

Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

This award was endowed by the family of Nicholas Green, a gifted child from the United States who was killed in a drive-by shooting while on vacation with his family in Italy in 1994. It is funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation and NAGC. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding students in grades 3-6. One child per state can be named a Nicholas Green Distinguished Student and each winner receives a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and an NAGC Certificate of Excellence

CRITERIA:

Nominations may be made by parents, teachers, peers, community and civic groups.

The award is open to students in grades 3-6 who are outstanding in the areas of: *Academics*, by displaying curiosity and motivation to learn, by challenging him/herself to go “above and beyond,” and by consistently demonstrating high academic performance; *Arts*, by exhibiting originality, creatively executing ideas, and exhibiting technical competence; *Community Service/Leadership*, by proactively addressing the community, demonstrating initiative and committing energy with actions resulting in direct benefit to others.

NOMINATION PACKET:

Please include the following materials in the nomination packet.

- 1) A completed application form.
- 2) A composition written by the student, describing the activities or interest areas for which the student is being nominated, how the student became interested or involved in the activity, the positive impact it had on self and others, and how future goals and plans have been affected by this interest or activity.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation; one from the nominator, and one from a person other than a family member (addressing the student’s qualifications). The letters should explain why the nominee is deserving of the award, what sets him/her apart from others, and how the student is positively impacting others.
- 4) A signed release form from a parent or guardian granting permission to Iowa Talented & Gifted and NAGC to use the nominee’s name, composition, and a photo in award publicity and announcements, should he or she be selected.
- 5) A current school photo. (NAGC will post state winners on their website, ITAG will publish the state winner in their newsletter and in announcements to the media.)