



Wisconsin Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
Friend of the Family Award

The Wisconsin Friend of the Family Award recognizes a person or an organization for outstanding leadership and service in advancing public policy and/or advocacy elevating families in Wisconsin.

The Friend of the Family Award is presented to a person whose work aligns with the vision, mission and goals of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and WAFCS.

The Award winner's work is an outstanding example of support for the research-driven body of knowledge (BOK) for the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Friend of the Family Award is given to a person or an organization who upholds the Ethical Statement for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Friend of the Family Award is given to a non-member of WAFCS in the state of Wisconsin.

The Friend of the Family Award winner agrees to attend the WAFCS State Conference to receive the Award. Additional family members attending the award ceremony are invited and will be asked to pay for their meals, if they are attending the banquet. This award is presented at a banquet or luncheon, therefore lodging and transportation fees are not paid for the awardee or their guest(s).

Process:

The nominator(s) will prepare a presentation highlighting the leadership and service of the Friend of the Family Award winner. The gift/token and the certificate will be awarded by the President of WAFCS and the nominator(s).

1. WAFCS member nominates a person or an organization for the WAFCS Friend of the Family Award.
2. WAFCS member is expected to work with the nominee in completing the application.
3. The completed application(s) is (are) forwarded to the Vice President of Awards and Recognition. A committee is established to review the application(s) using the Review Sheet.
4. The name of the Friend of the Family Award winner is forwarded to the WAFCS President prior to the date of the WAFCS Conference.
5. Upon approval of the Award Winner by the Executive Committee of WAFCS, the WAFCS President contacts the Vice President of Awards and Recognition, the nominator and the chairs of the WAFCS Conference.
6. The President of WAFCS, or a designee, calls the Friend of the Family Award Winner and begins the process of preparing for the celebration at the WAFCS Conference.

7. The award winner agrees to a publicity release with their picture documenting and celebrating the WAFCS Friend of the Family Award.
8. The Vice President of Awards and Recognition works with the nominator and the nominee on preparing the press release and collecting the picture for a WAFCS Press Release prior to the State Conference.
9. The nominator suggests an appropriate token of recognition. (In 2016 a necklace was chosen over a plaque based on a conversation between the nominators. The necklace was a KEEP necklace with a tree embossed with Friend and Family embossed on the sides and a birth stone was added. The Executive Director of WAFCS prepared the Certificate. Total cost of the embossed pendant was about \$50-with a donation for the chain.)
10. The nominator along with the Vice President of Awards and Recognition prepares an article for the Spring WAFCS Newsletter.
11. The WAFCS Friend of the Family Awardee receives the WAFCS online newsletter for one year.
12. The timeline compliments the state conference deadlines. The selection of the winner should allow time for pre-publicity plus their picture added to the WAFCS Conference program.

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