



NAGC Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Student Award

Criteria and Guidelines

Eligibility. Applicants must be a student enrolled in a public or private school or homeschooled in grades 6-12 and **meet at least THREE** of the following criteria:

1. **Exceptional test score.** Be identified as highly gifted as evidenced by nationally standardized intelligence or achievement test scores: comprehensive or subtest score. Scored in top 5% on standardized test scores within the last three years.
2. **Accelerated.** Be grade or content area accelerated by at least one year. One referral letter should provide evidence of acceleration within content of letter.
3. **Exemplary achievement.** Provide evidence of exceptional accomplishment, i.e., received a distinguishing award, scholarship, won competition generally received/earned by a person 1 or more years older than nominee. Provide copy or scan of award letter with statement attached explaining the exemplary achievement.
4. **Early Entrance or Dual Enrollment.** Entered high school by age 13 or younger OR college by age 15 or younger.
5. **Exemplary School Work.** Provide a sample of work (DVD or video link) that sets this student/applicant apart from his/her peers in a specific gifted category or content area discipline. Attach a statement explaining the exemplary school work.
6. **Competition Winner.** Won state, regional, national or international status in an academic or arts competition (e.g., chess, science, mathematics, arts, leadership, forensics, engineering). Provide copy of award letter or other evidence, along with a statement explaining the significance of the competition.

Application Requirements

Note. Recipients are required to share a brief end-of-school-year report on academic progress by email.

In order to receive full consideration, all of the following materials must be received by the deadline provided by NAGC through the application form available each year on the [NAGC awards page](#).

Cover Sheet: Completion of this form and required information will meet this requirement.

Personal Statement: Write a statement describing your primary interests and your thoughts about your future career or direction for your life. Use Microsoft Word to generate an application



letter, using the following parameters: not to exceed 3 pages, double-spaced, Times, 12-point font.

Exhibits: Applicants must submit at least 3 exhibits (6 maximum) associated with the different criteria to provide evidence of exemplary achievement. The quality, not quantity, of the exhibits is most important.

For non-print artifacts, you may represent these with a photo image taken with a camera or downloaded from a website or create a representation using other digital media.

It may be constructive to consult with a teacher, counselor or another educational advocate/mentor who can help you to identify and craft your exhibits.

Two (2) Nominating Letters of Support from:

1. An educational professional OR other discipline expert (engineer, physician, scientist, artist, attorney, technology professional, etc.) (1 single-spaced page max)
2. A family member, mentor, civic or faith-based organization leader (1 single-spaced page max)

Award Benefits

- Recipients will receive \$300 Cash Award and a complimentary Parent Day registration for up to two parents/guardians
- Recipients will receive one scholarship covering registration to attend the Gifted Education Research & Resource Institute's (GER2I) Summer Residential Program at Purdue University (transportation to/from Purdue not included)
- Parents will receive 1-year Parent membership in NAGC and Special Populations Network
- are invited to attend a featured session at NAGC during the Annual Conference held around the country in November. More details such as date and time will be provided at a later date.

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