

THE BETTY LAMP



In 1926, the American Home Economics Association adopted the Betty Lamp as a symbol for the association. The lamp derived its name from the German words "besser" or "bete," meaning "to make better." The Betty Lamp produced comparatively good light for its time and was used widely by early American colonists. Mildred Chamberlain of Chicago submitted the design stating, "The lamp in colonial days provided light for all household industries." Similarly, the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) provides enlightenment through leadership in thought and action for family and consumer sciences professionals. The Betty Lamp continued as the logo of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) after the name change in 1994.

In colonial days, the Betty Lamp provided light for all household industries. Representing the light in the home and the light of the mind, the Betty Lamp is an appropriate logo for AAFCS and all the associated disciplines.

Early in the 20th century, the Betty Lamp was adopted as a "symbol of learning."

The beam of this Betty Lamp symbolizes the following:

- The need of exact knowledge
- The appreciation of beauty
- The spirit of joy
- The power of strength
- The blessing of fellowship
- The satisfaction of achievement
- The value of service
- The bond of cooperation

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