

Award Guidelines and Rubric

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Student Scholar Award

Purpose

This student award is named in honor of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, father of research on gifted Black students, and it is designed to honor the achievements of highly gifted students who excel academically in school.

Selection Criteria

Eligibility

Awards can be given to students enrolled in a public school in grades 6-12 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **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.
- **Accelerated.** Be grade or content area accelerated by at least one year. One referral letter should provide evidence of acceleration within the content of the letter.
- **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 a copy or scan of the award letter with a statement attached explaining the exemplary achievement.
- **Early Entrance or Dual Enrollment.** Entered high school by age 13 or younger OR college by age 15 or younger.
- **Exemplary School Work.** Provide a sample of work (PDF or video link) that sets this student/applicant apart from their peers in a specific gifted category or content area discipline. Attach a statement explaining exemplary schoolwork.
- **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.
- **Other evidence of eligibility.** If you believe a student should be nominated for this award but are unsure whether they meet all the requirements, please provide any evidence to support their eligibility, and it will be reviewed and considered as part of the eligibility criteria.

Award Requirements

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 New Roman, 12-point font.

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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)

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Other Evidence of Eligibility: If you think a student deserves to be nominated for this award but you're uncertain whether they meet all the requirements, please provide any evidence supporting their eligibility, and it will be reviewed and considered as part of the eligibility criteria.		

Please rate the following aspects of the applicant's application package.	Truly outstanding (5)	Exceeds expectations (4)	Meets expectations (3)	Needs improvement (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Personal statement					
Exhibits (3 minimum, 6 maximum)					
Letter of Support 1					
Letter of Support 2					