

## Father of the Year Essay Contest

### ABOUT THE CONTEST

The Father of the Year Essay Contest was created in 1992 to raise awareness about the importance of fathering. For the past fifteen years the Essay Contest has helped connect us to more than 1,000,000 children, fathers and families across the United States.

The Contest is made possible through the collaborative efforts of local partners committed to providing a connection between fathers and local resource centers.

### OPERATING MARKETS

By partnering with state and local social service agencies, national and local corporations, and Major League Baseball, we have been able to work with community partners in markets across the country including:

Chattanooga, TN	Louisiana
Dallas, TX	Merced, CA
Florida	Minnesota
Fresno, CA	Oklahoma City
Grants Pass, OR	Seattle, WA
Houston, TX	Topeka, KS
Illinois	Tulsa, OK
Kansas City	Washington, DC

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Students – reflect upon and write about the relationship they have with their father or father figure.
- Teachers – gain insight into the lives of their students
- Fathers – receive affirmation and encouragement about their role as a father or father figure.

### PARTNER BENEFITS

- Awareness – generate awareness about the importance of fathering in your community
- Visibility - local media exposure for your organization highlighting your involvement in helping to improve the lives of children, fathers, and families
- Relationship building – with local schools, families, community and business leaders

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## **PARTNERS**

- American Family Insurance
- Fathers Resource and Networking Center (FRANC)
- Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives
- Fresno Office of the Mayor
- Illinois Fatherhood Initiative
- Kansas City Royals
- Merced County Fatherhood Coalition
- Minnesota Twins
- Northwest Fathering Forum
- Oklahoma Redskins
- State of Louisiana Office of the Governor
- State of Louisiana Department of Education
- State of Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Together is Better
- Tulsa Drillers
- Target Corp.
- Washington Nationals

## **PARTNERING WITH NCF**

To find out more about partnering with NCF and conducting a Father of the Year Essay Contest in your community, contact Lucy Bloom, Contest Manager, National Center for Fathering at [contest@fathers.com](mailto:contest@fathers.com) or by phone at (913) 384-4661.

Access additional Contest information by visiting our website [www.fathers.com/contest](http://www.fathers.com/contest).