

**NATIONAL EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES
NEW YORK AFFILIATE**

**J. Birckmayer “Excellence in Parenting Education Award”
(For Individual Parenting Program Educators or a Team)**

Background: Jennifer Birckmayer serves as an inspiration to those providing Parenting Education programs as a part of their Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program responsibilities. As a Senior Extension Associate for many years in the Department of Human Development, College of Human Ecology, Jennifer's guidance, support and training programs encouraged educators to assist adults who lived or worked with young children in achieving a sense of competence and confidence in their parenting or caregiving roles. In recognition that quality, research informed education is a key component in helping parents and caregivers become more effective in their roles, this program award is designed to recognize individual and team educators who have demonstrated excellence in the development, implementation and evaluation of parenting education programs in their local and/or regional communities. NYA established this “Excellence in Parenting Education” Award in 2007.

Eligibility:

1. For an individual award, the nominee must be employed in a position related to parenting education for at least 2 years, or part-time equivalent. The nominee must be an Extension employee as of Jan. 1 of the current calendar year.
2. For a team award, each the nominee must be employed in a position related to parenting education for at least 2 years, or part-time equivalent. Each nominee must be an Extension employee as of Jan. 1 of the current calendar year.
3. The award applicant must be a current member of NEAFCS; if a team application, at least one member of the team must be a current NEAFCS member.
4. The application form and supporting narrative are to be prepared by the sponsoring NEAFCS member.

Recognition: A Certificate of Recognition will be presented at an appropriate time and place, as determined by the NEAFCS-NYA Awards and Recognition Committee.

Application:

1. Complete application form. One form must be completed for each member if a team award.
2. Provide a summary statement of 50 words or less, for use in the awards booklet.
3. Brief program outline – limit to two (2) typed, double-spaced pages. Include the following:
 - a. Community needs and audience.
 - b. Brief statement of program accomplishments and impact, citing specific examples of:
 - how the program design serves the needs and interests of families and/or individuals,
 - methods used in carrying out the program,
 - topics presented,
 - any innovative strategies used and

- program impact.

Include use of volunteer leadership and cooperation with other agencies and/or organizations.

4. Supporting Evidence – limit to three (3) pages: may attach a news article, success story, evaluation/impact statement or teaching aid, as applicable.
5. Submit three (3) copies of the application form and all supporting materials to the Awards & Recognition Vice President by the NYA deadline.

Judging Criteria: 100 Points Application must score 90 points to be considered for recognition.

1. Program serves identified community needs (20 points).
2. Education methods used and topics presented (40 points).
3. Evidence of positive results (40 points).

J. BIRCKMAYER "EXCELLENCE IN PARENTING EDUCATION AWARD"
NEAFCS-NYA APPLICATION FORM

☐ Individual ☐ Team

Nominee: _____

Position: _____ %FTE: _____

Address: _____

NEAFCS-NYA District: _____ County: _____

How long has nominee been as a Parenting Educator?: _____

Describe the context for the parenting education program, i.e. community needs and audience:

Briefly state program accomplishments and impact, citing specific examples of: (1) how the program design serves the needs and interests of families and/or individuals, (2) methods used in carrying out the program, (3) topics presented, (4) any innovative strategies used and (5) program impact.

Include use of volunteer leadership and cooperation with other agencies and/or organizations:

Name of sponsoring NEAFCS member: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

County(s): _____

Signature of NEAFCS member submitting nomination

Date

Signature of submitting member's Supervisor, Program Leader,
or Association Director

Date