

Focus Group End of Year Report for 2023

Name of Focus Group Latino/a Family Focus Group

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1. What were your focus groups major activities or accomplishments this year?

Our focus group worked to reestablish the best student paper and poster awards. These awards went stagnant during COVID-19 and we saw it fit to ensure they were rebuilt to represent our student's work. We adjusted the due date and held a secondary submission to ensure students had ample opportunity to apply.

2. What has your focus group done during the past year to further NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives?

Our awards are crucial for building the CV's of students who support inclusion and diversity research. By reestablishing the awards, we hope to increase the representation of IDEA scholars recognized at NCFR.

3. Please list any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Add an apostrophe to [focus group's] in question 1.

Return by **Monday, October 16, 2023** to membership@ncfr.org