



2027 Susan Keel Lamar Scholarship

The Susan Keel Lamar Scholarship recognizes distinguished student achievement and leadership in the area of visual or performing arts. One student enrolled in grades K-5 and another student in grades 6-12 will be named the Susan Keel Lamar Scholarship recipients each year. Each winner will receive a \$250.00 check and a NCAGT Certificate of Excellence. In addition, the parents/caregivers of the winner receive a complimentary parent membership to NCAGT for one year.

The Susan Keel Lamar Scholarship was established by NCAGT to honor the memory of Susan Lamar and her passion towards advocating for the needs of gifted learners. Susan Lamar, former President of NCAGT and AIG Coordinator for Nash-Rocky Mount Schools, gave students access to talent development opportunities and provided teachers with resources to discover how their knowledge, training and commitment could make a difference in the lives of gifted children. Because of Susan's passion for the arts, this scholarship has been developed to recognize creativity in gifted students.

Nomination Criteria

1. Students must be enrolled in grades K – 12 at the time of nomination.
2. Students must show outstanding creativity in visual or performing arts **accompanied by leadership and/or service** through the arts.
3. Students must be sponsored by a NCAGT Member.

Application

The Digital Application can be found [here](#). This application asks for the following:

1. Applicants must submit an essay including:
 - the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated
 - how the student got interested and/or involved in the arts
 - what inspiration the activity has had on the student and on others
 - how the student's future plans and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area
 - who or what has influenced the student in the area of the arts
2. Applications must include two recommendations 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.

These must be included as a DIGITAL LINK (Google Doc, OneDrive Doc, Audio, Video, etc.) Make sure the LINK is able to be opened by ANYONE with the link.

This Scholarship Application is due **December 15, 2026.**

Please contact the Awards Committee at awards@ncagt.org should you have any questions about the applications or submission process.