



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

Agency:

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

Phone Number:

E-mail:

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:

Active in community, seeking volunteer work, occasional independent self-advocacy

Thriving:

Active in community, seeking volunteer work, occasional independent self-advocacy

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

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

Income and Asset Building

In-Crisis:

Household income at 100% of poverty level or below, no bank account, needs ongoing assistance to meet all needs

Vulnerable:

Household at 100% to 150% of poverty, no bank account, needs ongoing assistance to meet basic needs

Stable:

Household income at 150% to 200% of poverty, unstable banking record, needs yearly assistance to meet basic needs

Safe:

Household income at 200% to 250% of poverty, stable banking record, meets all financial needs independently

Thriving:

Household income over 250% of poverty, stable checking and savings account, meets all financial needs independently

Health and Social/Behavioral Development

In-Crisis:

No awareness or use of physical and/or mental health care, significant health issue(s)

Vulnerable:

Awareness but no use of physical and/or mental health care, significant health issue(s)

Stable:

Initiating use of physical and/or mental health care, working towards overcoming significant health issue(s)

Safe:

Current use of physical and/or mental health care, working towards overcoming significant health issue(s)

Thriving:

Apparent, consistent use of physical and/or mental health care, overcoming significant health issue(s)

Housing

In-Crisis:

Imminent loss of housing, unsafe and insecure housing, homelessness

Vulnerable:

Transitional housing, temporary housing, or at risk of losing housing

Stable:

Limited choice of housing due to finances, safe and secure subsidized housing or permanent living arrangements with others

Safe:

Limited choice of housing due to finances, safe and secure unsubsidized housing

Thriving:

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.