

Instructions for Applicants for a Proficiency in Focusing Partnership Award

What is the Proficiency in Focusing Partnership Award (“PFP Award”) and what are its benefits?

The PFP Award is a recognition that the recipient has reached a level of proficiency in Focusing, listening and partnership skills such that they can serve in a satisfactory manner as a Focusing partner. PFP Award recipients are eligible to become a member of the TIFI Partnership Network, provided they are members of The International Focusing Institute (“TIFI”).

What is the Partnership Network?

The Partnership Network is a free benefit for TIFI members. It provides a way to search online for Focusing partners from among a worldwide network. A member must either be a certified Focusing professional or have a PFP Award in order to join the Network.

Who is eligible for a PFP Award?

To be eligible you must be recommended by a certified Focusing professional and be a member of TIFI. Any TIFI’s certified Focusing professional: Coordinator, Coordinator in Training (CiT), FOTs, or CFP/Trainer.

Who can recommend you for a PFP Award?

Any certified Focusing professional, including Coordinators (CC), Coordinators in Training (CiT), FOTs or CFP/Trainers, can recommend you for the award. Usually, you will request a recommendation from your teacher with whom you have studied Focusing, but you may also ask a certified Focusing professional with whom you have not studied to assess your readiness for the award. (See the steps below.)

How is your readiness to receive a PFP Award determined?

Readiness for the PFP Award is at the discretion of the recommending certified Focusing professional. As a guideline, the required proficiency skills and competencies include:

- Ability to identify and utilize the felt sense in your process
- Ability to listen in the Focusing way
- Prior experience with a number of other Focusing partners

Must you take a formal Focusing course in order to qualify for the PFP Award?

No. Individuals who have acquired Focusing and partnership skills in other ways also are welcome to request a recommendation for a PFP Award.

How will the certified Focusing professional determine that you have met the requirements?

- The certified Focusing professional can draw upon their own experience and observations of your Focusing and listening skills, as well as whether you have Focused with multiple partners.
- If the certified Focusing professional does not feel they have had sufficient experience with you to assess your skills, may ask you to provide additional information in whatever way they feel is most helpful. Some options include:
 - Request that you have a Focusing partnership session with them. (Any fees for this session are at the discretion of the certified Focusing professional).
 - Ask you to provide a list of the people with whom you have shared Focusing partnership turns.
 - Ask you to obtain recommendations from your former Focusing partners.
 - Any other steps that the certified Focusing professional, at their discretion, suggests.

What are the steps to request a PFP Award?

Your first step is to find a certified Focusing professional to recommend you. Generally, it is best to request a recommendation from with whom you have studied Focusing and who therefore is familiar with your proficiency level and prior partnership experience.

If you do not have such a person, you can use the [“Find a Focusing Professional”](#) search function to locate certified Focusing professional with whom you can determine your readiness for the award. If the certified Focusing professional determines that you do not yet have the skills, competencies, and/or experience to merit the PFP Award, he or she can advise you on how you might go forward to increase your Focusing partnership proficiency.

If the certified Focusing professional determines that you are qualified for the award, ask to recommend you by emailing the attached “PFP Award Recommendation” form to TIFI at Elizabeth@focusing.org.

Once TIFI receives the recommendation, TIFI will contact you to confirm your membership status and arrange for payment of the modest fee payable to TIFI for the processing and mailing of your award. If necessary, you can renew your membership at <https://focusing.org/membership>

PFP Award Recommendation
(Send by Email to Elizabeth@Focusing.org)

I recommend that _____ (name of applicant)

be awarded a Proficiency in Focusing Partnership Award.

Based on my review of the applicant's readiness, I have determined that the applicant has the skills, competencies, and partnership experience necessary to be granted a PFP Award.

Certified Focusing professional Name & Title
Date