

NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

Description and Nomination Packet Requirements

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is pleased to announce the **Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award** for the current school year. Originally funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation and NAGC, this award program is designed to recognize student achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts in children in grades 3 through 6. The National Association for Gifted Children believes that this award inspires children to achieve their fullest potential, highlights high-ability students, and draws attention to the educational needs of our nation's gifted and talented children.

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 Greens paired with NAGC to start the Distinguished Student Awards because they wanted to recognize young people that are working hard to make the most of their lives and develop their unique gifts and talents, and who are now about the age that Nicholas was when he died. The Nicholas Green Foundation began funding these awards in the 1998-1999 school year.

One child per state can be named a Nicholas Green Distinguished Student and that winner receives a \$500 U.S. savings bond and an NAGC Certificate of Excellence.

Eligible students may be nominated by self, parents, teachers, peers, or community/civic groups.

The award is open to students in **grades 3-6** who are outstanding in one or more of the following areas:

- **Academics** by displaying curiosity and motivation to learn, by challenging him/herself to go “above and beyond,” and by consistently demonstrating high academic performance;
- **The Arts** by exhibiting originality, creatively executing ideas, and exhibiting technical competence; and/or
- **Community Service/Leadership** by proactively addressing the community, demonstrating initiative and committing energy with actions resulting in direct benefit to others.

Materials to Include with Application

- Letter(s) of recommendation from someone other than a nominee's family member, such as a teacher or principal, explaining why the student is deserving of the award, what sets him or her apart from others, and how the nominee is impacting others.
- Current school photo – no photocopies of photos, no larger than 2 inches by 3 inches
- 750-word composition written by the student that responds to the following questions: (1) what is the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated; (2) how did the student become interested/involved in the activity; (3) what impact the activity had on the student and on others; and (4) how have the student's future plans and goals been affected by this activity or interest area. **The composition must address all four questions.**
- Release form completed and signed by a parent granting permission for PAGE and NAGC to use the nominee's name, composition, and a photo in award publicity and announcements, should he or she be selected.

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Pennsylvania Application Form

The Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education will present the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award during our annual conference April 14 – 16, 2011 at the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel in Harrisburg, PA.

See award description, criteria and nomination packet on accompanying page.

Nominee's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Phone _____

School Name _____ Phone _____

School Address _____
Street City Zip

Teacher _____ E-mail _____

Area(s) of accomplishment: Academics The Arts Community Service/Leadership

Name of nominator _____

Relationship to nominee _____

E-mail _____ Daytime Phone _____

Nominator's Address _____
Street City Zip

Submissions:

- **No materials will be returned. Please keep a copy for yourself in case materials do not reach PAGE.** If a self-addressed, stamped postcard is included, we will acknowledge receipt of nomination.
- The nomination packet must be emailed or postmarked on or before **January 14, 2011.**
- Nominee must be enrolled in grade 3, 4, 5, or 6 during the current school year.
- The nomination packet must be emailed or postmarked on or before **January 14, 2011.**
- Applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.
- Email: pageaffiliatedir@gmail.com - **email applications strongly preferred**
- Mail: Bev Kates 4280 New Hope Rd. Furlong, PA 18925

Questions? Email **Bev Kates** at pageaffiliatedir@gmail.com, or call 215.598.0260



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NAGC - NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD RELEASE FORM

I hereby give the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) permission to use my son or daughter's photo and composition, submitted in connection with the NAGC – Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award, in any publicity or announcements NAGC may make about the award or the award winners.

I further grant permission to NAGC to use my son or daughter's name, school name, city, and state in any publicity or announcement that uses his or her photo or composition, and to make any necessary edits to the length of the composition.

I understand that neither I, nor my son or daughter, will receive any remuneration in connection with this permission. I also understand that the photo and composition will not be returned to me.

Date _____ Parent Signature _____...

Parent Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ e-mail _____

Relationship to Student Award Nominee _____

Name of Student Nominee _____

Student's Social Security Number (necessary to purchase Bond) _____