



Benefits of Being an ESP Member

Awards

State Early Career Service Award (less than 10 years of service)

Nominee must show ability to plan/deliver Extension programs in work area. One chapter award per 150 members (or fraction thereof) per year.

Mid-Career Service Award (1-20 years of service)*

Nominee must have contributed significantly to Extension programs in work area. One chapter award per 150 members (or fraction thereof) per year. Regional Awards.

Distinguished Service Award (more than 20 years of service)*

Nominee must have contributed significantly to state Extension program planning and delivery. One chapter award per 150 members (or fraction thereof) per year. Regional/National Awards. The Ruby Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor of the Extension profession.

Team Award*

Teams nominated must have contributed significantly in the State's response to National Initiatives identified by the Cooperative Extension System. One or more team members must be ESP member(s). Chapter/Regional Awards.

State Retiree Service Award

Nominee must be a retired (ESP) member who continues to contribute to the mission and programs of Extension.

Station Visionary Leadership Recognition Award

Nominee must be an Extension professional whose visionary leadership has enabled Extension to anticipate emerging needs and develop support to implement relevant responses.

Meritorious Support Services Award

Nominee must have demonstrated significant support for Extension programs. Membership not required.

Friend of Extension Award*

Nominee must have given outstanding public service and support to Extension programs. Three per state per year. Chapter/National Awards.

International Service Award*

Nominee must have contributed to Extension in other countries through state and/or overseas work. Regional Award.

State Tenure Awards

Recognition for ESP members with 25 years employment in the Extension System.

Scholarships

National ESP Professionalism Scholarship*

\$2,000 is provided annually to fund scholarships, not to exceed \$500 per member, which encourage, stimulate, and support professional development through participation in courses, seminars or workshops. Must be current ESP member.

JCEP Public Issues/Leadership Development Seminar (PILD)**

One \$500 scholarship awarded per region to defray expenses of member attending the PILD Conference. Current ESP members who have not previously attended the PILD Conference are eligible to apply.

National ESP Retiree Scholarship*

Provide ESP retired members with opportunity to attend the National ESP Conference. Four \$500 scholarships awarded nationally to defray expenses of attending the national conference.

National ESP Administrative Leadership Scholarship*

Provide current ESP members, who serve in an Extension administrative/leadership position, the opportunity to attend the National ESP meeting. One \$500 scholarship awarded per region to defray expenses of member to attend the National ESP meeting. Recipients must agree to attend the entire national conference.

ESP Mini Grants

Up to \$500 for projects that enhance professionalism in the Cooperative Extension System. Apply anytime.

Additional Benefits

Regional Workshops

Annual regional workshops offer an opportunity to network with members of other Extension professional associations, participate in a professional development seminar and learn more about the ESP organization to provide leadership in their chapters.

National Professional Development Conference

A high quality, comfortable-sized annual conference, held early in December, the National ESP Conference features speakers and concurrent sessions led by your colleagues, USDA, NASULGC & ECOP officers, and training from outstanding private training enterprises. National awards are presented and the Ruby Distinguished Service Award recipient is honored. Tours and special events complete the conference. Registration is in the fall ESP newsletter.

JCEP Public Issues/Leadership Development Conference

This conference, held in Washington, D.C., offers Extension professionals an opportunity to learn methods of impacting public issues, talk with their members of Congress and develop leadership skills.

Applications available from state chapter officers and awards committee chairperson.

* Deadline for application/nomination to National Office is March 1.

** Deadline for application to National Office is January 2.