



2026 NCAAGT Distinguished Student Award

This award is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics and/or leadership in children grades 3 through 6. NCAAGT believes that the Distinguished Student Award inspires children to achieve to their fullest potential, highlights high-ability-students, and draws attention to the educational needs of our nation's gifted and talented learners.

A Distinguished Student winner receives a \$250 check from NCAAGT and a Certificate of Excellence from NCAAGT. In addition, the parents/caregivers of the winner receive a complimentary parent membership in NCAAGT for one year.

Criteria

1. Students must be enrolled in grades 3- 6 at the time of nomination.
2. Students should demonstrate excellence and outstanding accomplishment in one or more of the following areas: academic achievement or leadership.
3. Students must be nominated by a member of NCAAGT.

Application

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

1. Student Nominee must submit an essay, audio, or video including:
 - the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated
 - how the student got interested/involved in the activity
 - what impact 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.
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.

Nomination Form must be completed before midnight **December 15, 2025.**

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