



The Javits-Frasier Scholarship for Diverse Talent Development

NAGC Mission Statement

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is an organization of parents, teachers, educators, other professionals, and community leaders who unite to address the unique needs of children and youth with demonstrated gifts and talents as well as those children who may be able to develop their talent potential with appropriate educational experiences.

We support and develop policies and practices that encourage and respond to the diverse expressions of gifts and talents in children and youth from all cultures, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic groups. NAGC supports and engages in research and development, staff development, advocacy, communication, and collaboration with other organizations and agencies who strive to improve the quality of education for all students.

Scholarship Purpose

The primary purpose of the Javits-Frasier Scholarship Fund for Diverse Talent Development is to increase culturally and linguistically diverse students' access to talent development opportunities through educator training and support related to equity and excellence in gifted education. Scholarship recipients will also serve in the critical role of being catalysts for change in the attitudes and perceptions some educators have historically held which have impeded the full development of potential in culturally and linguistically diverse students.

NAGC recognizes the vital role that teachers and counselors play in identifying and developing gifts and talents in today's diverse student body and supports nationwide efforts to provide training to ensure highly qualified teachers and counselors in every school. In addition, NAGC values equity and excellence and is committed to developing leaders who can effectively advocate for historically underrepresented groups. Therefore, this scholarship program seeks to identify passionate, innovative teachers and counselors in communities across the country where students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are historically underrepresented in gifted programs. Teachers and counselors from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Scholarship winners receive professional development opportunities to include:

- \$500 travel stipend to attend along with complimentary registration the 2012 NAGC Annual Convention in Denver, CO. November 15-18, 2012.
- Two-year NAGC individual membership.
- Participation in a Javits-Frasier Scholar 'roundtable' discussions with other scholars, members of the NAGC Diversity and Equity Committee, and NAGC leadership.
- Teaching resource toolkit and link to a mentor from among the membership of the Diversity and Equity Committee



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Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Teachers, school counselors, or school psychologists who:

- work in a Title I school,
- are new to the field of gifted and talented education,
- have demonstrated a desire and commitment to increase culturally and linguistically diverse students' access to talent development opportunities, and
- whose interests and professional goals are aligned with the purpose of this professional growth opportunity and are beneficial to their culturally and linguistically diverse students, school, or community

How do I apply for a Javits-Frasier Scholarship?

The following items must be completed in order for your application to be considered:

1. **Personal Contact & School Information Cover Sheets.** Provide descriptive information about yourself and your school population. This information will provide a “snapshot” of your school population (including race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status) for the selection committee. We recognize that there is frequently a delay in the reporting of this type of information, so please submit the most current data available and indicate the year in which the information was collected. Typically, this information can be obtained from school administrators or state departments of education. You can also obtain a majority of this information on a free, public Web site, www.schoolmatters.com.
2. **Personal Statement (no more than two [2] single-spaced pages).** Explain your interest in this program, describing your passion for and experience in working with culturally and linguistically diverse students. Describe barriers you face as a educator in your work with underrepresented groups. Include your expected goals for this experience, and describe the potential benefits for development of gifts and talents of culturally and linguistically diverse students, benefits to your school/faculty and other professionals and community from this professional growth opportunity.
3. **Professional Résumé.** Provide details about your teaching experience, your education, and your community involvement.
4. **Recommendation Forms.** Recommendation Forms (download with application) must reflect your potential to meet the primary purpose of the Javits-Frasier Scholarship program. Recommendations must be signed – emails not accepted.

Two recommendations are required as indicated below:

Recommender #1- Administrative. Request a recommendation from your school principal, program coordinator, head teacher, etc. that addresses your desire and commitment to advocate for culturally and linguistically diverse gifted students, and their support for your participation in this program, as well as your role or potential to serve as a school leader.

Recommender #2- Request a recommendation from a colleague, parent, student, or friend to address your potential for contributing to meeting the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students as a participant in this program. This recommendation should reflect the individual's observations of your interactions with culturally and linguistically diverse students during the past two years. They may choose to comment upon your personal qualities as a teacher, counselor, leader, and learner; your involvement in your school and community; or other details that provide insight into why you would be an excellent candidate for this

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5. **Submit Application Packet.** Sign and date the authorization at the end of the application cover sheet. Include a self-addressed stamped postcard to enable us to inform you of receipt of your application. Complete applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2012, and sent to:

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c/o Javits-Frasier Scholarship
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What criteria will be used to determine who receives the scholarships?

The following will be considered as positive factors in choosing successful candidates:

- Teachers, school psychologists, or school counselors who work in a Title I school.
- Solid evidence of desire and commitment to advocate for and develop the gifts and talents of culturally and linguistically diverse students.
- Clear indication of potential to serve as an educational leader for culturally and linguistically diverse students in the school and community setting.
- Strong capacity to become educationally productive in ways that meet the learning needs of gifted students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The Javits-Frasier Scholarship Fund for Diverse Talent Development is administered through the National Association for Gifted Children. Scholarship awards are recommended by an Advisory Board consisting of members from the NAGC Diversity/Equity Committee and the national office staff.

Scholarship Notification and Parameters

- Awards Announced in early August 2012
- Scholars are expected to attend the 2012 NAGC Annual Convention in Denver, CO November 15-18, 2012
- Scholars may win this award only once
- Scholarship funds must be used within the year in which it was awarded
- Recipients of the scholarship are expected to complete a small project upon during the year after the conference.

Your application must be postmarked by **May 15, 2012**. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after the deadline cannot be considered.

Javits-Frasier Scholarship Application Checklist

Information listed below must be included with your application packet to be considered for selection:

- Personal Contact & School Information Cover Sheets
- Personal Statement (no more than two [2] single-spaced pages)
- Professional Résumé
- One (1) Administrative Recommendation
- One (1) Recommendation from another source
- Signed Authorization/Certification (at bottom of application)
- Self-addresses stamped postcard (to inform you of receipt of application)

Questions?

Contact Jeff Danielian, NAGC Teacher Resource Specialist, via email (jdanielian@nagc.org).