



National Society for  
the Gifted & Talented

a Membership Organization for Gifted Students Ages 5-18



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

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## Dear Parents and Educators,

It's my pleasure to invite your students to become members of the National Society for the Gifted and Talented (NSGT). Our organization has a singular focus—to nurture the potential of gifted and academically talented youth through all available avenues. To this end, we participate in advocacy efforts, consult with families and schools in various venues, and provide programs for students ages 5-18 via summer day and residential programs and online courses. We are extremely passionate and dedicated about our mission and purpose. It is an honor and a privilege for me to head up an organization that has such an important goal and that is also filled with people who are as talented as they are dedicated.

Gifted students have a great deal of ability, need a great deal of challenge, and require a great deal of support to maximize their potential and productivity. It takes considerable collaboration, resources, flexibility, and strategy to coordinate and supplement their education and training successfully. Just as Olympic level athletes need the best coaches, equipment, training, and challenge, Olympic level minds need an equivalent match of resources. It is a massive undertaking to provide the assistance that this small percentage of the population so desperately needs. We must all come together to be a unified voice in their advocacy. We must pool our resources to provide learning environments rich in mental fuel. We

must educate the public and train our educators to understand that these talented individuals will not be the best that they can be, if left solely to their own devices.

Won't you join with NSGT in consolidating our collective efforts in support of the next generation? Won't you contribute in whatever way you can to the critical task of ensuring that the potential of these unique students is not lost or wasted? Let's all celebrate excellence and promote wisdom. We welcome you to contact us, get involved, get excited, and feel good about what we are able to do for our children when we put our best efforts forward. Every effort is greatly appreciated and important!

Sincerely,

*Barbara Swicord*

**Barbara Swicord, Ed.D.**  
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Contact us today! (866) 303-4744 + [info@nsgt.org](mailto:info@nsgt.org)



Derek (center) standing with Math Professors at the 2013 Joint Mathematics Meeting

With the help of the NSGT scholarship, Derek had a wonderful time at Davidson Young Scholar Summit, meeting with new friends, and participating in all the workshops/presentations/activities. Moreover, the conference gave us a rare opportunity to observe Derek's behaviors when he was among other very gifted kids, which left us a lot to think about. We look forward to future participation with NSGT activities.

Hong Liu,

Parent of Derek, an NSGT Scholarship Recipient

## About the Society

The National Society for the Gifted & Talented™ (NSGT) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization 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 K-12 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 increasing numbers of 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.

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

The NSGT invites parents to sponsor their children who are currently ages 5-18 for membership. Parents can select one of the following ways to confirm their 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 nationally-normed tests. A listing of tests can be viewed on our website at [www.nsgt.org](http://www.nsgt.org)
- ✓ **Scores in the gifted range** on the PSAT, SAT, ACT or SSATB.

For a full list of eligibility requirements, visit [nsgt.org](http://nsgt.org).

## 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.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

NSGT annually offers up to \$10,000 in scholarship monies to members for a variety of gifted programs such as after school, weekend, summer, and distance learning opportunities. Scholarship information is listed on the NSGT website and in Summer Institute for the Gifted monthly e-newsletters.

*Knowledge + Opportunity = A Successful Student*

## 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 may join for free. Additionally, parents can sponsor a deserving gifted student who is eligible but unable to provide the membership fee. To apply, visit us at [nsgt.org](http://nsgt.org)



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