

# NCFR Honors Student Recognition Program

(2010-2011)

Designed to recognize family science/ family studies students upon graduation for their . . .

- · academic achievement
- leadership ability
- community service

Open to graduate students and undergraduate students

**Deadlines apply** 

**National Council on Family Relations** 

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# NCFR Honors Student Recognition Program

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), through the Honors Student Recognition Program, acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments and academic success of our family science graduates.

By recognizing exceptional scholarship, leadership and service in graduating undergraduate and graduate students, the organization accomplishes goals important to its members and its mission.

- Honoring worthy recipients for their excellence
- Encouraging and empowering student members to continue to excel in their professional development and careers
- Contributing to the field of family science/family studies.

# Honors recognition

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- Certificate of Recognition
- Recognition in *NCFR Report* (membership magazine)
- Recognition at the NCFR Annual Conference

# **Deadlines**

Information must be submitted by March 1 (spring graduation), May 1 (summer graduation), or October 1 (fall graduation)

# **Application steps**

For application materials:

# www.ncfr.org/honors

info@ncfr.org 888-781-9331 (tollfree)

## Submit the following materials

- Completed NCFR Honors Student Recognition Application Form
- Copy of current resume/vita of candidate. Be sure to include contributions to the field of family science, particularly as related to scholarship (3.50 GPA or above), leadership activities, and community service
- Official transcript(s)
- Completed Recommendation Form (faculty member, department chair, adviser, or employer addressing the student's academic, leadership and community service accomplishments)
- Application fee, \$35 (check or money order made out to NCFR). Nonrefundable

# **Submission of materials**

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(NCFR reserves the right to change program requirements at any time.)



Bradi Petersen, Weber State University, 2009

# Eligibility requirements and procedures

- Honor student recognition in NCFR is given to student members in their final term before graduation.
- Eligible students, both undergraduate and graduate, must have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the field of family science in three areas:
- ~ Scholarship (3.50 GPA or higher)\*
- ~ Leadership
- ~ Community Service



Amanda McCain, University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2009

- Nomination can be via self-nomination, faculty member, department chair, academic adviser, or another person (employer).
- Submission of application form, recommendation form, and official transcript must be made by required deadline.
- The applicant must have completed at least 30 credits in family-specific coursework by graduation (current term courses may be included)
- The applicant must be a member of NCFR at the time of nomination.
- Submission of a one-time, non-refundable \$35 application fee.

\*Graduates with a GPA lower than 3.50 also may apply to the NCFR Honors Student Program; they must provide a written explanation for the lower GPA. Please contact the NCFR office for more information.

# From the faculty . . .

NCFR's Honor Student Recognition Program acknowledges outstanding accomplishments and academic success of undergraduate and graduate students who are members of NCFR by recognizing exceptional scholarship, leadership, and service.

Weber State University students have learned that this honor helps them to expand their scholarship success out into the broader university and community through leadership roles and service. We recognize our students that receive this honor in the Child and Family Studies Student Association newsletter, at the CHF Department's annual Graduation Breakfast, and in various classes within the department.

Our students also benefit by wearing the stole during the commencement ceremony and including this honor on their resumes. My hope and desire is that all eligible students will take advantage of this NCFR program and be proud of the distinction they've earned and that employers and graduate schools will acknowledge



the achievements of these outstanding students.

Chloe Merrill, Ph.D., CFLE, Professor and Chair, Department of Child and Family Studies, Moyes College of Education, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah

## Michelle King, University of Central Oklahoma, 2008



"I majored in family sciences because I have a heart for people and a passion to serve. I was blessed with amazing professors who live and love what they are teaching." Michelle works for a county health department as coordinator of the Students Working Against Tobacco program. "I love families and I am thrilled to wake up every day knowing I'm making a positive impact."

## From the faculty . . .

The Honor Student Recognition
Program helps us at Messiah
College to recognize exemplary
students in the family science
discipline who excel in academics,
service and leadership. My students
benefit by being able to include this
distinctive honor on their resumes
and receiving special recognition
during our commencement ceremony.



We also recognize NCFR Honor Student Recognition recipients at our HDFS Department's Senior Banquet each year. My hope is that our graduate programs in family science will take advantage of having this pool of "cream of the crop" students from which to recruit into their programs.

Raeann Hamon, Ph.D., CFLE, Distinguished Professor of Family Science & Gerontology Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Science, Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania

## Tiffany Nielsen,

Weber State University, 2009
"I was thrilled that I was able to be recognized as an NCFR honors student. I loved my family studies classes; our professors really wanted us to learn the information and apply it." Dr. Randy Chatelain (pictured here) had real-life stories to share that knowledge, says Tiffany, "He explained



how he used what we were learning in marriage counseling... I love knowing that this was information I can use in the field as well as with my own family." Tiffany is a Head Start teacher in Ogden, Utah.

#### Lauren Stratton, Weber State University, 2009



"My major in family studies was a very natural choice for me. I've always been interested in how people interact. My teachers were wonderful, with so much insight; the quality of the education was outstanding." A volunteer position teaching life skills to recovering alcoholics and addicts turned into a part-time position for Lauren who is now in a marriage and family therapy master's program at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.



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### Our organization

The National Council on Family Relations, established in 1938, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit professional organization focused solely on family research, policy and practice. Our 3300 members represent the nation's leading family researchers, educators, and practitioners.

#### **Our journals**

Journal of Marriage and Family JMF, for 70 years the premier journal in the area of marriage and family.

Family Relations: Interdisciplinary
Journal of Applied Family Studies
FR provides an applied focus for practitioners,
educators, and policy professionals.

#### Journal of Family Theory & Review

New in 2009, JFTR provides a new option for exploring family and relationship theory; complimentary distribution to all journal-subscribing members in 2010 and 2011.

Our CFLE credential...the standard for family life educators

Certification is provided to family life educators through the Čertified Family Life Educator designation. The NCFR CFLE curricular requirements have been incorporated into degree programs at more than 115 colleges and universities.

#### Stay informed

NCFR *Report*, the member magazine is published quarterly and features a "Family Focus" section with contributed articles on key topics. *Network* is the CFLE newsletter that includes book reviews, best practices, and news from CFLEs around the world. The "Zippy News" enewsletter provides weekly updates and announcements on family matters.

#### Local connections

Over 30 state and student affiliate councils give NCFR a local flavor. Stay in touch with members in your area through conferences, events, and communications.

#### Shared interests...NCFR sections make it happen for you

There are ten sections within NCFR, each with a particular area of emphasis. Section members communicate through listservs and web page announcements.

#### Annual Conference...professional development plus

Stimulating and enlightening...that describes the NCFR annual conference. You'll find major presentations by leading professionals, break-out sessions of all kinds, and informal networking. Grow professionally, establish new contacts, and build lasting relationships.

#### Membership options that fit you

- Special rates for students and emeritus members
- Professional levels with choice of journals
- New! "New Professional" option available for recent graduates







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