

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2011

The **Excellence in Parent Engagement Award** was established by Families In Schools to recognize extraordinary achievement by a community leader within the state of California who has successfully promoted and implemented policies or best practices that help all parents support their children's education. Research has shown that parent engagement is essential in increasing student outcomes and achievement.

Nomination Guidelines

To nominate an individual please complete the following information and send to Melyora Trujillo via email mtrujillo@familiesinschools.org or fax to (213) 484-3845. The deadline to submit a nomination is **October 31, 2011**.

- 1.) Name of nominee, and their contact information.
- 2.) Name of the individual/agency nominating the specified person and their contact information.
- 3.) Summary of Achievement – In 500 words or less, please provide a brief description of how the nominee has excelled in the area of parent engagement. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in one or more of the four categories listed below:
 - Advocating for policies that foster parent involvement and parent engagement in education;
 - Implementing programs that help parents develop their knowledge and skills on how to support their children's education at home and at school;
 - Implementing programs that help schools and nonprofit staff strengthen their knowledge and skills to effectively engage parents in supporting their children's education;
 - Demonstrates overall excellence in parent engagement through leadership, innovation, and collaboration.
- 4.) Resume of nominee.
- 5.) Letters of support – Include at least one letter of support and no more than two from individuals/organizations that can speak to the value and impact of nominee's work and achievements.
- 6.) Supplemental material (Optional) – Please include any other information, such as publications or media stories that demonstrate individual's work (no more than two).



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Selection Process and Criteria

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of past recipients, community leaders, Families In Schools Board and staff. Up to three individuals will be selected to receive the award. Committee members will not be allowed to submit or receive nominations. The following criteria will be used to evaluate and determine final recipients:

- Dedication of nominee in the area of parent engagement and the impact of their efforts;
- Actions to advance and promote parent engagement in schools and/or communities and the related outcomes of those actions;
- Demonstrated leadership in efforts to engage parents as partners in the education of their children;
- Commitment to and progress toward cultivating a school, community, or policy environment that values the role of parents in guiding and supporting their children's educational success.

Selection Timeline

September 1, 2011	Nomination period opens for the 2011 Excellence in Parent Engagement Award
September thru October 2011	Call for Nominations
October 31, 2011	Nominations are due
November 2011	Review process by the selection committee
December 2011	Award recipient(s) will be announced

Award Ceremony

Families In Schools will recognize and honor recipient(s), date to be determined.

Please submit nominations to:

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