

**NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD  
KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED EDUCATION/  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN  
application for 2011-2012 school year**



The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) and the National Association for Gifted Education (NAGC) are pleased to announce the KAGE/NAGC – Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Awards program for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Originally funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation and NAGC, this award program is designed to recognize a child who has distinguished achievement not only in academics, leadership, or the arts but has also made a contribution to the community at a level beyond that which is expected of the child's age group. The awards program is open to children in grades 3 through 6.

The Nicholas Green Foundation was established 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 visiting Italy in 1994. The Greens wished to recognize young people who are working hard to make the most of their lives and develop their unique gifts and talents, and were about the age that Nicholas was when he died.



One child per state can be named a Nicholas Green Distinguished Student. The award recipient receives a \$500 U.S. savings bond from KAGE and NAGC and a Certificate of Excellence from NAGC. NAGC will publish the names of all Distinguished Students in the association's newsletter and winning students will be featured on the NAGC website.

KAGE is pleased that the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) will continue its partnership with KAGE. KHEAA will award to the student a \$500 Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) Entity Account to be used only for furthering educational opportunities through some form of post secondary education.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE:**

1. Students must be enrolled in either grades 3, 4, 5, or 6 at the time of nomination.
2. The student demonstrates outstanding contribution(s) to the community at a level beyond that which is expected of the student's age group.

**MATERIALS TO INCLUDE WITH NOMINATION:**

1. 750 word composition written by the student that describes
  - a) the activity or interest area for which the student is being nominated;
  - b) how the student became interested/involved in the activity including who provided the nominee with guidance;
  - c) what impact the activity has had on the nominee and others;
  - d) why the student feels his / her effort is important; and
  - e) how the student's future plans and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area.
2. Letter of recommendation:
  - a) from someone other than a nominee's family member,
  - b) explaining why the student nominee is deserving of the award,
  - c) what sets him or her apart from other students, and
  - d) how the nominee is impacting others.
3. Two current photos of the student (no photocopies – school photo preferable).
4. A signed release form completed by a parent or guardian, including student's social security number (must have to purchase savings bond).

KAGE accepts self-nominations and nominations from parents, teachers, students, and community and civic groups. Please submit nomination and additional required materials by December 17, 2011 to KAGE. The award will be presented at the KAGE annual meeting, February 7, 2012, at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. Please call the KAGE office at 270.745.4301 or go to [www.wku.edu/kage](http://www.wku.edu/kage) for questions or a nomination form.

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Identification sheet, 2011-2012 school year**



Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street address city zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person nominating student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Composition: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST: Please mail the**

- \_\_\_\_ 1) composition
  - \_\_\_\_ 2) identification sheet
  - \_\_\_\_ 3) signed release form
  - \_\_\_\_ 4) letter of recommendation (from someone other than a family member), and
  - \_\_\_\_ 5) 2 non-returnable photos of the student (send photos in a sealed envelope, which will only be opened if child is selected.)
- BY DECEMBER 17, 2011 TO:**

**KAGE/Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award  
P.O. Box 9610  
Bowling Green, KY 42102-9610**

If you have questions, please contact KAGE at [kage@wku.edu](mailto:kage@wku.edu) or 270.745.4301.

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**Release Form, 2011-2012 school year**



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

I further grant KAGE/NAGC permission to use my child's name, and city and state in any publicity or announcements that uses his/her photo or composition, and to make edits to the length of the composition as may be necessary.

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

Name of Student Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: if your child is selected as the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student, we will need her/his social security number.*