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Message from Judy Fullmer – National FCE President

April is “Keep America Beautiful” Month. April 12 is National Bookmobile Day ~ National FCE was involved with starting the Bookmobiles. The 20th is Volunteer Recognition Day ~ be sure to do something special for volunteers! April 29 is ACWW Women Walk the World ~ get involved with this event and let National FCE know what you did. All reports and award entries are due to National FCE Headquarters by April 15. National FCE would appreciate any pictures of your activities, please include names of people in the picture and date.

The annual National FCE Conference is coming up. It will be held July 24-28 in Erlanger, Kentucky at the Holiday Inn. Now is the time to consider attending. The information about conference is on the National FCE Website and the registration form is attached to this FLASH. There is a First Time Scholarship to conference sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni and information is in this edition of the FLASH. The National FCE Board has planned a very informative conference ~ building on our 3 year focus ~ Food Security. There will be plenty of fun things to do also. We are hoping to see you attend.

Information about positions open for nomination to the National FCE Board is included in this FLASH ~ please look them over and if you are interested or if you know of someone who would be a good fit for the position let Kristin Walker, Nomination Committee chair know. She would be happy to visit with you or any other potential candidate about the responsibilities of the position.

Alumni Conference Scholarship - Denise Smith – NAFCE Alumni Chair

If you are interested in attending this year’s NAFCE conference in Erlanger, KY and are a first timer to attend, you should consider applying for a First Time National Conference Attendee Scholarship. You could have your conference registration paid for! The scholarship fund is supported by the NAFCE Board Alumni. All information about applying is found on the NAFCE website, www.nafce.org . On the home page click on:

Quick Links > dropdown menu – Alumni Officers, Forms, Newsletters > Forms & Scholarship Applications > National FCE Alumni Conference Scholarship Application

Or contact Martha Crawford, Alumni Vice Chair: mcrawfordfce@gmail.com or Denise Smith, Alumni Chair: cdsmith2139@gmail.com . **Deadline for submitting an application is May 15th**. We look forward to see many new conference attendees in July!

National Leadership Positions for 2024

Spring is here and Summer will soon follow. That means the annual National FCE Conference is coming!!

Each year at conferences we elect new leaders. Are you ready for a new level of leadership?

This year the following positions are available:

- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Public Policy Coordinator
- ❖ Program Coordinator
- ❖ President- Elect

Public policy and program coordinators write a lesson and present it with another member of the board.

In addition to writing, you help with different parts of the conference such as the awards.

The national board meets - via zoom- once a month for about an hour to an hour and a half. These are enjoyable, as you will create many lifelong friends.

If you have questions, contact Kristin Walker at kristinfce@yahoo.com. She can help you get an application.