



# AHEA

AMERICAN  
HOME ECONOMICS  
ASSOCIATION

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## AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FACT SHEET

The American Home Economics Association (AHEA), established in 1909, is a scientific and educational society of nearly 20,000 professionals. Its purpose is to improve the quality and standards of individual and family life through education, research, cooperative programs and public information.

AHEA is actively involved in programs and policies related to school-age child care, pregnancy prevention in teenagers, and the recruitment and training of minority professionals. We also serve as advocates on issues such as quality education, literacy, alcohol advertising directed at youth, the environment, and other public policy areas related to family well being.

### WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

AHEA's diverse membership consists of professionals employed in all home economics-related fields. Among our members: educators, lecturers, and administrators on the elementary, secondary, undergraduate and graduate levels; county and state home economists employed in extension services; state and federal administrators; counselors; child care workers; dietitians; freelance consultants; product development specialists; public relations directors; homemakers; and researchers in academic and business settings.

### WHAT FIELDS ARE OUR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN?

Home economics represents a wide variety of subjects. Our members are involved in: interior and apparel design; financial and time management; human sexuality; child care; gerontology; food science and safety; nutrition; energy consumption; fashion design and merchandising; curriculum development; food production and sanitation; public relations; and journalism.