

2024 AAGC Awards of Excellence

Do you know someone who has made a significant difference in gifted education in the state of Alabama? The Alabama Association for Gifted Children is pleased to announce the Awards of Excellence to honor individuals who have made a difference in the life of a gifted student and/or in gifted education in the school or community. These awards will be presented during the 2024 AAGC Conference in October 2024.

The categories are:

- Outstanding Gifted Specialist Award
- Outstanding Administrator Award
- Outstanding Gifted Coordinator Award
- Outstanding General Education Teacher Award
- Award for Lifetime Achievement in Gifted Education
- Outstanding Community Member Award
- Outstanding Gifted Student Award
- Outstanding Gifted Parent Advocate

Submission Guidelines:

1. The completed nomination form with letters of support must be submitted together as ONE email and must not exceed 8 pages. Multiple emails with separate letters of support for the same nominee will not be accepted.
2. Nomination forms and letters of support must be typed.
3. Submit completed forms to **Awards & Grants Chairperson, Laurie Sherrell**, at **aagcawards@gmail.com** with “AAGC Awards” in the subject line of the email by **11:59 PM on Friday, September 13, 2024.**

Timeline:

April 1, 2024 - Nomination Window Opens

September 13, 2024 - Nomination Window Closes

October 1, 2024 - Notifications of Award Winners

Judging and Selection of Winners:

1. We will acknowledge all applications within one week of receipt or deadline via email; however, we cannot be responsible for applications or responses lost in email. The winning recipients will be selected by judges appointed for the purpose and by the AAGC using a rubric based upon the “Criteria for Support for Nomination” and “Category Requirements.”
2. The judges are experts in the field of education, community and business leaders and are not AAGC members or board members. Their decision will be final. NO further correspondence shall be necessary.
3. The winning recipients will be recognized with an award presented at the AAGC Conference in October 2024.

4. **PLEASE NOTE:** Individuals who are nominating a winner will be notified and should arrange for the nominee to be in attendance at the awards ceremony at the Conference.

Award of Excellence Category Requirements: All requirements must be met in order to nominate a person for one of the following categories:

- **Outstanding Gifted Specialist Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must be employed as a gifted specialist in an Alabama school
- **Outstanding Administrator Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must be employed as a school principal, assistant principal, or central office administrator in an Alabama school or school system
- **Outstanding Gifted Coordinator Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must have been designated as the gifted coordinator (can have other titles, such as Special Education Coordinator, Director of Curriculum, etc.) and employed in an Alabama school system
- **Outstanding General Education Teacher Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must be employed as a classroom teacher in Grades K-12 in an Alabama school system
- **Award for Lifetime Achievement in Gifted Education**
 - Must be a person who has dedicated 20 years or more to GT education
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must have been involved in the gifted education field as a gifted specialist, gifted coordinator, professor of gifted, state department personnel, etc.
 - Must be or have been employed in gifted education in Alabama
- **Outstanding Community Member Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must have volunteered or advocated for local or state gifted education
- **Outstanding Gifted Student Award**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must be identified as gifted through the gifted identified or enrichment model in an Alabama school
 - Must have made a difference in the school or community through a project or service learning
- **Outstanding Gifted Parent Advocate**
 - Must be nominated by someone other than self
 - Must be a parent of an identified as gifted through the gifted identified or enrichment model in an Alabama school
 - Must have made a difference in the role of gifted advocacy in the state of Alabama

See next page for nomination form 2024

AAGC Awards of Excellence Nomination Form 2024

Please check space below indicating award for which you are nominating this individual:

_____ Outstanding Gifted Specialist Award

_____ Outstanding Administrator Award

_____ Outstanding Gifted Coordinator Award

_____ Outstanding General Education Teacher Award

_____ Outstanding Community Member in Gifted Education Award

_____ Lifetime Achievement in Gifted Education (20 years or more)

_____ Outstanding Gifted Student Award

_____ Outstanding Gifted Parent Advocate

Name of Nominee: _____

Job Title: _____

Work location/School: _____

Work/School Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Nominator: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Years known: _____

Person to be contacted regarding Award Application and/or Judging Results, if other than the nominee:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Criteria for Support for Nomination:

1. Please write a letter in support of this nomination.
2. Include current and past accomplishments that qualify the individual to receive this award.
3. These letters should be no more than two pages in length.
4. Include a detailed description of how the nominee promotes gifted awareness and education.
5. Include how the students, school, and/or community have benefitted from the work of the nominee.
Attach and send your letter with this form.
6. You may attach up to 5 additional letters of support from other individuals who know of this nominee's accomplishments and why they are deserving of this award.
7. The total number of pages, including the nomination form, must not exceed 8 pages and must be submitted in ONE email.

For the Lifetime Achievement Award in Gifted Education, please provide the years of gifted service. List years of service by the school system and position. For example, one nominee may have the following years of service which documents 21 years of service:

1993-2004 Gifted specialist, XYZ School System
2004-2010 Gifted Coordinator, ABC School system
2010-2014 Professor of Gifted, AUUA University

If you have any questions, please **contact Awards/Contests Chairperson, Laurie Sherrell**, at **AAGCawardsandgrants@gmail.com** with "AAGC Award" in the subject line of the email.

Send your completed nomination packet to **aagcawards@gmail.com** by **11:59 PM Friday, September 13, 2024**.