

## AAGC Newsgram: June 2020

Greetings AAGC Friends!

Hello and best wishes to all of you at the beginning of Summer 2020! We made it through the school year that ended with a combination of stress, confusion, and ultimately relief. Nobody has a clue what is in store for schools this fall. But we will take it on as best we can, with our focus always on our students.

Your AAGC leadership team has spent the past several weeks in discussion about our annual fall conference. The decision to go virtual for the conference has been made based on the uncertainty of what may happen this fall with COVID-19. Dates are Thurs-Fri October 15-16. The Marriott has graciously allowed us to cancel this year's conference with no penalties. We have re-booked for October 2021 at the Marriott.

The conference committee is investigating the method/format for presenting our conference virtually. There are several companies that offer full services for virtual conferences. The committee will present their recommendation in the next couple of weeks to the AAGC Executive Council. As with any conference, concurrent sessions are a key component. In the past we have been able to offer a wide variety of topics and speakers. For this year's conference, the concurrent sessions will all be pre-recorded so that we can archive them for easy access. This feature will allow attendees not to miss out on any sessions due to scheduling overlaps.... a feature not feasible in a typical face-to-face conference. If you have an idea for a session, please consider submitting your proposal. If accepted, you will be advised about the recording procedures and how to provide the program committee with access. All pre-recorded sessions will have a live moderator to help facilitate questions and discussion.

Below is the link for proposals. The deadline for submissions is July 15. If you have questions, please contact Laurie Sherrell, program chair: [ljlsherrell@gmail.com](mailto:ljlsherrell@gmail.com)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNm3oqGtzdU\\_dO4pUBRo1uBJS1JBta0NLUzsm\\_t0bbcBm4\\_3Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNm3oqGtzdU_dO4pUBRo1uBJS1JBta0NLUzsm_t0bbcBm4_3Q/viewform)

Also, please find below the links for AAGC student contests, awards, and teacher grants. We encourage all of you to submit applications and/or nominations. Deadlines have been extended.

We have updated our website, [alabamagifted.org](http://alabamagifted.org). As decisions are made about our virtual conference, you will find up-to-date information on the website, via our Facebook page, and through other social media sites.

Take care and have a restful summer!

Patti Wood  
President, AAGC

**Awards of Excellence**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IFUdIfd706dW3S4cKakKUSd19--KzXadOSaK5DCPTd4/edit?usp=sharing>

**Educator Grant Application**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mwcr9ctI5sG6\\_k-ss67G2IyXr6Bp\\_ZAY8TT70uED8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mwcr9ctI5sG6_k-ss67G2IyXr6Bp_ZAY8TT70uED8/edit?usp=sharing)

**Gifted Student Video Contest**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15adD1vzFSTPLg4Ki-JV0tro8MtgDPOZqZW-ZgnR8C2g/edit?usp=sharing>

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**First Time Gifted Teacher Attendee Scholarship**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NkKB6LXp3JunapBz86YFrnfJjHNR4obgSfy2COKN7FE/edit?usp=sharing>