



Who inspires you?

Nominate them
for a 2021 **Casey
Excellence for
Children Award**
today

Submission Deadline

August 26, 2020

Casey Family Programs will review nominations in September and notify the nominating parties and winners in late fall. Email questions to awards@casey.org.

Award recipients will be recognized in 2021.

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care in the United States. By working together, we can create a nation where Communities of Hope provide the support and opportunities that children and families need to thrive.

Casey Family Programs is looking for outstanding advocates who create hope for America's children and families. We need your help in finding them.

Family and Alumni AWARDS

Our annual Casey Excellence for Children Awards for Family and Alumni recognize individuals who have dedicated themselves to building hope and improving outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 Casey Excellence for Children Awards for families and foster care alumni. As the country faces COVID-19 while also confronting racism and inequity, many have stepped up to new challenges with relentless dedication. These annual awards recognize alumni, birth parents, foster or adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers who have demonstrated extraordinary efforts on behalf of those involved in child welfare.

Nominees will be evaluated on the work they have accomplished at the local, state or national level. Winners will have demonstrated substantial efforts to build hope and improve the lives of children and families in the child welfare system, and it is all the more important to highlight these efforts during these unprecedented times.

Previous nominees may be re-nominated, but previous winners are not eligible.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Please nominate an alumni, birth parent, foster or adoptive parent, or kinship caregiver who is dedicated to improving the lives of children, families and their communities.

Submit a nomination through this form:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/2021ceca-family-alumni-noms>

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Submit nominations by 5 p.m. PDT on **Wednesday, August 26, 2020.**

Family and Alumni Award **FAQ**

Who is eligible to nominate family and alumni?

All Casey Family Programs staff and partner organizations (e.g., Children's Trust Fund Alliance, Foster Care Alumni of America, FosterClub, Generations United, National Foster Parent Association, etc.) are eligible to submit nominations. Nominations are also accepted from other organizations and individuals.

What are the categories?

- **Alumni:** An alumni of foster care (age 18 or older) who has helped other alumni advocate for themselves or has helped them become advocates for other alumni or youth in care.
- **Birth parents (mother, father):** A birth mother or father who has been reunited with her or his child after the child was placed in foster care, and who has supported other birth families seeking reunification with their own children.
- **Foster or adoptive parents:** A licensed foster care provider or adoptive parent who has demonstrated extraordinary efforts on behalf of those involved in the foster care system and supports and serves as a resource for other foster and adoptive parents. (Couples also are eligible for this award.)
- **Kinship caregivers:** A licensed or non-licensed individual who has provided care for a relative's child and has advocated for other kinship caregivers and the children in their care.

Is a résumé or bio required for nomination?

Both are optional. However, these materials help reviewers develop a broader understanding of the nominees and their accomplishments. Résumés and bios can be uploaded on the application page.

Are retired foster parents or kinship caregivers eligible?

Yes. Eligibility is based on recent work in their community or on statewide or national levels in support of their constituent group and Communities of Hope.

Can nominators contact the person whom they wish to nominate?

Yes. Contacting potential nominees is encouraged, especially if a résumé, bio or additional information is needed for the nomination.

Are nominators able to nominate someone who has been nominated before?

Yes, as long as the nominee has not previously won the award.

What do the awardees receive for the honor?

Award recipients will be recognized in 2021. Winners will receive a \$500 honorarium, a customized award and be featured in a news release and other digital materials.

When will winners be notified?

Winners will be notified in late fall.

Whom should I contact for more information?

If you have any questions, please email awards@casey.org.