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2026 ROBERTSON COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE

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What is FCE? The Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE) is an organization of volunteers who work together to build strong families and communities. Local FCE clubs throughout the state of Tennessee are divided into three regions: western, central, and eastern. Educational materials are created and utilized to strengthen knowledge and expertise. Resources are provided to develop leadership skills, enabling people to make a difference. Ultimately, FCE strives to make our homes and communities a better place in which to live!

TAFCE Mission: To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.

TAFCE Logos: Local clubs, counties, and the Central Region are encouraged to use the new TAFCE logos on letterhead, on social media, on clothing, for publicity, for recruitment, etc. The logo on the right, with the words, is designed to be used on letterhead and social media. The logo on the far right, without the words, is designed to be used on clothing or when smaller letters would not be easily distinguished.



TAFCE Central Region Webpage: <https://tafcecr.wixsite.com/2020crfce>

TAFCE Webpage: <https://tafce.tennessee.edu/>

Facebook Groups: TAFCE Central Region

Robertson County Family and Community Education



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*The mission of the Association for Family and Community Education is **TO STRENGTHEN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THROUGH: CONTINUING EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.***

Local club membership also includes membership in the Robertson County, Central Region and Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education. Members may also choose to join the National Association for FCE. Membership is open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The County Council serves as an advisory committee for programs and activities of the Robertson County FCE Clubs. Its membership is composed of the presidents, vice-presidents (or another representative) of each local club and county officers. The Council President officially represents Robertson Co. at Region and State FCE business meetings.

TAFCE CREED

*Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.*

*Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face
Without self-pity and without prejudice.*

*May we never be hasty in judgment
And always generous.*

*Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle.*

*Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.*

*Grant that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences
That in the big things of life we are as one.*

*And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not
To be kind!*

by Mary Stewart

Schedule of Meetings

<i>WK</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUES</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THUR</i>	<i>FRI</i>
<i>1st</i>		<i>Adams 10:00 am</i>		<i>Cedar Hill 10:00 am</i>	
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Barren Plains 3:00 pm</i>				
<i>3rd</i>	<i>Nite Owls 10:00 am</i>			<i>Sharon 10:00 am</i>	
<i>4th</i>	<i>Quilt Club</i>	<i>FCE County Council 10:00AM odd months</i>			

Cross Plains FCE Club meets quarterly. Please contact the Cross Plains FCE Club President for specific meeting information.

To make up a club meeting: attend another club’s meeting or by attending another scheduled FCE Event or Workshop.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If a club is cancelled due to inclement weather you do not have to make it up. If there is no school in Robertson County due to inclement weather, any scheduled Extension Event or Club will be cancelled.

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2026 YEAR AT A GLANCE

County Event	Date	Location	Hosted by/ Other Info
FCE Awards Day & President's Luncheon			
Creative Day			
Cultural Arts			
Fair Booth			
All Club's Day			
Museum Tree			

2026 TAFCE, Central Region Year at A Glance

<u>January</u>	7	Central Region Executive Board Meeting- 9:30 am- zoom
	22	Central Region Information Day, registration 9 to 9:45am, Main Building Auditorium, Lane Agri-Park, Murfreesboro
	29	Snow Date, Central Region Information Day
<u>February</u>	1	Heart of FCE nominee due to Region President- Myra Fisher
	15	Leadership Retreat instructor form due to Region Education Chair-
	18	Central Region Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 am- zoom
<u>March</u>	1	County Character Counts "Citizenship" winners due to TAFCE President- Emily Gordon
	1	FCL application and check to Region VP for Public Policy- Lisa Harville
	1	Spirit of FCL nominee due to TAFCE President- Emily Gordon
	1	TAFCE State Project Award form due to TAFCE VP for Programs- State Project Report from County due to TAFCE VP for Programs-
	1	Celebrate National Read Across America Day
	15	TAFCE scholarship application due to TAFCE VP for Programs-
<u>April</u>	6	State Board Meeting 11:30 am, Lebanon
	7	FCL Training, Comfort Suites, Lebanon, 11 am
	8	FCL Training, Comfort Suites, Lebanon, 8 am
	14	Open Category Brochure Contest- Project brochure due to NAFCE
	15	Leadership Retreat Class registration due to Region Education Chair
	15	Leadership Retreat registration due to Region Treasurer- Sandra Poston
	15	Central Region Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 am- Lane Agri-Park, Community Center Murfreesboro
<u>May</u>	1-31	Imagination Library Month
	15	State project- International Day of the Family
	18	Early arrival (extra night) at Central Region Leadership Retreat at UT Southern, Pulaski
	19-21	Central Region Leadership Retreat at UT Southern, Pulaski
<u>June</u>	1	Creative Writing due to Region VP for Programs- Anne Waggoner-Evans
	1	CVU's due to Region VP for Public Policy- Lisa Harville
	15	Best of the Best due to Region VP for Public Policy- Lisa Harville
	15	FCS Agent Appreciation Award due to Region VP for Public Policy- Lisa Harville
	15	Kate Bagnall scholarship application due to Region VP for Programs- Anne Waggoner-Evans
	15	Region officer nomination form due to Region VP for Programs- Anne Waggoner-Evans
	17	Central Region Executive Board Meeting, 9:30am, zoom
<u>July</u>	1	New 50-year member application due to TAFCE VP for Programs-
	15	FCL application due to Region VP for Public Policy- Lisa Harville
	19-22	NAFCE Conference

