

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2017

To involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong student success, [Families In Schools](#) (FIS) 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:

- Frida Samayoa, GEAR UP 4 LA
- Patricia Huerta, Orange County Padres Unidos
- Superintendent Darryl Adams, Coachella Valley Unified School District

Learn more about former awardees: <https://youtu.be/6yYFgVzsZKk>

Nomination Guidelines

To nominate an individual please complete the following application and send to FIS by email to alliance@familiesinschools.org or fax to (213) 484-3845. The deadline to submit a nomination is **September 7, 2017**. 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. Members of the committee cannot nominate candidates or be nominated. 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 their peers and partners;
- focus on social justice by targeting their work on traditionally underserved communities.

Selection Timeline

August 16, 2017	Call for Nominations for 2017 Excellence in Parent Engagement Awards
September 7, 2017	Nominations are due to FIS by email to alliance@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 29, 2017	Recipients announced
November 2, 2017	Recipients honored at Alliance 2017 Summit luncheon
Application below	

SEVENTH 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(s) 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"/>	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.
<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 maximum) of the individual’s work – highlighting their achievements, leadership, and excellence in the area(s) of parent engagement marked above. Address the following questions:

- What work did the individual lead or accomplish?
- 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 September 7, 2017

Please contact Kristin Parnell with any questions at
(213) 201-3914 or e-mail alliance@familiesinschools.org.