

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:

- Travel stipend and Hotel Accommodations to attend along with complimentary registration the 2021 NAGC Annual Convention at the Gaylord Rockies Resort, Aurora, Colorado. November 11-14, 2021.
- Two-year NAGC individual membership.
- Participation in Javits-Frasier Scholar 'roundtable' discussions with other scholars, members of the NAGC Diversity and Equity Committee, and NAGC leadership.
- A professional mentor from among the NAGC membership.

Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Teachers, school counselors, or school psychologists who:

- work in a designated Title I school or one with equivalent demographics
- are new to the field of gifted and talented education or are in a new Gifted/Talented Position (*Teachers currently pursuing a certificate, endorsement, or advanced degree will not be considered.*)
- 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
- have never attended the convention

How do I apply for a Javits-Frasier Scholarship?

An [online form](#) is available to supply the following information. Have everything ready when you start your form. The following items must be completed in order for your application to be considered. The address for the online form is: <http://www.nagc.org/javits-frasier-scholar-application>

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. **Upload Your 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 an 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. **Upload Your Professional Résumé.** Provide details about your teaching experience, your education, and your community involvement.
4. **Recommendation Letters.** Two recommendation letters must be submitted. The recommendations will reflect your potential to meet the primary purpose of the Javits-Frasier Scholarship program. Share this link with your recommenders: <http://www.nagc.org/javits-frasier-scholar-recommendation>

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. This letter should provide details of why you would be an excellent candidate (goal orientated, participation in professional development, ability to lead) for this scholarship and describes how you demonstrate a passion for CLD students and how your administrator will support you after the convention.

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. 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 scholarship.

5. **Submit Application Packet.** Sign and date the authorization at the end of the application form. You will receive a confirmation email that your application materials have been received after you hit “Submit.” If there are applications without two recommendations or are incomplete in any way, you will be notified prior to the deadline. Applications must be completed by May 14, 2021.

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 designated Title I or one with equivalent demographics.
- 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.
- Are not currently getting an advanced certificate or degree
- Have never attended the convention

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 late August 2021.
- Scholars are expected to attend the 2021 NAGC Convention at the Gaylord Rockies Resort, Aurora, Colorado. November 11-14, 2021.
- Scholars may win this award only once.
- Recipients of the scholarship are expected to complete a small project upon during the year after the conference.

Your application must be uploaded by **May 14, 2021**. 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 [Application form](#)
- Personal Statement (no more than two [2] single-spaced pages)
- Professional Résumé
- One (1) Administrative [Recommendation Letter](#)
- One (1) [Recommendation Letter](#) from another source

Questions?

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