- August
- 1 State Officer nominations due directly to TAFCE VP for Programs- Pam McIntyre-Albaro
 - 1 Craft Booth reservation form for Central Region Annual Meeting due to Region Treasurer- Sandra Poston
 - 1 Annual Meeting packet sent to voting delegates by Region Secretary- Dana Evans
 - 15 Credential form and registration for Central Region Annual Meeting due to Region Treasurer- Sandra Poston
 - 15 Cultural Arts winners due to Region Education Chair- Kenny Nix
 - 15 Fashion Revue winners due to Region Education Chair – Joy McLerran
 - 15 Instructions for Membership Dues and Membership Lists reporting sent to County Treasurers by Region Treasurer- Sandra Poston
 - 10 State Board Meeting, 11:30 am, Lebanon
 - 11-12 FCL Training at Comfort Suites, Lebanon
- September
- 1 Begin Character Counts in your County- Respect- thru March 31, 2026
 - 9 Central Region Executive Board Meeting 10 AM at Lane Agri-Park, Community Center Murfreesboro
 - 10 Central Region Annual Meeting, 10 am, Lane Agri-Park, Community Center, Murfreesboro
- October
- 1 2026 Central Region, TAFCE & NAFCE membership dues and county membership list due to Region Treasurer- Sandra Poston
 - 1 2026 County Council officer list due to Region Secretary- Dana Evans
 - 1 Credential form for TAFCE conference voting delegate due to TAFCE Treasurer- TAFCE Conference registration due to TAFCE Treasurer-
 - 11-17 National FCE Week
 - 21 Central Region Executive Board meeting 9:30 am- zoom
- November
- 22-28 National Family Week
 - 26 Thanksgiving
- December
- 4 Hanukkah begins at sundown
 - 25 Christmas



January 2026

Hostess: _____ Location: _____

Thought for the Month: *“Exercise is like telling your body, ‘You’re going to hate me for one hour, but love me for years.’”*

Roll Call: *What is your favorite type of exercise?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint: Keep a set of light dumbbells or resistance bands in your living room-- every time you are waiting for coffee to brew, laundry to finish, or the microwave to beep, sneak in a quick set of reps. By the end of the day, you’ve done a “hidden” workout without carving out extra time.

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February 2026

Hostess: _____

Location: _____

Thought for the Month: *February is American Heart Health Month. Put your heart into getting active by walking in place during television commercials instead of sitting stationery. Always remember to start slowly and cool-down when you are ready to return to your program.*

Roll Call: *Did you play any sport in high school?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

Vacuuming not only reduces dirt and allergens from your home, but it also tones your upper body. In a half-hour, vacuuming burns 86-calories. You can give your lower body a workout too by adding lunges as you suck up grime.

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March 2026

Hostess: _____

Location: _____

Thought for the Month: *Your mind needs exercise just as much as your body does, that's why I think of jogging everyday!*

Roll Call: *What is your favorite indoor fitness activity?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint: To find a small lost item under a chair or couch, place a pantyhose over the end of the vacuum hose and use it to suck up the object.

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April 2026

Hostess: _____

Location: _____

Thought for the Day: *In some parts of southern and western Africa, dancers perform on stilts up to six feet high. Their dance symbolizes that the key to human wisdom is finding the right balance*

Roll Call: *What is one exercise or sport you wish you were amazing at?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

Use dance as a "power reset" between tasks

- Every 45–90 minutes, stand up and dance for 2–3 minutes.
- Choose a high-energy song snippet, something that makes you want to move.
- This boosts circulation, wakes up your brain, and prevents the "slump" that comes from sitting too long.

