Notes from the 2022 NAFCE Conference, Portland, Oregon

Two 2021 KAFCE lessons were submitted for the National Program Award Books in the categories of education and action. The Education Category Program Award Book reported on “Diabetes: You are in Control”. The Action Category Program Award Book reported “Working Together to Reduce Food Waste. Even though no other state sent entries, they were judged and both were awarded first place.

The First Place Kansas State Community Service Award Winner was GALS FCE of Allen County, SE Area. Their project, “Flashing School Zone Lights”, was then presented to the National FCE.

The National FCE Board changed some of the programs and awards. These changes are to encourage having the FCE Units / Clubs / Study Groups submit entries *directly* to National.

* **NAFCE Program/Project Activity Report Form** was revised. Units may send this report directly to National. To complete the form Units/Clubs/Study Groups would record their programs, indicate if the lesson’s presentation emphasized the category of education, leadership, or action, record the number of FCE presenters, volunteer hours, members reached, non-members reached and dollars spent (or donated). Units send one copy to NAFCE headquarters and a second copy to their state president. (**NOTE** to KAFCE Units: A unit may submit either the National Program/Project Activity Report or the Kansas Accomplishment Report, but not both. Submitting the NAFCE Program/Project Activity Report will not qualify the county or area to receive 100% Reporting certificate.)
* **Community Service Report** can be submitted from the units, county council, area, or by state to the National FCE. Each entry will receive a Recognition Certificate at National Conference.
* **NAFCE Recognition Form** combines the NAFCE’s Outstanding Unit Award andSuperior Unit Award forms. This new form is for individual members and unit/club/study group to evaluate their involvement and learn of the possible options to make a difference in the community. The Recognition Form may be completed yearly. Their Acknowledgement of their work will be a certificate, announcement at the National FCE Conference and on the National website.
* **The Essay and Artwork contest:** Some wording has been changed to clarify that any fourth-grade student may participate - Public, private or home schooled, after school program, 4-H; Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; Church group; or other youth group with an adult to sign. Additional changes: Entries are to include an essay and a hand drawn artwork. Students may use a # 2 pencil or computer type for the essay. Students may use # 2 pencil or colored pencils (no crayons or markers) for the artwork.
* Spirit of FCL, Open Category Brochure Contest, and Membership Brochure Contestwill continue.
* **National Program Award Books** will not continue.

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