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NASCOE NEA BULLETIN



Scholarships & Awards

Still a few days left..... Monday (1/1/18) is the deadline for submission of award and scholarship applications. NASCOE has traditional scholarships, continuing education scholarships, associate member scholarships, and even scholarships for grandchildren. If you or a family member are attending college, chances are good we have a scholarship for you. Take a look and apply now! Check out our website at <https://nascoe.org/forms-downloads/awards-scholarship-applications/> for more details.

We also have awards to recognize distinguished service from our members in the categories of service to NASCOE, service to community, and service to FSA/Agriculture. We have so many commendable members and yet we receive a limited amount of applications. Please consider nominating someone you know who deserves recognition! Applications are online at <https://nascoe.org/forms-downloads/awards-scholarship-applications/>.

NAFEC

Lately when I was waiting around at my kid's bus stop, I was asked what it is I do. Before too long I found myself bringing up the COC and explaining about how unique we are in federal government to have community, grassroots representation. Our COC ensure our programs are administered with integrity and local insight. They are integral to what we do in the County Office and a great example of government at it's finest, so I share their story whenever I can.

One of the greatest champions of the COC system is NAFEC. As every full member of NAFEC has been elected to the COC, their opinion carries considerable weight in congress. They are able to advocate for producers, FSA, and employees in ways that we are not always able to do. However, just like NASCOE, they gain strength when their membership grows. First, I would encourage everyone reading this to become associate members of NAFEC. But second, and perhaps more importantly, I would ask that you share the NAFEC information that went out recently with each of your COC members. Often our COC asks how they can show support for us in the county office and NAFEC membership is one of the easiest and most effective ways to do that. If you or your COC members need any information on NAFEC, please don't hesitate to contact our NAFEC Area Chair, Dan Shockey, at dan.shockey@gmail.com.

-Rick Csutoras, NEA Exec

Upcoming NASCOE Events

Jan 15-18 - Pre-negotiation Meeting in Dallas, TX

May 17-19 - NEA Rally in Bolton Valley, Vermont

Check out the resort details at
<http://www.boltonvalley.com/>
Rooms under the block name of
VASCOE NEA RALLY 2018

Aug 2-4 - 2018 NASCOE National Convention
Sioux Falls, SD

Recent NASCOE Emails:

- 12/27 - Scholarship Reminder
- 12/22 - President's Report
- 12/9 - SED Outreach Tools
- 12/7 - CR Update
- 12/6 - Scholarship Reminder
- 12/4 - Membership Update
- 12/1 - Federal Budget Update

Be sure your state association has your home email so you don't miss anything!