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May 2026

Hostess: _____ Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *Exercise in almost any form can act as a stress reliever. Being active can boost your feel-good endorphins and distract you from daily worries.*

Roll Call: *What is your favorite place to go on a relaxing walk?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint: Instead of sitting while talking on the phone, walk around to add more movement to your day.

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June 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought of the Day: *Don't give up on your dreams, or your dreams will give up on you.* -
John Wooden

Roll Call: *If you could walk anywhere in the world, where would it be?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

Chair Squats – Study Chair

- Stand in front of the chair, feet shoulder-width apart.
- Sit back until you just touch the seat, then stand again. Muscles: Legs and glutes

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July 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought for the Month: The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it. - Joan Rivers

Roll Call: *Are you walking for distance, time, or just enjoyment?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

Towel Stretch – Bath Towel

- Hold towel overhead and stretch side-to-side.
- Pull gently behind your back for shoulder mobility.
- Muscles: Upper back and arms
- Great for flexibility and posture.

July 2026

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August 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *August is usually the hottest month! Water-based exercise is a low impact activity that takes pressure off your joints, and water provides natural resistance which helps strengthen your muscles.*

Roll Call: *Have you ever tried water-based exercise classes?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

If there aren't water aerobics classes offered near you, find a pool and try water walking!
As you walk across the pool, swing your arms and keep your back straight!

August 2026

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September 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *September is Healthy Aging Month. Physical activity can help you stay healthy and independent as you age. Try activities such as Tai Chi that have an aerobic and balance component.*

Roll Call: *What is a sport you have always wanted to try?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint:

Mopping works out your upper body and burns nearly 90 calories in 30 minutes. Switch arms halfway through for an even workout.

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October 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *Not only does exercise improve your body, it helps your mental function by increasing serotonin in the brain, which leads to improved mental clarity.*

Roll Call: *Now that the weather is cooler, what outdoor activity are you looking forward to doing to get some exercise?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint: Numerous household items can replace dumbbells or weights. Cans of food and bags of rice are some of the best options that you probably already have in your home. They are easy to hold and provide the right amount of weight for simple exercises like curls for biceps and triceps.

October 2026

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November 2026

Hostess: _____

Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *“If you don’t make time for exercise, you’ll probably have to make time for illness.” Robin Sharma*

Roll Call: *Name your favorite benefit of exercise.*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

Educational Program: _____

Community Service Project: _____

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Reminders: _____

Household Hint: Daily exercises for seniors should include a mix of aerobic activity, strength training, and balance work, such as walking, chair stands, and single-leg stands. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week, like brisk walking, and incorporate muscle-strengthening and balance exercises daily. Examples of daily exercises include walking, chair yoga, and performing sets of chair stands, calf raises, and wall push-ups.

November 2026

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December 2026

Hostess: _____ Place: _____

Thought for the Month: *Life is like dancing. It's not about getting from one place to another, but about enjoying each step along the way". This thought reminds us to find joy in the process and not just the destination, and that sometimes the best moments are the journey itself. - Wayne Dyer*

Roll Call: *What is your favorite style of dance?*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Number of People Assisted: _____

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Household Hint: Line dancing helps build coordination and reduces self-reported mobility limitations. Dancing has physical, mental and social benefits. Physical activity can reduce blood pressure and strengthen bones and muscles. Research suggests that engaging in activities like line dancing has been associated with a lower risk of dementia and improves alertness and memory.

Tip: practice line dancing using small weights or while seated.

December 2026

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TAFCE FASHION REVUE

First and second place winners in each category are due to the Education Chair (see current year's due dates) for competition and judging. **First and Second Place Winners at the Region Contest are eligible for the TAFCE State Fashion Revue contest.** Winners are responsible for transporting the item to TAFCE State Conference.

