



In order to ensure each family or individual is properly recognized and honored during the Families of Distinction (FoD) event, a mandatory submission criteria has been created as a guide to ensure applications are thoroughly completed and conducive to the compelling work of your agency and the family. Applications will **not** be considered a FoD nominated/awarded family until the submission criteria is completed. A confirmation email will be sent when the application has been accepted as a nomination. Incomplete applications will be returned to the sender for completion by **March 5, 2021**.

Any applications received after this date will not be considered for the Families of Distinction awards.

Submission Criteria

- Must submit a photo (either of the family or individual)
- Application must be a completed in the fillable PDF document, not handwritten
- All fields and questions of the form must be completed and answered
- Must include a quote from the *family or individual*



Family of Distinction Nomination Application

FoD Nominations are due no later than March 5, 2021. Please submit nominations to FOD@iacaanet.org.

Family

Family Name:

Head(s) of Household Full Name(s):

Children (full name, age):

City Where Family Resides:

Agency:

**Family Development
Specialist Who
Assisted the
Individual/Family in
Their Success:**

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Agency

Please select where on the scale the individual/family falls in each stability category. Only one option may be selected. Some examples have been included.

Civic Engagement and Community Involvement

In-Crisis: Inactive in community, needs others to provide advocacy	Vulnerable: Inactive in community, will self-advocate with assistance from agency	Stable: Active in community, seeking volunteer work, occasional independent self-advocacy	Safe:	Thriving:
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Education and Cognitive Development

In-Crisis: Basic reading, writing, and math skills absent, no education or training	Vulnerable: Basic reading, writing, and math skills present, no high school diploma, GED, higher education, or training	Stable: Enrollment in ESL classes, GED classes, higher education, or training	Safe: Current attendance in ESL classes, GED classes, higher education, or training	Thriving: Completion of ESL, GED, higher education, or training
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Employment

In-Crisis: Unemployed, job loss	Vulnerable: Temporary employment, underground economy	Stable: Part-time job, no employee benefits	Safe: Full or part-time job with benefits	Thriving: Living wage job, promotion, employment with benefits
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Income and Asset Building

In-Crisis:	Vulnerable:	Stable:	Safe:	Thriving:
Household income at 100% of poverty level or below, no bank account, needs ongoing assistance to meet all needs	Household at 100% to 150% of poverty, no bank account, needs ongoing assistance to meet basic needs	Household income at 150% to 200% of poverty, unstable banking record, needs yearly assistance to meet basic needs	Household income at 200% to 250% of poverty, stable banking record, meets all financial needs independently	Household income over 250% of poverty, stable checking and savings account, meets all financial needs independently

Health and Social/Behavioral Development

In-Crisis:	Vulnerable:	Stable:	Safe:	Thriving:
No awareness or use of physical and/or mental health care, significant health issue(s)	Awareness but no use of physical and/or mental health care, significant health issue(s)	Initiating use of physical and/or mental health care, working towards overcoming significant health issue(s)	Current use of physical and/or mental health care, working towards overcoming significant health issue(s)	Apparent, consistent use of physical and/or mental health care, overcoming significant health issue(s)

Housing

In-Crisis:	Vulnerable:	Stable:	Safe:	Thriving:
Imminent loss of housing, unsafe and insecure housing, homelessness	Transitional housing, temporary housing, or at risk of losing housing	Limited choice of housing due to finances, safe and secure subsidized housing or permanent living arrangements with others	Limited choice of housing due to finances, safe and secure unsubsidized housing	Safe and secure housing of choice—rental or home ownership

In 500 words or less, please answer the following questions:

- How did you meet the family/individual? What obstacles were they facing?
- How did your agency help? Which programs and/or services did they receive?
- What actions did the family/individual take to achieve the selected stability factors? Why are they a Family of Distinction?
- Please share a quote from the individual/family that describes the impact your agency has had on them.

IMPORTANT! A family/individual photo is required upon submission. Applications will not be considered complete without a photo.