

Fellow Status Evaluation Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominating Division: _____ Deadline _____
(to be filled in by division)

Evaluator's Name and Address:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

List, by number, divisions in which you hold Fellow status:

You have been named as an APA Fellow sufficiently acquainted with the nominee to evaluate the nominee's qualifications for Fellow Status in the APA through the division indicated above. Please read the instructions and then answer the questions on the reverse side as completely as possible. Also, please complete the Fellow Status Evaluation Worksheet (for endorsers).

INSTRUCTIONS

The minimum standards for Fellowship under the APA Bylaws are:

- 1) The receipt of a doctoral degree based in part on a psychological dissertation or from a program primarily psychological in nature;
- 2) Prior membership as an APA Member for at least one year and a Member of the division through which the nomination is made;
- 3) Active engagement at the time of nomination in the advancement of psychology in any of its aspects;
- 4) Five years of acceptable professional experience subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree;
- 5) Evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution or performance in the field of psychology; and
- 6) Nomination by one of the divisions in which member status is held.

THE MOST DIFFICULT JUDGEMENT THAT MUST BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NOMINEES FOR FELLOWS STATUS IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS BEEN "UNUSUAL AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OR PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY."

On the reverse side of this form please describe what you see as the major work contributions the nominee has made to the field of psychology. Be as specific as possible in documenting the national impact of the nominee's work. What criteria do you have in mind as you make your judgement? Examples of the criteria that have been found helpful to the divisions and to the APA Fellows Committee are given below.

Number of publications, grade-level of an administrative position, academic rank or the number of public addresses or committee memberships are not automatic determiners. The contribution to the science or the profession of psychology should be original and, perhaps, also a contribution to society as a whole. What is most needed is information about the nominee's contributions that will help the division and the APA Fellows Committee, reach a fair and reasonable decision. Information offered by the endorser should explicate or expand upon information already available from other sources (e.g. a vitae), not simply repeat it. It is assumed that all evaluative statements will necessarily be positive.

These criteria are not intended to be exhaustive. Many divisions have developed their own more specialized criteria:

- The existence of relevant publications is not enough – they must report impressive work, have an impact upon others and have been refereed appropriately;
- The impact of innovations must be documented;
- Citation of the nominee's work by others may be an important indicator of the impact of a contribution;
- Conducting and organizing workshops is not an automatic criterion, but frequent workshop leadership with positive evaluations and evidence of impact over time can be good evidence of contribution;
- Offices held in psychological associations, political and legislative activity and the like, while relevant, are rarely enough in themselves to prove contribution – endorsers must show impact beyond the local level;
- Accumulation of impact and performance over time must be demonstrated;
- Evidence of steady and continuing competence does not in itself meet the criterion of "outstanding and unusual."

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1. Indicate when and in what capacity you have been associated with the nominee.

Teacher: from _____ to _____ **Employer:** from _____ to _____
Co-Worker: from _____ to _____ **Other:** from _____ to _____
(specify) _____

2. Be sure to address all of points A, B and C.

- A) What do you see as the unusual and outstanding contributions the nominee has made to the field of psychology?
- B) Be as specific as possible in documenting the national impact of the nominee's work.
- C) Type your endorsement of the nominee on this form below. You may use extra sheets of paper if needed.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Your statements will be kept confidential among those persons immediately concerned with Fellow Status matters.

Please return this form and all accompanying material no later than _____ TO:

Name: _____

Address: _____

