

Oklahoma Family of the Year!

Nomination Criteria

The Character Council of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma Family Policy Council desires to recognize and honor an outstanding "Oklahoma Family of Character." This award is presented annually in the spring during Family Day at the Capitol.

If you are interested in nominating a family please consider the following standards which are designed to assist you in thinking of a family who deserves recognition. Please try to think specifically of the ways in which the family uniquely influences others in each of the three categories below:

Faith Involvement

Standards:

A Family of Character will value a relationship with God.

A Family of Character will model positive moral values.

A Family of Character will serve in a local faith body.

A Family of Character will encourage others to grow in faith.

Family Dynamics

Standards:

A Family of Character will show respect and honor to parents, elders, and one another.

A Family of Character will demonstrate genuine, sacrificial love for one another.

A Family of Character will make wise choices and will strive to right wrongs committed against others.

A Family of Character will enjoy family activities together and with others outside the family.

Community Involvement

Standards:

A Family of Character will be involved in community service.

A Family of Character will have a positive influence on others within the community.

A Family of Character will be looked to as respected leaders.

Past award recipients:

- 2006 Bullard Family
- 2007 Hill-Kimmell Family
- 2008 Kennedy Family

Nomination Form (Step 1)

Your name: _____

Your full address: _____

Phone #s: _____

E-mail address: _____

Family you would like to nominate: _____

Family's home address: _____

Family's work address: _____

Family's phone #s: _____

Keeping in mind the "standards" criteria, please respond to the following queries:

General Information

- Give a brief biography of the family.

- List family members and their occupations.

- Describe why you feel this family deserves to be the Family of the Year.

Faith Involvement

- What church/synagogue/temple activities is the family involved in?

- Whose lives have been positively impacted through relationships with the members of the family? Explain.

- Describe an incident that typifies or highlights the family's faith involvement.

Family Involvement

- What makes this family admirable?

- How has the family's spiritual heritage influenced its current dynamics? Explain.

- Describe an incident that typifies or highlights the family's interaction with one another.

Community Involvement

- How has the family contributed to the betterment of the community?

- What are the individual member's reputations in the work place, at school, and in the neighborhood?

- Describe an incident that typifies or highlights the family's community involvement.

From all the nomination applications received, three individual families will be chosen to continue to **Step 2** in the nomination process. If the family you have nominated is chosen, at this point, you will be notified. In **Step 2**, you will be asked to distribute a minimum of six reference forms to individuals who know the family (two in each of the three "standards" areas—faith, family, and community). These can be electronically sent to us at jestesml@aol.com or mailed to us at OFPC/attn: Family Nomination/3908 N. Peniel Avenue/ Bethany Bank Tower, Suite 100/Bethany, OK 73008-3458.

Reference Form: Faith

(step2)

Family of the Year Nominee: _____

Your name: _____

Your full address: _____

Phone #s: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please write a brief essay explaining why this family would be an exceptional candidate for the Oklahoma Family of the Year. Give specific examples of how the family demonstrates their **faith** in God and describe their involvement in a local church or temple. If you reference specific individuals, please include full names and phone contact numbers.

Reference Form: Family

(step 2)

Family of the Year Nominee: _____

Your name: _____

Your full address: _____

Phone #s: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please write a brief essay explaining why this family would be an exceptional candidate for the Oklahoma Family of the Year. Give specific examples of how the **family** interacts with one another and those around them. If you reference specific individuals, please include full names and phone contact numbers.

Reference Form: Community

(step 2)

Family of the Year Nominee: _____

Your name: _____

Your full address: _____

Phone #s: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please write a brief essay explaining why this family would be an exceptional candidate for the Oklahoma Family of the Year. Give specific examples of how the family has contributed to the betterment of the **community**. If you reference specific individuals, please include full names and phone contact numbers.