

## 2021 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 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 and to NCFR as an organization. Satisfying 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 Science.
  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. Outstanding contributions to NCFR as an organization may include a history of organizing conference symposia, editing/guest editing NCFR journals, or developing nationally distributed products/curricula that bridge Family Science and practice.
  8. Individuals who were previously nominated for Fellow status, but not recommended by the Fellows committee, are eligible to be nominated again after a three-year waiting period.
- 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.

**What is the procedure for nominations?**

- A. Nominees must be nominated by another NCFR member.\*
- B. Nominees must have the endorsement of two individuals, one of whom must be an NCFR member†, describing the outstanding nature of the nominee's contributions.
- C. In general, nominees should not be aware that they are being considered for Fellow Status. For this reason, the NCFR office will not contact candidates for Fellow status at the time of their nominations.

*\*Nominations from NCFR members involved in the nominee's academic preparation (e.g., major advisor, administrative head of the program from which the nominee graduated) and who have possible conflicts of interest (e.g., partner or family members) will not be accepted.*

*†Endorsements from NCFR members with a potential conflict of interest may be included with the nomination packet but cannot be used to satisfy the requirement for endorsement by an NCFR member.*

**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, 2021 to the nominator who is submitting the nomination materials.