

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Scholar Award 2017 Nomination Announcement

Purpose. This student award is named in honor of Dr. Jenkins, Father of Research on Gifted Blacks, and it is designed to honor the achievements of highly gifted Black students who excel academically in school.

Eligibility. Applicants must be a Black student enrolled in a public school in grades 6-12 or college and meet at least three of the following criteria:

1. **Exceptional test score.** Be identified as highly gifted as evidenced by nationally standardized intelligence or achievement test scores: comprehensive or subtest score. Scored in top 5% on standardized test scores within the last three years.
2. **Accelerated.** Be grade or content area accelerated by at least one year. One referral letter should provide evidence of acceleration within content of letter.
3. **Exemplary achievement.** Provide evidence of exceptional accomplishment, i.e., received a distinguishing award, scholarship, won competition generally received/earned by a person 1 or more years older than nominee. Provide copy or scan of award letter with statement attached explaining the exemplary achievement.
4. **Early Entrance, MS Dual Enrollment, HS Joint Enrollment.**
Early Entrance: Entered high school by age 13 or younger OR college by age 15 or younger;
Dual or Joint Enrollment: Enrolled in a high school credit bearing course while in middle school OR participate in joint enrollment while in high school
**Joint Enrollment - HS students enrolled in college courses for college credits only in addition to their full HS course load*
5. **Exemplary School Work.** Provide a sample of work (DVD or video link) that sets this student/applicant apart from his/her peers in a specific gifted category or content area discipline. Include statement attached explaining the exemplary schoolwork.
6. **Competition Winner.** Won state, regional, national or international status in an academic or arts competition (e.g., chess, science, mathematics, arts, leadership, forensics, engineering). Provide copy of award letter or other evidence, along with a statement explaining the significance of the competition.

Award Benefits. Recipients:

- Will receive \$300 scholarship (cash award) and NAGC convention registration.
- Are required to attend a featured session at NAGC on **Saturday, November 11, 2017.**
- Are required to share a brief end of year school report and academic progress update.
- Will have access to various Ambassador Programming & Peer Mentoring opportunities
- Will be invited to participate in the Jenkins Scholar Alumni Network after 1st year in program.
- *Parents will receive 1-year Parent Membership in NAGC and Special Populations Network.*

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To Apply: In order to receive full consideration, all of the following materials must be received by **Friday, September 1, 2017 5:00 PM EST.**

Required Documents/ Material

- **Cover Sheet.** Provide personal, school background information and photo.
- **Personal Statement.** Use *Microsoft Word* to generate a statement describing your primary interests and your thoughts about your future career or direction for your life. Copy and paste onto the Applicants Personal Statement Page (see below), using the following parameters: 500 words not to exceed three pages, double-spaced, Times, 12-point font.
- **Exhibits/Artifacts.** Applicants must submit at least 3 exhibits (6 maximum) associated with the different criteria to provide evidence of exemplary achievement. The quality, not quantity, of the exhibits is most important.
 1. Use separate exhibit cover pages (see below). On the Exhibit Document/Artifact Page, you may represent the exhibit with a “pdf” of the document page and insert it in this word file or include as separate attachments with your application.
 2. For non-print artifacts, you may represent these with a photo image taken with a camera, downloaded from a website, or created using other digital media.
 3. It highly recommended that the applicant consult with a teacher, counselor or another educational advocate/mentor who can help you to identify and craft your exhibits.
- **Two Nominating Letters of Support:**
 1. An educational professional OR other discipline expert (engineer, physician, scientist, artist, attorney, technology professional, journalist, etc.) (1 single-spaced page max)
 2. A family member, mentor, civic or faith-based organization leader. (1 single-spaced page max)

Submission: All materials should be emailed to: nagcspnjenkinsaward@gmail.com

Notification. Awardees and nominators will be notified by email and/or phone call NLT **September 29, 2017**. Information and directions to attend the special session at the National Association for Gifted Children 2017 convention in Charlotte, NC will also be provided.

Questions: Please email questions to:

Dr. Kristina Henry Collins, SPN Awards Committee Chairperson <k.henry.collins@txstate.edu>

Jenkins Scholar Committee Members

- ❖ Dr. Joy Lawson Davis, (jdavis@vuu.edu) Virginia Union Univ., NAGC Executive Board Member. GRACE & Special Populations Network (SPN) Member
- ❖ Dr. Donna Y. Ford, (donna.ford@vanderbilt.edu), Vanderbilt Univ., NAGC Gifted Racial Accountability & Commitment to Equity (GRACE) Co-Chair
- ❖ Dr. Tarek Grantham, (grantham@uga.edu) Univ. of Georgia, NAGC Special Populations Network Chair



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Cover Sheet

Please complete and submit the following information with two nomination letters and evidence of scholarship from the eligibility criteria listed above.

Name of nominee: _____

Age _____ Grade Level: _____ Gender: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Parent/Guardians name(s) _____

Parent/Guardians' Contact info: email _____

Cell Phone number/s _____

School District: _____

School Name: _____

Principal's Name and Email Address: _____

Insert student
photo here or
attach with
application as a
separate file.

Nominator(s): List names, titles, and affiliations of persons nominating student.

1. Nominator's Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Title/Affiliation _____

2. Nominator's Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Title/Affiliation _____



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Applicant's Personal Statement

Write a statement describing your primary interests and your thoughts about your future career or direction for your life.

(Use the space below or attach separate pages as needed. 500 words not to exceed three pages)

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Exhibit 1 Cover Page

A. Applicant Name:
B. Exhibit/Artifact Title:
<p>C. Exhibit Location and # Pages: (Place an X in the appropriate blank for location)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit is inserted in the documentation section below <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit is attached as separate document </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Number of Pages included in this Exhibit: _____.</i></p>
<p>D. Exhibit Category Type (Place an X in the blank that best represents the exhibit)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Exceptional test score <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Accelerated <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Exemplary achievement <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Early Entrance or Dual Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Exemplary School Work <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Competition Winner </p>
<p>E. Description: Exhibit Content and Significance. How is this exhibit representative of exemplary achievement? (50 words max)</p>



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Exhibit 2 Cover Page

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B. Exhibit/Artifact Title:

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Exhibit is attached as separate document

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D. Exhibit Category Type (Place an X in the blank that best represents the exhibit)

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**YOU MAY COPY AND PASTE ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT COVER PAGES AND
DOCUMENTATION/ /ARTIFACT PAGES AS NEEDED**



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Photo & Press Release Authorization Form

Applicant's Name (print full name): _____

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I understand that all photographs submitted with my application or taken at the NAGC conference may be used in any NAGC publications, including its sub-committees, for marketing or in a public relations nature, such as newsletters, brochures, promotional items, websites or other such material.

I hereby grant the Jenkins Scholar Committee, NAGC, and those acting under its permission or upon its authority, the free right and permission to use my likeness in photograph(s)/video in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by Jenkins Committee or NAGC, in perpetuity, and for other use by the NAGC. I will make no monetary or other claim against Jenkins Committee for the use of the photograph(s)/video.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____ (if under 18)

PRESS RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I understand that Jenkins Scholars Committee may send press releases and/or release other external written and online communication about the achievements, accomplishments, and activities of its selected scholars.

I hereby grant Jenkins Scholars Committee permission to include me in appropriate press releases and other external written and online communication.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____ (if under 18)



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Press Release Contact Form *(Optional)*

The name(s) of my hometown newspaper(s) are:

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Contact if known _____ email: _____

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Contact if known _____ email: _____

Name of School District's Director of Public Affairs:

Name: _____ email: _____