



## Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented

### **CAGT DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) is pleased to announce the **CAGT Distinguished Student Awards** program for the 2014 – 2015 school year. This awards program is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in children ages 7-18. This year the awards program has expanded. Three children for the state of Colorado will be named CAGT Distinguished Students. One student for the Junior Division, ages 7-9, one student for the Senior Division, ages 10-12, and new this year, one student for the Masters Division, ages 13-18. Junior and Senior Division winners will receive a \$500.00 cash scholarship and a CAGT Certificate of Excellence. The Masters Division winner will receive a \$500.00 Master Grant and a CAGT Certificate of Excellence.

CAGT disseminates information to teachers and to parents about this awards program that helps to connect the program for teachers or parents who may want to select students for this honor. Teachers and/or parents select students during the school year and the awards are presented at the CAGT annual conference the following school year. This year's award winner will be presented to the public at the fall conference. CAGT will publish the name of the Distinguished Student winners in the association newsletter, *The Kaleidoscope* and the winning students will be featured on the CAGT Web site.

CAGT believes that the **CAGT Distinguished Student Awards Program** will inspire children to achieve to their fullest potential; it will highlight high-ability students and draw attention to the educational needs of our state's gifted and talented students.

The following pages contain the award parameters, the nomination procedures, application forms and important dates for the 2014-2015 awards program for all three divisions.

## **AWARD PARAMETERS**

- One CAGT Distinguished Student Award recipient will be selected for the Junior Division, ages 7-9 one recipient for the Senior Division, ages 10-12, and one recipient for the Masters Division, ages 13-18.
- Applicants for the Junior Division must be age 7-9 on October 1, 2014. Applicants for the Senior Division must be age 10-12 on October 1, 2014. Applicants for the Masters Division must be age 13-18 on October 1, 2014.
- Applicants may demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following areas: visual or performing arts, academic achievement, or leadership.
- The award consists of a \$500.00 cash scholarship or Master Grant and a CAGT Certificate of Excellence for all divisions and recipients.

## **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

### Nomination Procedure

1. CAGT will accept self-nominations and nominations from parents, teachers, students, and community and civic groups.
2. All announcements about the awards may include reference to the open nomination process.

### Selection Criteria

1. Students must be age 7-9, age 10-12, or 13-18 on October 1, 2014 to be considered in their division.
2. Outstanding student accomplishment may be in one or more of the following areas: academics, visual or performing arts, or leadership.
3. Student applicants must submit a composition describing (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 OR on others; and (d) how the student's future plans and goals have been affected by this activity or interest area.
4. Applications must include 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 or her apart from other students, and how the nominee is impacting the student or others.

### **All of the following items must be submitted for the student to be considered:**

1. ***Fully completed*** Student Selection Form (See attached).
2. Student composition that addresses the candidate's achievements and aspirations (maximum 750 words).
3. Letter(s) of recommendation.
4. Current photo of the student (no photocopies – school photo preferable).
5. A signed release form completed by a parent or guardian. (See attached).

### Submission to CAGT

1. A selection committee will review the applications and make awards based on merit.
2. Selection of the award winners and notification to all students will be completed by September 1, 2015
3. The award winners for the state of Colorado will receive a CAGT Certificate of Excellence and a \$500.00 cash scholarship or Master Grant.
4. The award winners will be presented to the public at the annual CAGT conference in October.
5. Materials submitted in the nomination packet cannot be returned. CAGT suggests you keep a copy of the submitted paperwork.

**Send fully completed packet of materials postmarked no later than May 31, 2015 to:**

#### **Junior and Senior Divisions**

Bev Emery  
Community Outreach Chair  
2676 S. Leyden St.  
Denver, CO 80222

#### **Masters Division**

Brian Weaver  
Community Outreach Committee  
1860 Lincoln St. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor NE  
Denver, CO 80203-7301

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Deadline for submission to CAGT selection committee contact: May 31, 2015**

**Completion of selection process and winner notification: September 1, 2015**

**Presentation of CAGT Distinguished Students will be at the fall conference 2015.**

### **Attachments Checklist:**

- ☐ Student selection form
- ☐ Student composition
- ☐ Letter(s) of recommendation (from someone other than nominee's family member)
- ☐ Current photo of student (color or black & white, original – no photocopies)
- ☐ Signed release form





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### CAGT DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD STUDENT SELECTION FORM 2014-2015

#### Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: Junior Division\_\_\_\_ Senior Division\_\_\_\_ Master Division\_\_\_\_

Age of student on October 1, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of nominating teacher(s) or adult other than a family member.

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### **CAGT DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD 2014 – 2015 RELEASE FORM**

I hereby give Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) permission to use my son or daughter's photo and composition, submitted in connection with the CAGT Distinguished Student Award, in any publicity or announcements CAGT may make about the awards or the award winner.

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

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

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student Award Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Age on Oct. 1, 2014 of Student Nominee \_\_\_\_\_