



2027 NCAGT James J. Gallagher Advocacy Award

The **NCAGT James J. Gallagher Advocacy Award** is presented to an individual inside or outside the field of gifted education who has been a consistent advocate on behalf of gifted students and a voice for supporting gifted education in North Carolina.

Nominations are made by the general membership and final ballot selection is determined by the NCAGT Board of Directors. Past recipients may not be nominated for this award.

1988	Judge William Creech	2014	Professor Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman
1990	Gov. James B. Hunt	2015	Advocate Dianne McDowell
1992	NC Sen. Helen Marvin	2016	Dr. Kristen Stephens
1994	NC Sup't. Bob Etheridge		
1998	NC Sen. Leslie Winner	2018	The News and Observer
	NC Rep. Robert Grady		The Charlotte Observer
	NC Sen. Jean Preston		
2000	NC Board Member Kathy Tuft	2020	Sneha Shah-Coltrane
2004	NC Board Chair Howard Lee	2021	Dr. Wesley E. Guthrie
2008	NC Rep. Rick Glazier	2022	Margaret Crawford
2010	Attorney L. Wardlaw Lamar	2023	Dr. Linda P Robinson
2011	Professor Dr. James J. Gallagher	2024	Dr. Michael Elder
2012	Professor Dr. Shelagh A. Gallagher	2025	Kara Johnson
2013	Dr. Angela Quick	2026	Dr. Michael Matthews
	NC Governor's School Foundation		

You may nominate as many persons as you feel should be considered. Please attach a biographical description for each nominee. A biographical sketch is not as critical as a descriptive narrative detailing the services and contributions the individual has made by advocating for gifted education in North Carolina.

Nomination Form

Please complete this [Nomination Form](#) for the person you wish to nominate.

Nomination Form must be completed before midnight December 15, 2026.

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