

# NATIONAL FOR THE SOCIETY GIFTED & TALENTED™

*a Membership Organization for  
Gifted Students Grades K-12*

## ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The National Society for the Gifted & Talented™ (NSGT) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) foundation created to honor and encourage gifted and talented (G&T) children and youth. It is committed to acknowledging and supporting the needs of G&T children and youth by providing recognition of their significant academic and artistic accomplishments and access to educational resources and advanced learning opportunities directly related to their interest and talent areas.

There are approximately three million gifted and talented children in grades Kindergarten through twelve nationwide, of whom only perhaps a quarter have been identified and receive support. Clearly, there is a need to help identify these very able children and assist them in realizing their full potential.

The goal of the NSGT is to provide an organization where more G&T children and youth are identified, and as members, can expect to find information and opportunities that directly relate to, and cultivate, their abilities and desires to achieve at a high level.

Connecting gifted and talented  
children and youth to opportunities,  
resources & recognition.

[WWW.NSGT.ORG](http://WWW.NSGT.ORG)

## Dear Parents and Educators:

Welcome to the National Society for the Gifted and Talented (NSGT). The resources, opportunities and recognition that the NSGT offers play an important role in the development of high ability children and youth.

As a psychologist, educator, and parent, talented youth need to be nurtured, supported, and challenged in order for them to excel. For parents, the challenges of raising high ability children are great. We are excited that the NSGT has to date obtained support from organizations and foundations who want to support families in this effort: Educational Testing Service, Summer Institute for the Gifted and parent organization the American Institute for Foreign Study, Renaissance Learning Inc., Renzulli Learning Systems, and Carmel Hill Foundation. As Chair of the Board of NSGT, I am proud that NSGT is able to provide access, opportunity, and service to our nation's future leaders, educators, and professionals.

Sincerely,



**Arie L. Nettles**  
Chair, NSGT



## ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the NSGT is open to high ability learners who seek exciting learning opportunities, search for challenging ways to develop talents, and hope to interact with creative and talented peers like themselves.

The NSGT invites parents to sponsor their children who are currently in Kindergarten through twelfth grade for membership. Select one of the following ways to confirm your child's eligibility:

- ✓ **Identification for gifted or successful participation** in a local, school, regional, state, or national gifted program.
- ✓ **Scores at the 95th percentile or above** in at least one of the major content areas or ability sections of national or state tests. A listing of tests can be viewed on our website at [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org)
- ✓ **Students who have scored in the gifted range** on the PSAT, SAT, ACT or SSATB.

If the above are not available:

- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation**— One letter from an educator familiar with the student's academic and performance record and one letter from a parent describing the child's talents and abilities.

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE** – Affirming the student as being among the most highly able students in the country.

**SCHOOL AND MEMBER DIRECTORY** – the school database contains gifted programs registered with the US Department of Education and our current database, which is updated yearly. The second largest database is our active NSGT member listing, primarily used for member networking. Both are national databases.

**AIFS EDUCATIONAL PLANNING PORTAL** – This personalized system will help you and your child research thousands of high schools and colleges across the US, get top educational advice, free practice tests, and scholarships.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – NSGT raises scholarship money each year for its members for projects or programs students wish to attend such as Summer Institute for the Gifted, online programs, science projects etc.

**DISCOUNTS** – are offered from top vendors in the field of gifted education including: publishers, mentors & tutoring, educational games & puzzles, and home-based learning systems. Members receive a discount with each purchase from an NSGT vendor.

*Knowledge + Opportunity = A Successful Student*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

NSGT will be offering \$5,000 in scholarship monies to members for a variety of projects and programs such as after-school, weekend, summer, and distance learning. Scholarship information is listed on the NSGT website and monthly e-newsletters.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Parents may sponsor their child for an annual fee of \$45. For each additional child in the same family there is a \$10 fee reduction. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-fee lunch will be charged a \$35 fee. To apply, visit us at [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org)

CONTACT US TODAY! (800) 572 6748 + [INFO@NSGT.ORG](mailto:INFO@NSGT.ORG)



SAVE TIME!  
Apply online at [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT NSGT?

- Newspaper       Teacher/School       Web       Friend       Conference  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_      Gender:  Male  Female      \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade (as of September 2009)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with: (check one)  Mother  Father  Both  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please state relationship)

SCHOOL DATA

School Name \_\_\_\_\_  Independent     Public     Parochial     Homeschooled

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_ G&T Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY

Please check the appropriate option that applies to your specific application.

- Attached are copies of nationally-normed standardized test scores for the applicant indicating a score at the 95th percentile in either a major content area or ability section, (see our website for details [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org)) or
  - Attached is a copy of a letter from principal or G&T teacher of attended school stating the participation of the applicant in a G&T program and the current grade level of the student, or
  - Attached is a copy of attendance certificate or progress report from G&T program (summer, weekend, scholar), or
- If none of the above are available:
- Attached are two letters of recommendation, one letter from a parent describing talents and abilities of the applicant who is applying and one letter from an educator familiar with the applicant's academic and performance record.

## PRIVACY

We respect your child's privacy. Please check the "Yes" box if permission is given or the "No" box if permission is not given then initial.

1. I would like to participate in the online password protected member directory. I understand that it will list the parent's name, child's first name, age, address, email, and phone number. I also understand that I may opt out or exclude information from the listing, and that it complies with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) see [www.ftc.gov/privacy](http://www.ftc.gov/privacy) for more details.  Yes  No
  2. I give permission for my child to be contacted by email and access the NSGT website to obtain the benefits of resources and connections to other student members in the NSGT.  Yes  No
  3. I give permission for all information I have provided to the NSGT to be shared with colleges, universities, G&T programs, and other organizations that support NSGT, so they may send my family materials and other information we may find helpful. I understand that NSGT has no control over or responsibility for this third party usage.  Yes  No
- If no, then:
- I give permission for only my child's name and contact information to be given for third party usage. I understand that NSGT has no control over or responsibility for this third party usage.  Yes  No
4. I give permission for my child's name, parent's name, school, to be sent to media to announce the student's membership to the NSGT.  Yes  No

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues and Payment - \$45 per member (\$10 fee reduction per each additional child in the same family. \$10 fee reduction for students who receive free or reduced lunch). Mail all applications in the same envelope. All dues are annual.

Payment Options:

- Check (Make payable to National Society for the Gifted & Talented™ – NSGT)
- Charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_
- Visa  MasterCard  American Express Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 Digit I.D. Code \_\_\_\_  
MM YY



Signature of card holder

Printed name

I would like to sponsor gifted children who receive free and reduced lunch.

- One student—bill me \$45.  Five students—bill me \$225.  Ten students—bill me \$450.

I would like to make a donation to the NSGT scholarship fund in the amount of:

- \$25  \$50  \$100  other \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT MEMBER SIGNATURE

I understand that as a parent or legal guardian of a member of the National Society for the Gifted & Talented™ (NSGT), I am responsible for annual dues made payable to NSGT and I and/or my child are eligible for services that are posted on the NSGT website and that any information I provide on this application or during my child's membership term is subject to the Privacy Notice posted at the NSGT website [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org). I have reviewed and accept the Privacy Notice and understand this Notice is subject to change at any time, without notice.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Member Signature

Date

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

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