UMEA Connection and Engagement Award

**Applications due September 22, 2023**

The Connection/Engagement Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an extension faculty member. To be eligible for this award the nominee **must be a paid UMEA** member (see By-Laws for definition). The nominee must have been a member of the field or state faculty for at least 12 months as of August 1 of the award year. Up to two (2) Connection/Engagement awards may be given providing a sufficient number of complete applications are received.

A region may nominate as many faculty members as are eligible. Nominees can be self-nominated or colleagues can make nominations. A monetary award in the amount of $200 will be given to each winner to use for their professional improvement. Nominations will be scored by:

* 30% Size and scope of programming of the last 1-2 years
* 30% Connection and engagement accomplishments of the last 1-2 years
* 20% Teamwork
* 10% Professional involvement
* 10% Overall application

Describe the partnership or engagement opportunity:

Please submit a short essay addressing the significant contributions of the nominee to University of Missouri Extension programming. The following are suggested topics to include:

* Size and scope of programming
* Connection and engagement accomplishments
* Teamwork efforts
* Professional improvement activities and UMEA involvement