

Family Individual Talent Awards Program (FITAP)

International Administrative Year	Family Individual Talents Award Program Year	Age of Person On	International Awards Given in
2014-2015	2014	January 1, 2015	July 2015
2015-2016	2015	January 1, 2016	July 2016
2016-2017	2016	January 1, 2017	July 2017
2017-2018	2017	January 1, 2018	July 2018
2018-2019	2018	January 1, 2019	July 2019
International Deadline		May 1 of Each Year	
All entries must be received by appropriate International Chair by this date. Deadlines for receipt at Chapter, Region and Zone are determined by the Chair at the respective level.			

The **Family Individual Talent Awards Program** is a competition of arts, crafts and similar skills for Parents Without Partners members and their children. Members and their unmarried children through age 21 may participate with certain restrictions. The unmarried dependent children of members who are ages 18 through 21 must be in college, trade school or still living at home in order to qualify as entrants.

The purpose of the Parents Without Partners Family Individual Talent Awards Program is to recognize the talents of individual members and their children. It helps build self-esteem through the recognition of individual creativity. At the Chapter level the program is an excellent opportunity to promote and encourage cultural interests and activities within Chapter programming.

Chapters are encouraged to use the exhibit and judging as a Chapter cultural event and open to attendance by the public. An educational program with a cultural theme could be conducted during judging. Such an event is an excellent opportunity to share the talent of Parents Without Partners members and their children with other members and the public. Judges should be cultural leaders who will support cultural programming

Entries are to be in arts, crafts, sculpturing, photography, sewing, science, performing arts, sports and creative writing divisions with various subcategories. Entries are grouped by the age of entrants as of January 1st of the program year

- A. TOTS: Through 5 years of age (folders to be marked with a "Smiley Face" and an "A")
- B. Buddies: 6 through 8 years of age (folders to be marked with a green "B")
- C. Pals: 9 through 11 years of age (folders to be marked with a red "C")
- D. Teens: 12 through 14 years of age (folders to be marked with a yellow "D")
- E. Teens: 15 through 17 years of age (folders to be marked with a blue "E")
- F. Disabled: All ages (folders to be marked with an orange "F"). Letter describing disability must be included.
- G. Young Adults: 18 through 21 years of age (folder to be m
- H. Members: All Ages (folders to be marked with a pink "H")

The limiting of age groups from certain categories has not been done to deny entries from any age group. If a category indicates certain age groups are not included, children in those age groups will be entered in the lowest age group permitted. Example: Fabric printing is open to age groups C through H, ages 9 and over. However a five-year old (age group A) would enter a tie-dye tee shirt in age group C. The shirt would be judged with other entries in age group C (9 through 11) for that category.

Entries submitted by disabled individuals may compete in the appropriate age group (A through C, G or H) or in age group F. The decision is up to the family of the individual. However, when elimination occurs in age groups A through C, G or H, the entry should be shifted to age group F for judging. If the entry goes to the next level of judging, it would continue to be judged in age group F

Any original work, which has never placed in a prior judging, may be entered in the Family Individual Talent Awards Program. Entries may include projects from home, school, scouts, 4H, hobbies and other creative works. Entries are limited to five (5) per person at the Chapter level, no two of which may be from within the same category. First and second place entries advance from Chapter to the Regional level, Regional to Zone level and Zone to International level.

Each entry is to have the following three (3) forms attached to a folder as follows: Registration Form stapled to the front, Entrant's Comment Sheet stapled to the inside left and the Judge's Comment Sheet stapled to the inside right.