

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2016

To involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong student success, Families In Schools established the **Excellence in Parent Engagement Award** in 2010. This annual award recognizes extraordinary achievement by leaders within the state of California who have successfully promoted and implemented policies or best practices that support FIS' mission. Awardees have included parent leaders, nonprofit leaders, business leaders, school board members, among others:

- Maria Leon, Parent Leader
- Ryan Smith, Executive Director, The Ed-Trust West
- Yolie Flores, Former LAUSD Board Member

Learn more about former awardees:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLECF9CDE8490DFC67>

Nomination Guidelines

To nominate an individual please complete the following application and send to FIS by email to info@familiesinschools.org or fax to (213) 484-3845. The deadline to submit a nomination is **August 25, 2016**. Individuals may only submit one nomination.

Awardees will be selected based on their leadership in one or more of the following areas:

1. **Advocacy:** Advocated for policies that foster parent involvement, parent choices, and parent engagement.
2. **Engagement:** Implemented high impact programs that helped parents develop their knowledge and skills on how to support their children's education at home and at school.
3. **Capacity Building:** Implemented programs that helped school and nonprofit staff strengthen their knowledge and skills to effectively engage parents in supporting their children's education.

Selection Process and Criteria

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of past recipients, community leaders, and Families In Schools' Board and staff. Up to three nominees will be chosen by the selection committee. Individuals must demonstrate excellence in one or more of the three categories listed above. In addition, selection committee will look for:

- individuals that exemplify collaboration in conducting their work;
- evidence of impact on educational systems, practices, and ultimately student achievement;
- well respected by its peers and partners;

- focus on social justice by targeting their work on traditionally underserved communities

Selection Timeline

July 21, 2016	Call for Nominations for 2016 Excellence in Parent Engagement Awards
August 25, 2016	Nominations are due to FIS by email to info@familiesinschools.org , by fax to (213) 484-3845 or by mail to Families In Schools (Attn: Parent Engagement Nominations, 1545 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite #700, Los Angeles, CA 90017)
September 2016	Recipients announced
October 20, 2016	Recipients honored at Alliance 2016

Application Below

SIXTH ANNUAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

- Name of nominee and contact information

First: _____ Last: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Name of the nominator and contact information (person submitting this application)

First: _____ Last: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Please mark the area for which you are nominating the person (mark one or more as necessary in the column to the left):

Mark	Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocacy: Advocated for policies that foster parent involvement/engagement, parent choices, and/or stronger partnerships between schools and families/communities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation: Implemented high impact programs that helped parents develop their knowledge and skills on how to support their children's education at home and at school.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capacity Building: Implemented programs that helped school/agency staff (preschool to 12th grade) strengthen their knowledge and skills to effectively engage parents in supporting their children's education

- Summary of Achievement/Work – Please provide a brief description (500 words max) of the individual's work, highlighting their achievements, leadership, and excellence in the area of parent engagement marked above. Address the following questions:

- What work did the individual lead or accomplished?
- Is the individual collaborative in conducting their work? if so, how?
- What has been the impact of the person in the school, community, district? any evidence that the work helped to improve student achievement?
- Is the person well respected in the community?
- How is the work of the individual linked to social justice? does the person focus their work on low-income, immigrant, or communities of color?

(500 words max)

- Letters of support – Include letters of support from no more than two individuals (or organizations) that can validate the nomination and provide information about the value and impact of the nominee’s work and achievements.
- Any other information, such as publications or media stories. (No more than two publications)

Applications due August 25, 2015

Please contact **Kristin Pirmell** with any questions at
(213) 201-3900 or e-mail info@familiesinschools.org