

National Association for Gifted Children Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

The Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award was established in 1999 by the National Association for Gifted Children. Funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation, these awards are designed to recognize excellence in young children. The awards, which include a certificate and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, will be made in every state to a student who is between grades 3 and 6 who has distinguished him- or herself in academics, leadership, or the arts.

The Nicholas Green Foundation was established by Maggie and Reg Green to honor the memory of their seven-year-old son Nicholas who was killed in a drive-by shooting while visiting Italy in 1994. The Foundation has already awarded scholarships to high-ability high school and college students to enable them to advance their education. The Greens started the Distinguished Student Awards because they felt it was important to recognize gifts and talents in children who are now at the age that Nicholas was when he died.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Any student who meets the eligibility requirements may apply for this award. NAGC states that it is not necessary for the applicant to be identified as gifted and talented, nor is the award based upon financial need.
2. Students must be between grades 3 and 6 at the time of the application.
3. Students must have outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, the arts, or leadership.
4. Student applicants must submit a composition about why they feel their effort is important and how they got interested in the area for which they are being recognized. (See following page for more specific instructions.)
5. A letter of recommendation must also be included from an adult who is not a family member (teacher, community member, etc.) which describes the student's achievements, cites the uniqueness of this student's accomplishments in relation to other high-ability students, and states the positive impact the student has had on others.
6. TAGT will review and judge the applications and select the most outstanding applicant. TAGT then recommends this student to NAGC. NAGC selects and notifies The Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award winner for the state of Texas.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Current Grade: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

School District: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Name of Adult Making Recommendation: _____

On a separate sheet of paper write a composition about an accomplishment you have made in any one of the following areas--academics, the arts, or leadership. Tell why you feel your effort was important and how you got interested in this area. Your composition can be in any format, but it must answer all four of these questions:

1. What is the activity or interest area for which you wish to be recognized?
2. How did you become interested or involved in this activity or interest area?
3. What impact has this activity or interest area had on you and on others?
4. How have your future plans and goals been affected by this activity or interest area?

A complete application includes:

- ___ Student Composition
- ___ Adult Letter of Recommendation (Not a family member)

Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:

Nicholas Green Distinguished Award
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1. *Students will be notified of their status by April 15.*

NAGC selects and notifies the winner approximately six weeks after receiving TAGT's recommendation.

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered.