

Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

The South Dakota Association for Gifted Children, a state affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), is pleased to announce the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award program. The award includes a \$500 United States Savings Bond and an NAGC Certificate of Excellence. One award is presented in each state to a student who is between grades 3 and 6, and who has distinguished him or herself in academic achievement, leadership, or the visual or performing arts.

The award program was established through funds provided by Maggie and Reg Green to honor the memory of their seven-year-old son, Nicholas, who was killed in a drive-by shooting while vacationing in Italy in 1994. The Greens felt it was important to recognize the gifts and talents in children who are now at the age that Nicholas was when he died. NAGC is honored to be part of the Greens' generous spirit. That the award exists is a tribute to the determination of the Greens to take a terrible tragedy and turn it into a positive force of recognition.

Application Criteria:

1. Students must be between grades 3 and 6 at the time of nomination.
2. Outstanding student accomplishments may be in the area of academics, the arts or leadership.
3. Student applications must submit a one-page composition about why they feel their effort is important and how they got interested in the area for which they are being recognized. Compositions should describe (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 and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area.
4. At least one letter of recommendation from someone other than a nominee's family member, explaining why the student nominee is deserving of the award, what sets him/her apart from other students, and how the nominee is impacting others.

Selection Criteria:

1. Applications must be complete, and be received by the May 1, 2009 deadline.
2. The student's activity or interest area is the key factor for a winning application. Reviewers are not grading the quality of the composition, but are looking at:
 - a. What is the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated?
 - b. How did the student become interested/involved in the activity?
 - c. What impact has the activity had on the student and on other?
 - d. How have the student's future plans and goals been affected by this activity or interest area?

Application Deadline: May 1, 2010.

Mail application and parental release form to: Debra Hansen, Robert Frost Elementary, 3101 S. Fourth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 debra.hansen@k12.sd.us (605) 367-6170

NAGC — Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award Application Form

(Please print or type.)

Date _____ State (where nominee attends school) _____

Student Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate _____ Grade(at time of application) _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Telephone (if different from above) _____ School name _____

School address _____

City / State / Zip _____ Teacher's name _____

Name of person nominating student _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Telephone (day) _____ Email address _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Enclosures:

- Student composition (no more than 750 words)
- Letter of recommendation (from someone other than family member)
- Signed release form with student's SS#
- Current school photo of student (digital or original-no photocopies)

Submit form and enclosures, due by May 1, 2010 to:

**Deb Hansen, Robert Frost Elementary, 3101 S. Fourth Ave.,
Sioux Falls, SD 57105 debra.hansen@k12.sd.us (605) 367-6170**

NAGC-Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award RELEASE FORM

I hereby give the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) permission to use my son/daughter's photo and composition, submitted in connection with the NAGC-Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award, in any publicity or announcements NAGC may make about the Award or the Award winners.

I further grant permission to NAGC to use my son/daughter's name, school name, city, and state in any publicity or announcement that used his/her photo or composition, and to make edits to the length of the composition as may be necessary.

I understand that neither I, nor my son/daughter will receive any remuneration in connection with this permission and understand that the photo and composition will not be returned to me.

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ email _____

Relationship to Student Award Nominee _____

Name of Student Nominee _____

Student's Social Security Number (necessary to purchase Bond) _____

State _____ Date _____