



# 2015 FATHER OF THE YEAR

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# 2015 YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas Father of the Year Award

## History of Father's Day

On Mother's Day in 1909 Sonora Smart Dodd heard a sermon honoring mothers and wondered why there was no similar tribute for fathers. Her father was widowed when his wife died during childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State. It was when Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. With the support of ministers and the YMCA in Spokane, Sonora Smart Dodd launched the first Father's Day celebration at the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910.



## Nomination Criteria

Nominations may come from a child, spouse, friend, YMCA staff member, or a fellow volunteer.

Please complete the attached nomination form along with a personal essay honoring a Dad that meets the following criteria:

- Must be a Y member within the YMCA Dallas association.
- Nominees must have demonstrated the YMCA character values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility in their efforts at the YMCA or in their community.

## Completed Forms

Drop off your completed YMCA Father of the Year nomination form and essay to your local YMCA branch by the end of the day on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

## Father of the Year Celebration

This year in celebration of Father's Day the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas will honor one father from each branch to receive the "2015 Father of the Year Award". Each honoree will be recognized during a family celebration on **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

**All nominations are due to your local YMCA Branch by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

# **2015 YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas Father of the Year Award Nomination Form**

**YMCA Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominees Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Prompt:** Please Tell Us Why This Individual Should Receive The  
2015 Father Of The Year Award

**Please attach essay to this nomination form. Nominees cannot be  
considered without an essay.**

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