



2017 LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR NCFR FELLOW STATUS

Name of Fellow Nominee: _____

Dear Colleague:

You have been asked to endorse the above-named applicant who has been nominated for Fellow Status in the National Council on Family Relations. Fellow Status in NCFR is an honor awarded to relatively few living members on the basis of their outstanding contributions to family science. Nominations of all family professionals who have made contributions to the family field are encouraged. Among the recognized areas of contribution are scholarship, teaching, outreach, practice, and professional service, including service to NCFR. By definition, outstanding contributions are those which have broad impact on the field and are enduring overtime.

To qualify for Fellow Status, an applicant must be nominated by a member of NCFR and must have the endorsement of two additional individuals, one of whom must be an NCFR member, describing the outstanding nature of the nominee's contributions.

What Are the Criteria For Fellow Status?

- A. Nominees for Fellow Status must have made outstanding contributions to the field. A combination of these criteria is required. Examples of outstanding contributions include:
 1. Published, refereed scholarship that has shaped or reshaped the field of family relations.
 2. A history of innovation in practice or outreach that has transformed the field, such as the development and implementation of novel or significant interventions or programs designed to promote healthy family relations.
 3. Recognition of teaching excellence through awards and mentoring.
 4. The development and implementation of innovative curricula for training professionals in the area of family science.
 5. The development and implementation of innovative social policy relevant to families.
 6. A history of innovation and publication about the methods and measurement strategies used in related family science arenas.
 7. Superior contributions to NCFR as an organization.
- B. Nominees must have at least 10 years of professional experience after the receipt of the appropriate graduate or professional degree.
- C. Nominees must have held NCFR membership continuously for the past five years at the time of nomination.

On your own institutional or personal letterhead, please:

- A. Indicate for how long and in what capacity you have been associated with the candidate.
 - B. Describe how the applicant has made an outstanding contribution to the family field. Please be as specific as possible in documenting both the nature and the significance of the applicant's contribution in two or more of the above.
 - C. Provide your phone number and e-mail address, if available.
 - D. Return your letter by September 1, 2017 to the nominator who is submitting the nomination materials.
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