

## **NJAGC 2021 Distinguished Student Awards: Overview and Instructions**

### **This Year, We Will Be Collecting Nomination Materials Online**

**Since many of our schools will start with distance learning, we will be collecting nomination materials online, so that individuals can prepare and upload items while without in-person coordination.**

**Please read the overview information for this award and prepare materials in advance so they will be ready to upload into the nominations form as pdf documents.**

**The nomination form requires that you use a Google-Based Account or Gmail address in order to upload required materials.**

### **To be considered for a Distinguished Student Award the candidate should:**

- Demonstrate exceptional abilities in Academics, Leadership, and/ or the Visual, Literary, or Performing Arts,
- Develops unique, innovative and/or creative uses of their talents that place them clearly above other high ability students
- Use of their talents and efforts to make a positive impact on others
- Demonstrate insight regarding the importance of their efforts and incorporates them into future goals
- Demonstrate exceptional motivation and/or perseverance.

### **A complete list of required nominating materials also includes:**

- A neatly handwritten or typed student essay that includes how they became interested in they areas they wish to be recognized, reflects on the importance of their efforts, and their impact on others, and the student's future plans and goals (uploaded as a pdf document by the student's parent or teacher.)
- A minimum of three recommendation letters from teachers, administrators, civic or religious leaders explaining why the student should receive the award. Parents responsible for home-schooling may also submit a recommendation in their role of their child's teacher.
- Printed and signed copy of parental parental permission and publicity release forms.

**Additional supporting documentation (student's original work, awards, publicity, is also highly encouraged.)**

**Please note that all materials should be submitted between 9/15/2020 and 12/19/2020 to be considered.**

**If you have questions or need assistance, contact us at [awards@njagc.org](mailto:awards@njagc.org)**