CATEGORIES

Constructed Items

1. Suit, dressy ensemble, or better dress
2. Jacket, blazer, or coat
3. Casual and active wear
4. Children's casual and better wear (ages 12 or under)
5. Teen's casual and better wear (ages 13 - 18)
6. Sewing for an adult (over 18)
7. Recycled garment (utilizing used materials)
8. Wardrobe accessory (belt, tote bag, handbag, scarf, vest, hat, etc.)
9. Decorative Sweat wear (sweatshirt, sweatshirt jacket, etc.)
10. T-shirts Embellished
11. Embellished Accessories
12. Embellished Aprons
13. Aprons - constructed
14. Tie Dye- any
15. Costumes

Purchased Items

16. My Best Fashion Purchase: Casual Wear
17. My Best Fashion Purchase: Better Dress

GUIDELINES

Sewing Skills

1. The participant **MUST** be a TAFCE member in good standing.
2. The garment must have been made within the last year.
3. Garments can be worn or displayed on a hanger.
4. All work must be entirely by the TAFCE member.
5. The judges are encouraged to use these criteria for judging:
 - a. Construction
 - b. Suitability of fabrics

Buying Skills

1. The participant **MUST** be a TAFCE member in good standing.
2. The garment must have been purchased within the last year.
3. The judges are encouraged to use the TAFCE score card as the criteria for judging.
 - a. Construction
 - b. Suitability of fabric
 - c. Quality of fabric

Cultural Arts Exhibit

Category and Rules

	Category Description	Comments
1.	Basketry	Any material
2.	Beadwork	All bead worked except jewelry
3.	Ceramics	
4.	Chairs & Stools	Woven or Caned
5.	Crochet: Thread	
6.	Crochet: Yarn	
7.	Cross Stitch: Counted	Not Machine Cross Stitch
8.	Cross Stitch: Other	Not Machine Cross Stitch
9.	Decorative Painting	Tole, China Painting, Textile Painting (aprons), Stenciling, Any Other
10.	Diamond Painting/Art	Beads or Square beads-cannot be entered in beading
11.	Dolls	Any Type
12.	Embroidery: Hand	All Type including Brazilian, Ribbon, Crewel-all hand work
13.	Embroidery: Machine	All, including Machine Cross Stitch
14.	Fine Arts Painting: Acrylics	
15.	Fine Arts Painting: Drawings & Charcoal	
16.	Fine Arts Painting: Pastels	
17.	Fine Arts Painting: Oil	
18.	Fine Arts Painting: Watercolor	
19.	Floral Design	Any material except fresh/live flowers or fresh/live greenery
20.	Handcrafted Toy	Any Material
21.	Hand Stitching	Hardanger, Cutwork, Smocking, Applique, Swedish Embroidery
22.	Holiday Decoration: Christmas	Christmas items only- can include Diamond Painting/Art
23.	Holiday Decoration: Non-Christmas	Any other items - no Christmas item-can include Diamond Painting/Art
24.	Jewelry: Beaded	No diamond art beading
25.	Jewelry: Non-Beaded	
26.	Knitting: Hand	
27.	Mosaic Art	No beading or Diamond Painting/Art
28.	Needlepoint	Any Type Canvas
29.	Paper Crafts	
30.	Photograph: Black & White - Person	Individual, single person or two or more persons
31.	Photography: Black & White - Place	Landscape, Scenery
32.	Photography: Black & White - All Other	
33.	Photography: Color - Person	Individuals, single person or two or more persons
34.	Photography: Color - Place	Landscapes, Scenery
35.	Photography: Color - All Other	
36.	Pottery	
37.	Quilts: Appliqué & Cathedral Window	All work of member
38.	Quilts: Baby & Lap	All work of member
39.	Quilts: Embroidered - Hand	All work of member
40.	Quilts: Hand-Pieced & Hand Quilted	All work of member
41.	Quilts: Machine-Pieced & Hand Quilted	All work of member
42.	Quilts: Machine Pieced & Machine Quilted	All work of member
43.	Quilts: Hand or Machine Pieced & Professionally Quilted	All work of members EXCEPT quilting may be done by another FCE member or non-member, paid or free
44.	Quilt: Pillow	All work of member
45.	Quilt: Wall Hanging	All work of member
46.	Quilt: Other	All work of member: includes clothing, pot holders, place mats, and rag-time quilts

Cultural Arts Exhibit

Category and Rules

47.	Repurposing	Recycling material to create something new
48.	Rug Making	Any Type
49.	Sculpture	Any Medium
50.	Stained Glass	Leaded or copper foiled
51.	Tatting	
52.	Weaving: Hand	No loom used
53.	Weaving: Loom	
54.	Woodworking	All wood working
55.	Scrapbooking	Robertson County only

