valuable experience by volunteering for special assignments, joining committees, or serving as a national officer.

Scholarships

Attend an in-service training, go back to school, and travel to annual conferences and meetings - on us!

Networking with peers nationally

Collaborate with your fellow agents and exchange ideas.

Awards

Be recognized for your outstanding work and enhance your promotional package with our many programs, communications, and service awards.

Industry connections

Meet industry leaders at our annual meeting and professional improvement conferences.

News & updates

Stay abreast of the latest developments in your field with our quarterly journal, County Agent, and its online supplement, e-County Agent. Peruse our regional newsletters and annual and committee reports, or participate in our nacaa wiki.



NACAA PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SNAPSHOT

Members and potential members often ask a question like “What’s in NACAA for me?”

NACAA offers many benefits to its members. Some of the most important are the professional improvement or scholarship related opportunities. In most states Extension Agents / Educators are expected to participate in professional improvement or scholarship opportunities for job performance evaluation and promotion. NACAA through the national meeting and professional improvement conference and the NACAA website offers several such opportunities.

National Meetings

- Present peer-reviewed papers
- Publish peer-reviewed abstracts
- Opportunity to serve as reviewer of submitted abstracts
- NACAA Poster session (peer reviewed and judged)
- Opportunity to serve as reviewer of proposed presentation or posters
- Serve as a session moderator

NACAA Journal (online journal)

- Opportunity to publish peer reviewed papers in electronic format
- Opportunity to serve as a reviewer

Journal of Extension

- Opportunities to submit articles
- Opportunity to serve as reviewers
- Opportunity to serve as NACAA representative on JOE

Nationwide Web-based professional development opportunities

- Opportunity to present
- Opportunity to participate

Search for Excellence Awards

- Crop Production
- Consumer or Commercial Horticulture
- Farm and Ranch Management
- Livestock Production
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- Young, Beginning, or Small Farmers/Ranchers
- Sustainable Agriculture

Additional Awards

- Excellence in 4-H & Youth Development
- Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation Award

Communications Awards

- Audio Recordings
- Published Photo & Caption
- Computer Generated Graphics Presentation
- Program Promotional Piece
- Personal Column
- Feature Story
- Newsletter, Individual
- Newsletter, Team
- Video Recordings
- Fact Sheet
- Publication
- Web Site
- Learning Module/Notebook
- Bound Book

Educational Foundation Scholarships

Member vestment will be \$40 to qualify for up to \$1,000 scholarship and a vestment of \$100 (an additional \$60 contribution to the scholarship fund) to qualify for an additional scholarship awards from \$1,001 to \$2,000 (no more than \$1,000 in any one year will be awarded). This change was effective with the 2013 scholarship requests.

Uses include: advance degrees, graduate credit, educational tours, professional conferences (not NACAA AM/PIC), seminars, research or other specialized training

Donation required by NACAA AM/PIC prior to application.

Items contributed to NACAA Scholarship auction count toward donation

In addition to scholarship opportunities, NACAA also offers opportunities to serve in national leadership positions. Extension Agents/Educators who are seeking opportunities to work and provide leadership in an organization recognized by Extension administrators as being a national professional improvement organization will find these opportunities within NACAA. They can take advantage of these opportunities by getting involved and seeking out positions as Regional Committee Vice-Chairs, National Committee Chairs, Regional Directors or national officers.

