



**NJAGC Nomination Materials: Distinguished Student
Application Deadline: December 15, 2019**

Dear Distinguished Student Nominator:

This download includes information you will need to nominate a candidate for the NJAGC Distinguished Student Awards which are presented to students who demonstrate outstanding accomplishment in Academics, Visual or Performing Arts, and / or Leadership.

To complete the nomination process, you will need to collect supporting information that includes:

- A completed application form (included in this download.)
- A student essay (directions included in this download.)
- At least two letters of recommendations from teachers, administrators, civic or religious leaders that include tangible examples that demonstrate why this student should receive this award. (If a student is homeschooled, a parent can provide one of the recommendation letters.)
- Additional documentation that gives evidence of the student's achievements in the areas of academics, visual or performing arts, and/or leadership. (These can be samples/photos of student work, publicity, or other items that give supporting evidence that they should receive the award.)
- A wallet sized jpeg photo is requested for publicity materials.

Please submit all nominating materials as an attachment to awards@NJAGC.org no later than December 15, 2019 in order to be considered. Include "Distinguished Student" and the student's name in the subject line.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, you may also contact us at awards@njagc.org.

Thank you for nominating a candidate for the 2020 Distinguished Student Awards.

Sincerely,
The NJAGC Awards Committee

Cover Pages: To be completed by the Nominator and Parent.

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NJAGC) DISTINGUISHED
STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION**

Please complete this application and submit with student essay, photo, and at least 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal, civic, or religious leader by **December 15, 2019**.

Nominee Information Student and School Information: (Please type or print.) *If nominee is home schooled, parent will fill out the following information.*

Name:	
Address:	
Age:	
School Name/Address/phone:	
Grade level for 2019-2020:	
Student's Teacher	
If home schooled: Please give name and email address of home school teacher:	

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NJAGC) DISTINGUISHED
STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION (Continued)**

Parent Information (Please print or type.)

Name:	
Address (If different from the student):	
Contact phone number:	
Contact email address:	

Student's Area(s) of Accomplishment to be considered for award:

_____ Academic

_____ Visual and Performing Arts

_____ Leadership

Brief description of accomplishments:

I grant permission to NJAGC (New Jersey Association for Gifted Children) to use my child's photo and essay for award publicity and announcements.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

Instructions for Student Essay (to be completed by nominated student.)

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NJAGC) DISTINGUISHED
STUDENT AWARD ESSAY**

Directions for Completing Student Essay (To be returned with nomination materials by December 15, 2019.)

Complete a neatly handwritten or typed essay of no more than 750 words that includes the following information:

- How did you become interested in the area(s) for which you wish to be recognized?
- Why do you think your efforts in these areas are important?
- What is the impact that your activity/efforts has had on yourself and others?
- What are your future plans and goals?

Please include any other information or examples in your essay that would help the judges understand your strengths in these areas.

Your essay should be scanned and emailed as an attachment, along with other documents in your application packet to awards@njagc.org.

Print at least two copies for individuals writing recommendations:

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NJAGC) DISTINGUISHED
STUDENT AWARD**

Instructions for Letters of Recommendation

(To be submitted by teachers, administrators, or civic or religious leaders by December 15, 2019.)

Thank you for writing a letter of recommendation for _____
who is being nominated for the NJAGC Distinguished Student Award.

This student will be considered for their demonstrated accomplishment in the areas of Academics, Visual or Performing Arts, and/or Leadership.

Please include the following in your recommendation letter:

- Your name, the student's name, how long you have known the student, and in what capacity.
- Provide a description of the student's achievements in which they have exceptional abilities.
- Cite unique examples that place the student clearly above other high ability students.
- State the positive impact the student has had on others.
- Offers an appraisal of a potential positive future for this student.

Please return the completed letter of recommendation by emailing it, as an attachment, to:
awards@njagc.org by December 15, 2019.

Thank you for helping support this candidate for the Distinguished Student Award.

Sincerely,

The NJAGC Awards Committee