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Dear NEAFCS Members:

It is time once again to think about applying for awards! Your many accomplishments will soon be fresh in your mind, as we look forward to our Reports of Accomplishment. **The deadline will be February 15th** for all NEAFCS awards. Please consider applying for these awards. We want to recognize the outstanding work that is going on throughout the state and be recognized at the national level. Year 2005 was a great year for national and regional awards; let’s see an increase in the number of awards at the National level---let’s beat that in 2006!!

We changed the due date of awards this year to accommodate the later deadline of our Reports of Accomplishment, January 23rd, yet have time to complete and judge the packets before the NEAFCS deadline.

Each entry must have a general application form with it. The general **application form**, as well as guidelines for each award, can be found at the national web site, [http://www.neafcs.org](http://www.neafcs.org), in the **Members Only section**. Please be sure to get a password to access this section. Note that at the time of this letter, the online application form is not yet posted, but watch for it soon. I will also send an e-mailed notice when it becomes available. All applications must include the necessary signatures and any other required information. Two great sources of information on awards can be found at:

- [http://www.neafcs.org/eneafcs/enews.asp?P=894](http://www.neafcs.org/eneafcs/enews.asp?P=894) (Questions & Answers on Award Winning Applications-article) and

Make sure to read the requirements for each award. The online **awards manual** is posted and includes any changes for 2006.

There are some wonderful opportunities for fellowships, professional development, and recognition. Please note that many of these have monetary rewards. Winners are encouraged to participate in EPAF opportunities as well as other places to showcase the good work you are doing!!

Please call me (904-387-8855) or email me (stoelle@coj.net) if you have any questions. You can also contact the individual awards chair if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Sincerely,

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