

Programs of Distinction Scoring Rubric

Program Reviewed:
 Reviewer Name:

Date Reviewed:

PART A

CRITERIA	YES	MARGINAL	NO	COMMENTS
Abstract is clear, concise and informative.				
Program goals and objectives are clearly stated.				
Program goals and objectives are relevant to the needs assessment.				
The target audience is clearly defined.				
The methods of program delivery are appropriate for the audience.				
The partners and collaborators are relevant to the programs goals and objectives.				
The methods of program evaluation are appropriate for the programs goals and objectives.				
The implications of this program to the field of youth development are evident.				
The manuscript used easy to understand language.				
Each section of the manuscript clearly connects to the other sections.				
Paragraphs and sentences are appropriately sequenced and constructed.				
Correct spelling and grammar are used throughout the manuscript.				
Tables and graphics are used appropriately and clarify technical information.				

NOTE:
 The manuscript cannot reach *Publish* status if any of the criteria are marked "NO".
 The manuscript must have all criteria marked as "YES" to be considered for *Signature Program* status.
 Revised 8/2/10

PART B

OBJECTIVE	CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS AWARDED	COMMENTS
*Knowledge & Research Base	Strong evidence that the program's design and content are based on solid knowledge and research base. Description includes relevant citations in APA style.	15		
Needs Assessment	Planned educational efforts are clearly based on needs assessment using relevant data.	10		
*Educational Materials	Educational materials are used effectively. If multiple curricula resources are being used, they are appropriately packaged into one resource for the program.	5		
Process Evaluation	Strong evidence presented that the program activities match the goals and objectives and were conducted as planned. Process indicators clearly presented.	10		
*Outcome Evaluation	Outcomes and impacts that resulted from the program are clearly presented and clearly linked to program goals and objectives. Strong evidence that there were real, measurable short, mid, and/or long term changes in knowledge, attitudes, skills, practices, or conditions.	20		
Communication	Impact of the program was communicated to key stakeholders and the general public.	5		
*Sustainability	Strong evidence is provided that the program is sustained or has clear plans on how the program might be sustained over time.	15		
*Replicability	Strong evidence provided that the program has been replicated in other settings or clear outline on how the program might be replicated.	20		
TOTAL		100		

*These objectives will be used to identify Signature Programs. Signature Programs are those evidence based Programs of Distinction which may receive special recognition and promotion for their superb quality and their readiness to be expanded and replicated nationwide.

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PART C

Overall Comments (general comments, observations or recommendations about the program or manuscript):

Final Recommendation:

- PUBLISH as a designated Program of Distinction
- MINOR revisions are needed prior to being designated as a Program of Distinction
- MAJOR revisions are needed prior to being re-submitted; has promise to become a Program of Distinction
- REJECT submission lacks evidence that it meets the quality of a Program of Distinction