



TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

Gifted Student of the Year Award

TAG is pleased to announce the 2020 TAG Gifted Student of the Year Award program. This award program is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in gifted children of any age or grade level. The winners will be recognized in TAG's newsletter as well as at their home school as permitted by local administrators.

TAG believes that the Gifted Student of the Year Award inspires children to achieve to their fullest potential, highlights high-ability-students, and draw attention to the educational needs of gifted and talented learners.

AWARD PARAMETERS/SELECTION CRITERIA

- Two Distinguished Student Award recipients may be selected (1 elementary and 1 middle/high)
 - Applicants may demonstrate excellence and outstanding accomplishment in one or more of the following areas: visual or performing arts, academic achievement, or leadership.
- The award consists of a small monetary award as well as a certificate and recognition in TAG newsletter, website, and other publications/mediums.

Selection Criteria

1. 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/goals have been affected by this activity or interest area.
2. Applications must include at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher who has taught the nominated child within the past 3 years, 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.



NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. TAG will accept self-nominations and nominations from parents, teachers, and students.
2. The complete application packet must be postmarked by December 10, 2020.

Submission to TAG- email is preferred. However, if you need to mail the nomination please do so quickly. Submissions must be complete and include the following:

1. Fully completed Student Selection Form (enclosed).
2. Student composition that addresses the candidate's achievements and aspirations (maximum 750 words).
3. Letter(s) of recommendation.
4. Current photo of the student (standard size school photo preferable).
5. A signed release form completed by a parent/caregiver.

Incomplete applications will not be considered by the TAG selection committee.

TAG suggests you keep a copy of the submitted paperwork for yourself – TAG cannot be responsible for mail that fails to reach our office.

Please submit the packet to Emilie Hall at emilie.p.hall@vanderbilt.edu:

Tennessee Association for the Gifted
% Anne Rucker
NHS
1600 Summerlyn Drive
Nolensville, TN 37135

OR

e-mail complete packet in one email please to: Emilie Hall, Chairperson of Awards Committee at emilie.p.hall@vanderbilt.edu



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2020 STUDENT SELECTION FORM

Student Information

Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Age: _____
Grade: (at time of selection) _____
Name of parent/caregiver: _____
Parent/Caregiver email address: _____

School Name: _____
School Address: _____
Gifted Teacher's Name: _____
Gifted Teacher's Email Address _____

Application deadline: December 10, 2020



Gifted Student of the Year Award
2020 RELEASE FORM

I hereby give the Tennessee Association for the Gifted (TAG) permission to use my son or daughter's photo and composition, submitted in connection with the TAG Gifted Student of the Year Student Award, in any publicity or announcements TAG may make about the award or the award winners.

I further grant permission to TAG 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: _____

Application deadline: December 10, 2020