

What are the Benefits of NAE4-HA Membership?

Membership in the only Professional Association

Professional Development

- Electronic version of News & Views published three times a year
- Quarterly Regional Newsletters
- National Conference with keynote speakers focused on youth development and professional development
- Workshops presented based on the Professional Research & Knowledge Model
- State visits from Regional Directors
- Leadership opportunities through JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) Regional Workshops and PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development)
- Leadership opportunities through the NAE4-HA Board of Trustees
- List of Professional Standards for NAE4-HA members
- Marketing items "4-H Youth Development Career," and "Get into Gear," Distinguished Alumni list, Hall of Fame
- Focus on Research and Evaluation i.e. Extension Character Education materials on USDA web site
- Programs of Distinction database of peer reviewed program descriptions
- Virtual professional development options now available

Awards/Scholarships

- Service Awards (Achievement in Service, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service, 25 years)
- Specialty and Communicator Awards
- Professional Development Grants & Scholarships
- Innovative Program Grants
- Scholarships for state officers to attend PILD & JCEP

Influence/Voice

- 4-H Brand building
- ECOP (Extension Committee on Organization & Policy) Youth Development Task Force
- NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges)
- JCEP representation
- National 4-H Council Board of Trustees
- Journal of Extension
- New Journal of Youth Development
- National 4-H Leadership Trust Research Response Task Force
- Strong connection/voice with National Partners National 4-H Council
- USDA/CSREES (United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service)
- Every member gets the opportunity to vote for Regional Directors and National Officers. In the past, only those members attending conference were able to vote.
- Information on all candidates running for regional/national offices is available to the entire membership and posted on the association web site prior to elections.

Networking

- Association web site featuring information and links
- Executive and Financial Services
- Sharing program ideas
- Building friendships
- Creating partnerships and shared program/research development
- Regional teleconferences with state leadership

Founded in 1946, NAE4-HA helps youth development educators build professional and personal competencies by:

- *Encouraging the use of currently accepted positive youth development practices in all programs for youth, families, and communities.*
- *Promoting positive ethics, behavior, and professional integrity to all staff, volunteers, and audiences.*
- *Serving as a catalyst for collaborations, coalition development and teamwork to enrich the lives of youth and adults.*
- *Conducting and applying cutting-edge youth development research to impact emerging youth issues.*