

**Virginia Association for the Gifted
NAGC – Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award**

Nomination Procedure:

- VAG will accept self-nominations and nominations from parents, teachers, students and community and civic groups.
- Nominations must be **postmarked no later than February 1**. Nominations postmarked after February 1 will not be reviewed.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be in grades 3 – 6 at the time of nomination.
- Outstanding student accomplishment may be in the area of academics, the arts, or leadership.

Submission to VAG:

1. A composition written by the student nominee. Compositions should describe (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; (d) how well does the interest or activity fulfill a need or solve a problem; and (e) how the student's future plans and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area;
2. A completed Application Form;
3. A 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/her apart from other students, and how the nominee is impacting others;
4. A signed release form from a parent or guardian granting permission to NAGC to use the nominee's name, composition, and photo, in award publicity and announcements, should he or she be selected;
5. A photo (preferably school photo) in a sealed envelope with name (to be used in award publicity in the event the student is selected for the award); and
6. A self-addressed, stamped postcard, which will be used to acknowledge receipt of the packet.

Selection Procedure:

- VAG will acknowledge receipt of the nomination packet if a self-addressed, stamped postcard is included in the packet.
- A selection committee will review the applications and make awards based on merit. (NAGC reserves the right not to make an award in a state if the selection committee determines that the submissions for that state are not exceptional.)
- Selection of award winner will be completed by May 30.
- Award winner will be notified of their selection in writing by September 1.
- Award winner will receive a certificate and a \$500 U. S. Savings Bond. The U. S. Department of the Treasury will mail the U. S. Savings Bond directly to the winner.

Original and three copies of nomination materials must be mailed, postmarked no later than February 1 to:

**Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award
Virginia Association for the Gifted
P. O. Box 26212
Richmond, VA 23260-6212**

Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award Application Form

(Please print or type)

Date _____

Student Information

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Birth Date _____ Grade (*at time of application*) _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Teacher's Name _____

Name of Person Nominating Student _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ E-mail _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Enclosures:

Student Composition
Letter of Recommendation
Signed Release Form
Photo in Sealed Envelope
Self-addressed, stamped postcard

**Submit original and three copies of form and enclosures,
postmarked not later than**

February 1 to:

Virginia Association for the Gifted
ATTN: Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award
P. O. Box 26212
Richmond, VA 23260-6212

Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

Release Form

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

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

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

Signature _____

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 if selected) _____

Date _____

