

Virginia Association for the Gifted

Leader of the Year Award

The Virginia Association for the Gifted will present an annual “Leader of the Year” award to an individual at any level (parent, teacher, coordinator, administrator, legislator, other) whose exemplary leadership and outstanding contribution to gifted education has affected Virginia’s children, teachers, schools, programs, and/or policies. The award will be presented at the annual conference or seminar.

VAG defines an exemplary leadership and outstanding contribution to mean:

- Bringing about a change that results in improvement in gifted services *in one area* of a program, district, or region **or** *within a total* program, district or region;
- Bringing about policy change, effecting significant changes in curriculum within a program, district, or region;
- Creating a support organization to improve the services and/or conditions for teachers and students in gifted programs and whose actions increase opportunities for a wide-range of diverse gifted learners;
- Impacts gifted education in the state of Virginia through outstanding leadership and/or creative innovation at either the local affiliate or state levels;
- The nominator of this exemplary leader must be a VAG member in good standing.
- These contributions are interpreted as those that far exceed the regular expectations of a position, duty, or office. Financial assistance would not necessarily constitute outstanding contribution, nor would service over a number of years.

** The awards committee reserves the right to withdraw an award if nominations submitted do not meet the stated criteria or if a nominee’s achievements, as described, do not meet the intent of the award.*

Please send* original and three copies no later than February 1 to:

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** Incomplete, late, e-mailed or faxed copies of applications will not be scored*

