



Distinguished Student Awards

Guidelines:

The NJAGC Distinguished Student Awards are given to students who exhibit outstanding accomplishment in the areas of Academics, Visual or Performing Arts, or Leadership. There are two separate awards for students in grades 3-5 and for students in grades 6-8 during the 2017-2018 school year.

An eligible candidate:

- Must be in either grades 3-5 or 6-8 during the current school year.
- May attend public, private, charter, or parochial school or a home school.
- Can be nominated by parents, teachers, community or civic groups, or by self-nomination.

Deadlines for all nominations are on December 15, 2017.

You do not have to be a member to submit or receive a nomination in this category.

If you have questions, contact us at awards@njagc.org



NJAGC Nomination Materials: Distinguished Student

Application Deadline: December 15, 2017

Dear Nominator:

This download includes information you will need to nominate a candidate for the NJAGC Distinguished Student Awards that are presented to students who demonstrates outstanding accomplishment in Academics, Visual or Performing Arts 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)
- Two letters of recommendations from teachers, administrators, civic or religious leaders that include tangible examples that demonstrate why this student should receive this award.
- A wallet sized jpeg photo of the student (for publicity purposes)
- Additional publicity about the student's achievements (news articles, etc.)

Please submit all nominating materials as an attachment to awards@NJAGC.org no later than December 15, 2017 in order to be considered.

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 2018 Distinguished Student Awards in Grades 3-5 or 6-8.

Sincerely,
The NJAGC Awards Committee

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

Please complete this application and submit with student essay, photo, and at arrange for at least 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal, civic, or religious leader by **December 15, 2017.**

Student and School Information: (Please type or print):

Name:	
Address:	
Age:	
School Name/Address/ phone	
Grade level for 2017-2018	
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 type or print)

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 _____

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Directions for Completing Student Essay (To be returned with nomination materials)

Complete a 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 are important?
- What is the impact that your activity has had on yourself and others?
- What are your future plans and goals?
- Include any other information or anecdotes that help the judges understand your strengths in these areas.

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

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Instructions for Letters of Recommendation

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

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, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

The NJAGC Awards Committee