1. An Individual may enter only one item per category regardless of multiple club, county, or region membership.
2. All first and second place winners from each county can go to region to be exhibited. All first and second winners from the region may go to state to be exhibited. (Two entries per category may be exhibited). No substitution from original entry in county or region may be entered in the state exhibition.
3. Articles must be entirely the work of the member EXCEPT for Category #43.
4. The art or craft must have been completed during the past year (since last competition). All photography categories must be pictures taken by member and framed within the current year.
5. No pre-printed (“cheater”) quilts will be accepted.
6. All framable items must be framed.
7. Each member is responsible for arranging transportation for exhibits to and from the County, Region, and State Conference sites.
8. Each member is responsible for providing their own materials required to exhibit articles at the County, Region and State Conference sites. If items are best displayed hung, please provide a means of hanging. Tape and nails cannot be used on walls.
9. Entries will be exhibited by categories.
10. Once an item is entered in a specific category at the county level, no one is authorized to change the category number at Region or State Level.
11. The judges have the option of disqualifying any item that does not fit the category.
12. A “Viewer’s Choice” award by popular vote will be presented.
13. A list of region winners must be sent to State Chair as soon as chosen. You must use the Region Reporting Form found on the TAFCE.org website. All information is required.
14. The Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE), its officers or members, or the University of Tennessee Extension staff will not be responsible for any lost, misplaced or damaged items. We do not anticipate any misfortunes, but this disclaimer must be clearly understood by all exhibitors.
15. All exhibitors must be TAFCE members in good standing.
16. Any new categories must be presented at the regional exhibition prior to bringing category to the state board for approval. The category must have statistics to show interest. Until the TAFCE State Board approves these categories, they can not be exhibited at the State Conference competition.

TAFCE

Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education

CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Rules for TAFCE Creative Writing Program

1. Must be written by a TAFCE DUES PAYING MEMBER WHO IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL WRITER. (This means that she/he does not receive compensation for their work.)
2. Entries must NOT exceed 1,000 words and illustrations are prohibited.
3. Entries must be legibly handwritten in black ink or typed/printed in black ink a font size of 12 or 14 on plain white paper. Entries will be judged for spelling, grammar and punctuation.
4. Each entry must include writer's name, address, phone number, county, region and category on a cover sheet. On the last page include name, county, and region in small letters.
5. Deadline for submitting entries is at the end of this form.
6. Those judged first and second place in each category in the county should be sent to the appropriate region's competition. First and second place region winners should be sent to the State for competition.
7. All entries judged from the State competition will be compiled into a booklet.
8. The State will award first place winners in each category \$10.00 and a booklet. Second place winners in each category will receive recognition.
9. TAFCE Member may submit entries in any or all categories but only one entry per category.
10. Entries become the property of TAFCE and will not be returned.
11. Any entry will be disqualified if the above rules are not followed.

- CATEGORIES**
1. Poetry: any style
 2. Essays: any subject or person
 3. Short Stories
 4. Children's Stories: **(No Illustrations are to be submitted)**
 5. Featured Article/News Article: can be a club report publication or multi-media. Any original article will be accepted and must indicate on or with the article the name and date of publication. An Online article should provide the URL or link to the publication. Any article may be scanned and submitted by email and must be accompanied by a cover sheet.
 6. Miscellaneous: any entry that does not fit into above categories.

SCORING CRITERIA	POINTS
Introduction: Gets attention, indicates direction, etc. Well organized Body: Well organized Conclusion: Ends with a purpose, summarizes, etc.	20
Creativity/Originality	50
Results effect on the reader	30
TOTAL	100

Due to:	County	Region	State
Date Due:	May 1	June 1	October 1
Give to:	County Chairperson	Region chairperson	State Chairperson

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CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER UNITS

This is your record of volunteer time. Keep your records for future documentations of your volunteer experiences. **Make additional copies of the form as needed. Certified Volunteer Units** are used to recognize individuals preparing for and completing volunteer work within FCE and the community. You can count telephone and travel time if it relates to your volunteer project. Any volunteer acts count except those for immediate family.(Example: meals for shut-ins, church work, hospital and nursing homes, charitable or non- profit organizations, etc.)

When you have completed 500 hours of volunteer service, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition from TAFCE. Five hundred (500) hours of volunteer time equals 50 CVUs. Each additional 500 hours will earn a seal to be added to the certificate, a maximum of 4 seals per certificate. **The maximum time span for turning in unreported hours is three (3) years.**

Keeping a record of CVU hours can help you in many ways. A record of your volunteer time can help you:

- * Prepare for more responsible leadership and/or volunteer positions with FCE and/or other organizations.
- * Seek paid employment. Properly documented volunteer work can be listed on a job application.
- * Seek elective office. Community involvement and public service are important qualifications for elective offices.
- * Qualify for awards and recognition. Honor and award applications usually ask for a listing of volunteer service.
- * Qualify for scholarships. Volunteer service verifies the scope of your interests and background.
- * To help you grow personally. Volunteering can be fun and personally rewarding. Serving others can be a life-changing experience.

