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NAGC – NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

NAGC is pleased to announce the **NAGC – Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Awards** program for the 2010-2011 school year. Originally funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation and NAGC, this award program is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in children grades 3 through 6. 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.

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 Nicholas Green Scholarship Fund has already awarded scholarships to high-ability high school and college students to enable them to advance their education. The Greens started 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.

NAGC works with one affiliate in each state to select students for this honor. Students are selected during the school year (usually between January and June), and it is suggested that the awards be presented at each state affiliate's annual meeting, usually during the following school year. NAGC will publish the names of all Distinguished Students in the association newsletter, and winning students will be featured on NAGC's Web site. NAGC will also issue a press release to the general media.

NAGC believes that the **Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Awards** inspire children to achieve to their fullest potential, highlight high-ability students, and draw attention to the educational needs of our nation's gifted and talented students.

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AWARD PARAMETERS

- One Distinguished Student Award recipient may be selected per state.
- Applicants must be enrolled in either grades 3, 4, 5, or 6 during the 2010– 2011 school year.
- Applicants may demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following areas: visual or performing arts, academic achievement, or leadership.
- The award consists of a \$500 U.S. savings bond and an NAGC Certificate of Excellence.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

In order to select a student for this award, the state affiliate must have a signed state affiliate agreement on file with NAGC and must follow the procedures and criteria below.

Nomination Procedure

1. Affiliates must accept self-nominations and nominations from parents, teachers, students, and community and civic groups.
2. All announcements about the awards must include reference to the open nomination process.

Selection Criteria

1. Students must be enrolled in either grades 3, 4, 5, or 6 at the time of nomination.
2. Outstanding student accomplishment may be in one or more of the following areas: academics, visual or performing arts, or leadership.
3. Student applicants must submit a composition describing (a) the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated; (b) how the student got interested/involved in the activity; (c) what impact the activity has had on the student and on others; and (d) how the student's future plans and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area.
4. Applications must include at least one letter of recommendation from someone other than a nominee's family member, explaining why the student nominee is deserving of the award, what sets him or her apart from other students, and how the nominee is impacting others.

Submission to NAGC

Each state affiliate reviews all applications received and chooses one winner to submit to NAGC as that state's proposed winner, **pending certification and approval by NAGC**. Affiliates *must* provide the following documentation to NAGC for their proposed state winner:

1. ***Fully completed*** Student Selection Form (See attached).
2. Student composition that addresses the candidate's achievements and aspirations (maximum 750 words).
3. Letter(s) of recommendation.
4. Selection criteria used.
5. Names, addresses, phone and e-mail addresses of state contact and student selection committee or judges.
6. Current photo of the student (no photocopies – school photo preferable).
7. A signed release form completed by a parent or guardian, including student's social security number (must have to purchase savings bond).

Incomplete applications will delay your nominee's approval process—please use the checklist to make sure you have included all the necessary paperwork. NAGC suggests you keep a copy of the submitted paperwork for yourself – **NAGC cannot be responsible for mail that fails to reach our office.**

Please submit the packet to:

AGATE-NY
Amy Zamkoff
2727 East Genesee Street
Syracuse, NY 13224

IMPORTANT DATES

State affiliates should submit their proposed winners for the 2010-2011 school year to NAGC **no later than July 30, 2011.**

For states that would like to announce their award recipients before the conclusion of the 2010– 2011 school year, **please submit your nominees to NAGC at least six weeks prior** to your planned award ceremony to ensure ample time for processing.

Upon receipt of your complete submission packet, NAGC will:

1. Provide e-mail confirmation to the contact on the Student Selection Form.
2. Create an NAGC – Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award certificate, which will be sent to the contact listed on the Student Selection Form.
3. Request a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond be mailed directly to the award recipient from the U.S. Treasury Department.
4. Send a letter of confirmation to contact.
5. Send a letter to award recipient and parent/guardian.



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**NAGC – NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD
STUDENT SELECTION FORM
2010-2011**

Name of State Affiliate _____

Student Information

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Age _____ Grade (at time of selection) _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

School name _____

School address _____

Teacher's name _____

State Affiliate Information (e-mail confirmation of receipt will be sent here)

Contact name _____

Contact phone _____ e-mail _____

List of criteria used to select student (or attach criteria) _____

Short description of award recipient's accomplishment:

Award Presentation Information (Letter of confirmation of state's selection will be sent here)

Mail the certificate to:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Date to appear on the certificate _____

Date of student award ceremony _____

Date certificate is needed by _____

Is there anyone else that you would like to be notified of this achievement (school principal, teacher)?

Please indicate name and address below:

Attachments

- List of names, addresses, phone and e-mails of Selection Committee
- Selection criteria used
- Student composition
- Letter(s) of recommendation (from someone other than nominee's family member)
- Current photo of student (color or black & white, original – no photocopies)
- Signed release form with student's SS#

Please submit this form and the attachments by July 30, 2011 to:

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NAGC - NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD 2010-2011 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) _____