

## **SDAGC ANNOUNCING ITS 2010 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award Winner**

Hannah Johnson has been named the South Dakota winner of the National Association for Gifted Children 2010 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award. NAGC sponsors this award, which is designated to recognize excellence in young children. The award program was established by Maggie and Reg Green to honor the memory of their 7-year-old son, Nicholas, who was killed in a drive-by shooting while visiting in Italy in 1994. The Greens believe it is important to recognize gifts and talents in children who are now at the age that Nicholas was when he died.

Hannah is currently ten years old and attends Simmons Elementary School in Aberdeen SD. Hannah is an amazing young woman who displays great talent in her writings and stories. She is involved in the All City chorus, plays violin and piano, on the Student Senate, Destination Imagination team and is an avid reader.

Aside from his accomplishments, Hannah is very willing to help others in her kind and considerate way. All her classmates basically say the same thing, "Thank you Hannah for being so nice to everyone and always willing to go out of her way to help others.

The South Dakota Association for Gifted Children is very pleased to name her South Dakota's award winner. Hannah will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate from NAGC. She is the daughter of Alan and Susan Johnson.

State winners across the country were selected for having distinguished themselves in academics, leadership, athletics, or the arts. The South Dakota Association for Gifted Children, an affiliate of NAGC, hosts the Nicholas Green Scholarship nomination and award process here in South Dakota. SDAGC congratulates Hannah on her outstanding achievements.

The following students were nominated for this award. Kyden DeGross, Sioux Falls; Donna Savas De Leon, Rapid City; Preston Barr, Aberdeen; Shelby Jacobs, Sioux Falls; and Jacey Merkle, Rapid City.