

Benefits of NAE4-HA Membership



*Membership in the only association for
4-H Youth Development Professionals.*

Professional Development

- National Conference with keynote speakers focused on youth development and professional development
- Workshops presented based on the Professional Research & Knowledge Model
- *Journal of Youth Development* - on-line research-based professional journal
- Monthly Professional Development Webinars
- State visits from Regional Directors
- Leadership development opportunities through JCEP (*Joint Council of Extension Professionals*) Conference and PILD (*Public Issues Leadership Development*) Conference
- Professional Standards for NAE4-HA members

Communication and Networking

- NAE4-HA Executive Director, organization and financial management services
- Association website
- Comprehensive on-line Membership Directory
- NAE4-HA Social Link featuring Member Profiles, Blogs, Discussion Groups, and Connections
- Facebook Page
- Leadership opportunities through committees
- Monthly Newsletter (NAE4-HA News)
- Regional Directors make state visits
- Life member contacts in each region
- Sharing program ideas
- Building friendships
- Creating partnerships and shared program/research development

Awards and Scholarships

- Service Awards (*Achievement in Service, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service, 25 years*)
- Specialty and Communicator Awards
- Professional Development Awards
- Scholarships for state officers to attend JCEP
- First Time Conference Attendee Scholarships
- Scholarships for members to attend PILD

Involvement

- 4-H Brand Building
- NAE4-HA Representation on JCEP provides opportunities to share with NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges) and APLU (*Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities*) liaisons
- NAE4-HA relationship with ECOP (*Extension Committee on Organization & Policy*) 4-H Leadership Committee and the PLWG (*4-H Program Leaders Working Group*) provides an opportunity to focus on emerging issues
- Strong connection with National Partners - National 4-H Council and USDA/NIFA (*United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture*)
- On-line voting for elected officer positions