

Professional Associations In Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



All Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees are encouraged to participate in one or more of the Professional Associations for Extension personnel. These associations provide professional development, mentorship, networking, awards, scholarships, & leadership opportunities for their members. Along with discipline specific professional development, members can improve their abilities & skills as an educator & facilitator. Members can also take on leadership roles at the local (district or regional), state, & national level. Each Texas Association is a partner with their National Association (exception is TESA).

Overview



Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is open to Extension professionals from all disciplines, levels of administration, Extension faculty status and support services.



Texas Association of 4-H Agents (TAE4-HA) is open to Extension Agents, Specialists, and Extension Administrators who promote or work with 4-H and Youth Development.



Texas County Agricultural Agents Association (TCAAA) is open to Agents (CEA, EA, AA, & CEP) in Agriculture and related positions (horticulture, marine, disaster & recovery, etc.) and in 4-H positions.



Texas Extension Association for Family & Consumer Sciences (TEAFCS) is open to Extension professionals working in any capacity with Family and Consumer Sciences (minimum of a Bachelor's degree).



Texas Extension Specialist Association (TESA) is open to Extension/Program Specialists, Extension Assistants/Associates DEA's & RPLs, & Department Heads and Program Leaders with Extension appointments.

Awards

ESP honors its members for administrative leadership, distinguished service, and programming through state & national awards. Outstanding external "friends" of Extension are also recognized.

TAE4-HA awards its members for distinguished service and excellence in programming through state, regional and national awards. Awards are given to member and non members.

TCAAA recognizes its members for distinguished service and programming through state & national awards. Extension specialists & external partners are also recognized with awards.

TEAFCS awards its members for distinguished service and programming through state & national awards. County Courts, extension specialists, and support staff are also recognized with awards.

TESA recognizes their partners in work & programming and gives awards to county extension agents, administrative support staff, and external Extension supporters.

Scholarships

Member scholarships for district, state and national professional development activities, including the National ESP Conference.

Member scholarships & grants for advanced degrees, professional development, and fees for new members. Gives 2 Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships.

Member scholarships for advanced degrees & professional development. Youth Scholarships for member's children & scholarships for the Texas 4-H Foundation.

Member scholarships for advanced degrees. Youth Scholarships for students currently majoring in FCS-related fields at Texas universities.

Member scholarships & grants for professional development, travel, educational materials, etc. Youth Scholarships for member's children.

Meetings & Info

District, State and National ESP meetings

Contact your local ESP Director or visit <http://www.texasesp.org/>

District, State, and National TAE4-HA meetings

Contact your local TAE4-HA Director or visit <https://tae4ha.tamu.edu/>

District, State, and National TCAAA meetings

Contact your local TCAAA Director or visit <https://tcaaa.tamu.edu/>

District, State, and National TEAFCS meetings

Contact your local TEA-FCS Director or visit <https://teafcs.tamu.edu/>

District/Campus TESA meetings and State Annual Meeting

Contact your local TESA Director or visit <https://tesa.tamu.edu/>