

2018 Distinguished Student Award

The Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE) is pleased to announce the Distinguished Student Award for the 2018 - 2019 school year. This award program is designed to recognize achievement in academics, the arts, innovation, leadership, and/or service for students across the Commonwealth. PAGE believes that this award inspires students to achieve their fullest potential, highlights high-ability students, and draws attention to the merit of addressing the educational needs of Pennsylvania's gifted and talented children.

One child per grade range category can be named a Distinguished Student and each winner receives a PAGE Certificate of Excellence as well as a \$100 check to be used to further their intellectual, artistic, or service pursuits.

Eligible students may be nominated by parents, teachers, peers, or community/civic groups. Nominator must be a current member of PAGE. The award is open to students in the following grade range categories: grades 3-6, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12 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
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurial Spirit** by producing a new concept, product, service, or similar and by executing a plan to that end; 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

1. A statement (500 word limit) explaining the reasons for the nomination.
2. Three letters of recommendation from someone other than the nominee's family member – such as a teacher, principal, or mentor, explaining why the student is deserving of the award, what sets him or her apart from others, and how the nominee impacts other people in the community. The letters of recommendation should include the following points:
 - a. What is the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated?
 - b. How did the student become interested/involved in the activity?
 - c. What impact has the activity had on the student and on others?
 - d. How have the student's future plans and goals been affected by this activity or interest area?
 - e. How does the student intend to use the prize money to further his/her endeavors?
3. Release form completed and signed by a parent granting permission for PAGE to use the nominee's name, grade, school, and a photo in award publicity and announcements, should he or she be selected.
4. Current school photo – no larger than 2x3 inches; no photocopies of photographs.

Submissions:

- **No materials will be returned. Please keep a copy for yourself in case materials do not reach PAGE.**
- The nomination packet must be received by Friday, September 28, 2017.
- All applications submitted through the mail will receive an email confirmation of receipt of the nomination application.
- Nominee must be enrolled in a PA school during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Nominator must be a current member of PAGE.
- Applications *and all supporting documentation* may be submitted through the online form or mail to: PAGE, % Kelly Powell, PO Box 452, Natrona Heights, PA 15065

2018 Distinguished Student Award Application

The Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education will present the 2018 Distinguished Student Award during our annual conference (November 29th – November 30th, 2018) at **The Marriot in Cranberry Twp., PA**. See <http://www.giftedPAGE.org> for conference details.

Nominee's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____

School District _____ School Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name (s) _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Phone _____ Email: _____

Gifted or Classroom Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Email Address: _____

Name of nominator _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

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Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Please fill the form below to consent that your child is eligible to participate in and attend the 2018 Annual PAGE Conference Awards Luncheon to receive their award, if selected. You are invited to attend with them for the Awards Luncheon. This consent form also permits PAGE to publish your child's name, grade, school of attendance, and a photo of your child in the conference brochure, quarterly newsletter and website to publicize their selection as the Distinguished Student of the Year by PAGE.

Name of the event: 2018 Annual PAGE Conference and Awards Luncheon

Date: Friday, November 30th, 2018

Location: The Marriot in Cranberry Twp., PA.

Student's Name: _____
First *Last*

Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent's Name: _____
First *Last*

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City *State* *Zip*

Special Information: *List any dietary restrictions or allergies, for appropriate planning at the luncheon.*

I hereby consent to the participation and attendance of my child at the 2018 Annual PAGE Conference Luncheon on Friday, November 30th, 2018.

_____ Yes _____ No

I give my permission for PAGE to publish my child's name, grade, school of attendance, and a photo of your child in the conference brochure, quarterly newsletter and website to publicize my child's selection as the Distinguished Student of the Year by PAGE.

_____ Yes _____ No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____