To receive your certificate and/or seal (s), complete the Volunteer Service Summary Sheet. **Turn in CVUs in 500 hour increments only, not to exceed 2,000 hours per year unless documentation is presented to verify excess. Odd hours will be discarded.** Send only the Volunteer Service Summary (page 30) to your county or Region Vice-president for Public Policy as directed by your county. It will then be reported on the state form (page 31) and forwarded to the State Vice-president for Public Policy. **Check with your Region Vice-President for Public Policy for the deadline in your Region. It is very important that you adhere to these deadlines.** Keep your personal records for reference and documentation.

CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER UNITS

Volunteer Service Summary

Name _____ **County** _____ **Region** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Date Submitted for Recognition: _____

Date of Volunteer Activity	Type of Volunteer Activity	Hours of Volunteer Time	# of People Reached

TOTAL HOURS: _____
TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED: _____

County **Date**

Region **Date**

State **Date**

[The Total Hours must be submitted in 500-hour increments (i.e., 500, 1000, 1500, not to exceed 2000 per year)]

County Due Date: _____	Region Due Date: <u>June 1st</u> to Region VP of Public Policy	State Due Date: <u>July 1st</u> to State VP of Public Policy
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Individual Reading Record

Name: _____

Club: _____

Books Read

	Author	Title	Category or Dewey Decimal Number
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
13.			
14.			
15.			

Total Number of Books Read: _____

Type of Reading Recognition or Certificate

____ Recognition (Read 3 books, each from a different category)

____ Certificate (Read 5 books, each from a different category)

____ Advanced Certificate (Received regular certificate for 3 years and read 10 books in one subject in year four)

____ Family Certificate

Recognition and Reading Certificates are awarded on the following basis:

1. You will receive recognition but no certificate if you read three books each from a different category.
2. You will receive a regular certificate for reading five books each from a different category.
3. You will receive an advanced certificate if you have received a regular certificate for three years AND you read 10 books in one subject area. This certificate will take a commitment of 4 years to the reading program.
4. You can receive a family certificate if you do the following:
 - a. You let your children select books to read aloud to you.
 - b. As a parent, you read one book on child development, one on marriage relations and one on social concerns that affect families.
 - c. You share your family reading activities with your club by giving a brief report at a club meeting.
 - d. Your entire family selects one book from family life area, reads it together and discusses it. You must then give a brief statement indicating your family's reaction to the book.

Categories for Robertson County Reading Program

These categories correspond to the Dewey Decimal Classification.

1. Computer science, information and general works	000
- Bibliographies, magazines, news media	
2. Philosophy & Psychology	100
- Ethics, Psychology	
3. Religion	200
4. Social Sciences	300
- Economics, law, social problems & services, education, folklore	
5. Language	400
6. Science	500
- Earth sciences, biology, plants, animals	
7. Technology	600
- Medicine and health, agriculture, home and family management, manufacturing	
8. Arts and Receptions	700
- Graphic arts, painting, photography, music, sports, games and entertainment	
9. Literature	800
- Poetry, drama, fiction, essays, speeches, letter and satire	
10. Travel and Geography	910's
11. History	920's+
12. Biography	920's
13. Fiction	800's
14. Classics	800's

2026 Blue Ribbon Member

Checklist	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 Attend club meetings, trips, workshops and leader training												
2 Attend countywide events, region, state or national meeting event												
3 Serve in leadership role (hostess, officer, education leader, telephone committee, special program, county officer or committee)												
4 Bring visitor to club meeting. Visit another club, share club information with non-club member												
5 Participate in club activity: exchange, show and tell, sharing												
6 Submit an entry in Fair or Cultural Arts												
7 Teach a workshop, present an education lesson or assist with club participation at a county event												
8 Participate in state project												
9 Participate in community service project												
10 Participate in club or county fundraiser												
11 Read a book or 3 magazines a month												
12 Volunteer 2 hours per month												
13 Attend health related event or program or holiday event; share with club												
Total												

To qualify: 50 points must be earned (1 check mark= 1 point).

Blue Ribbon: 50-74 points Distinguished: 75-99 points Prestigious: 100+ points

Name: _____ Total Points: _____