

2020

AFKA Foster Family of the Year Nomination Package



**AFKA AWARDS - NOMINATION FORMS PACKAGE
SUBMISSION DEADLINE – JUNE 30TH**

ALBERTA FOSTER AND KINSHIP ASSOCIATION | INFO@AFKAONLINE.CA

FOSTER FAMILY OF THE YEAR – NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nominee should:

- Be an active foster family within the year of nomination.
- Have a minimum of two (2) years fostering experience.
- Be an active or associate member of the Alberta Foster and Kinship Association and/or their District Foster Parent Association.
- Project a positive image of fostering.
- Encourage and be a support to other foster families.
- Be an advocate for foster children, their families, and other foster families.
- Have not received this award in the past

Who Can Submit a Nomination and how are they submitted?

- Nominations will be accepted from any interested individual.
- Nominations must be submitted on the AFKA nomination forms.

How many awards will be given out?

One nominee will be selected from each region, per category. With the recent changes to the now North Region, we will be acknowledging the former regions (NW, N. Central and NE) as outlined in this application package. The final selection will be made by the Regional Council or Regional Selection Committee.

When will the awards will be given out?

The presentation to the Foster Families, Kinship Families and Children's Services Worker's of the Year typically takes place at an Awards Banquet during the Annual Alberta Foster and Kinship Association Conference. However, due to recent events and changes, it is yet to be finalized on where and when this banquet will be held. This information will come available asap.

What do recipients receive in addition to their award?

Recipients receive one (1) nights' hotel accommodations at the host hotel or at a hotel with equivalent rates and receive two (2) banquet tickets for the awards banquet.

What happens if the nominee is selected but unable to attend the banquet?

Should the nominee(s) be unable to attend the banquet, their award will be sent to them via Canada Post or Courier along with a letter of congratulations.

WHERE TO SEND NOMINATIONS:

(Please call to confirm receipt of nomination)

Please email your nomination forms to the individuals below. Please contact by phone after submitting to confirm receipt of the nomination, if you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hrs. (If there is no phone number listed, please contact our office at 780-429-9923)

South Region:

Andrew Kippers

Email: apkippers@gmail.com

Calgary Region:

Joanna Busse

Email:

president@calgaryfosterparentsassociation.com

Tel: (403) 660-2239

Central Region:

Samara Stonehocker

Email: Jeffsamfam@gmail.com

Tel: (780) 806-3131

Edmonton Region:

Linda Krauskopf

Email: paulind@shaw.ca

Tel: (780) 921-3393

North Region – Northeast Stream

Email: info@afkaonline.ca

North Region – Northwest Stream

Andrea Kolodychuk

Email: phil.andreak@gmail.com

Tel: (780) 835-1441

North Region – North Central Stream

Stephanie French

Email: s-l-larsen@hotmail.com

Metis Settlements

Email: info@afkaonline.ca

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the AFKA office Monday – Friday, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm with any questions regarding the nominations process at 780-429-9923 or by email: info@afkaonline.ca

FOSTER FAMILY OF THE YEAR – NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be filled out by the nominator. You are encouraged to seek information from the District Association, District Office or Regional Council if needed. If filling manually, PLEASE PRINT.

Please fill out the following form to the best of your ability. The more information you can provide, the better. Please feel free to attach an addendum if needed.

I _____ recommend that _____ (nominee name(s)),
be considered as a nominee for Foster Family of the Year.

Nominee's address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Name of Foster Care Support Worker: _____

District Office: _____ Region: _____

Telephone: _____

1. a) How many years has the nominee fostered? _____

b) Approximate number of children fostered? _____

2. a) This Foster Family is actively involved in: (Please check all that apply)

The Alberta Foster and Kinship Association:

The District (local) Foster Parent/Caregiver Association:

Regional Council:

b) List specific ways the nominee has helped improve the fostering experience for foster parents through participation in the above association(s):

FOSTER FAMILY OF THE YEAR – NOMINATION FORM – Continued.

3. List specific ways this family has demonstrated commitment and acceptance to children in care i.e. Involvement with natural families, unconditional acceptance, and advocate for child/family.

4. Give a specific reason as to why you nominated this family.

5. Provide any further comments/reasons why you feel this family deserves to receive this award.

Nominator's Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for submitting your nomination. We will contact nominators to notify them, should their nominee be selected to receive an award, as soon as possible once we have the final selections.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**THE COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED
NO LATER THAN JUNE 30 TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTY
AS INDICATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NOMINATION PACKAGE.**