



# 2025 IFI Fatherhood Essay Contest

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**March 19**

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Grade / Grado

2nd

Father/Father-Figure Name / Nombre del Padre/Figura Paterna

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Writing About / Escribiendo Sobre:

- ☒ Father / Padre
- ☐ Grandfather / Abuelo
- ☐ Stepdad / Padrasto
- ☐ Father-Figure / Figura Paterna

"What my father or an important father-figure\* means to me"

"Lo que mi padre o una figura paterna importante\* significa para mí"



Father/Grandfather/Step-Dad/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Student's Name Valehio Pantoja

Father's-Figure Name Johnny Pantoja

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My dad is the best dad because he buys me my favorite things like bacon, snacks, toys and games. He takes care of me, he helps me with my homework and he helps clean the house. He goes to work everyday at his job and at the house. I like my dad because he sits next to me on the couch. He also took me to Mexico, Disney world, Peppa Pig, legoland and Universal.

In conclusion, my dad is the best because he's funny, silly, he works hard and takes care of me. Dad is cool.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Very touching to read what my daughter thinks of me. Love it.

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Ruben Mendoza

Father's-Figure Name

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"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My father is Ruben Mendoza. He is more than a dad to me. He is my hero and best friend. For example, my dad is always working hard to help me get what I need for school, and he helps me with home work. I can always have fun while doing my work. My dad is also my movie buddy. He is so silly! He makes me laugh all the time. I love my dad so much, and I am blessed! he is my dad.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Happy Father

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Student's Name

Katelyn Colin

Father's-Figure Name

Miguel Colin

Katelyn Colin  
February 11, 2025

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My dad is very special to me. He takes care of me, plays with me, and teaches me new things. He works hard to make sure our family has everything we need.

My dad is also very kind. He helps me with my homework and reads me bedtime stories.

When I feel sad, he gives me big hugs and makes me feel better. He always tells me to be honest, kind, and to try my best in everything I do.

I love spending time with my dad. We go to the park, play games, and sometimes watch movies together. He makes me laugh with his funny jokes.

My dad is my hero because he loves me and takes care of our family.

I am very lucky to have him.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

I am very happy with the letter and I love my daughter very much.

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Lili Soto

Father's-Figure Name

Rene Soto

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My father is an important person to me. I call my father pa. My pa is protective, funny and likes to do fun things. One of my favorite things to do with pa is take a nap. I feel cozy in his arms. We also like to watch Primal and Jurassic Park while eating cereal together. He took our family to watch TNA and NXT wrestling. We saw Bianca Belair my favorite wrestler. When I am with my Pa, I feel safe and know I am going to have a fun time, especially if he lifts me high up. I feel happy that I have him and I love him.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

It means a lot to me to know how I am perceived by one of the most important people in my life. My daughter is a wonderful, creative, caring soul and it is an honor to have earned the title of "Pa" in her eyes.

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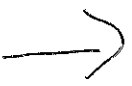
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Student's Name

Kimberly Ortego

Father's-Figure Name

EDGAR AKA DAD

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

1. MY dad washes the dishes.  
2. MY dad COOKS food.  
3. MY dad helps me with my homework.  
4. MY dad brings me to school.  
5. MY dad cleans the house.  
6. MY dad gets my LUNCH.  
7. MY dad cleans the bath room.  
8. HE'S the best Father-figure  
THIS IS what MY Father-  
Figure means to me.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

I am surprised to read  
how much my daughter notices how much  
I do for our family. It truly makes me feel

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Lailani Diaz

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Father's-Figure Name

Miguel

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me and my dad on the  
weekend get mcdonalds and  
draw me and my dad  
to go to the park  
in the summer. Me and  
my dad love to watch  
movies together.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Kaiden Allen

Father's-Figure Name

Malik Allen

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My father means everything to me. He always does fun activities with me. We watch movies together. We train at the gym. He is my best friend.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Very grateful.

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Father's-Figure Name

Mario Macias

"What My Father or an Important Father-Figure\* Means to Me"

My dad is important to me in my life because he makes me so happy! He helps me with my homework when I need it. When I am sad, he comforts me with hugs and kisses. He includes me with his jobs like sweeping the grass or fixing the cars. He is the best dad in the whole wide world to me. I love when we play video games together and practice boxing. He is my best friend. I love him with all my heart!

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

I am very happy my son says so many nice things to say about me.

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