

# Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Scholar Award



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**Gifted Children**

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<https://tinyurl.com/SPNJenkins>

Deadline September 12,  
2021



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

**Eligibility.** Applicants must be a student enrolled in a public or private school or homeschooled in grades 6-12 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 or Dual Enrollment.** Entered high school by age 13 or younger OR college by age 15 or younger.
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. Attach a statement explaining the exemplary school work.
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 Cash Award and NAGC convention registration;
- will receive one scholarship covering registration to attend the Gifted Education Research & Resource Institute's (GER<sup>2</sup>I) Summer Residential Program at Purdue University (transportation to/from Purdue not included);
- parents will receive 1-year Parent membership in NAGC and Special Populations Network;
- are invited to attend a featured session at NAGC during the Annual Conference held in Denver, CO, on Saturday, November 13, 2021;
- are required to share brief end of school year report on academic progress by email.

**To Apply.** In order to receive full consideration, all of the following materials must be received by **Sunday, September 12, 2021.**

- Cover Sheet: Provide personal, school background information and photo.
- Personal Statement. Use *Microsoft Word* to generate application letter, using the following parameters: not to exceed 3 pages, double spaced, Times, 12-point font.
- Exhibits: 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. On the Exhibit Document/Item/Artifact Page, include each exhibit as separate attachments. For non-print artifacts, you may represent these with a photo image taken with a camera or downloaded from a website or create a representation using other digital media.

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It may be constructive to 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 from:
  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)

### **Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Scholar Awards Committee**

- Dr. Jessa Luckey Goude-lock (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Joni Lakin (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Gloria Taradash
- Dr. Matthew Fugate
- Dr. Joy Davis
- Dr. Donna Y. Ford
- Dr. Tarek Grantham
- Dr. Michelle Frazier Trotman Scott
- Paris Andrew

Submit all materials using this survey: <https://tinyurl.com/SPNJenkins>

### **Email questions to:**

- Dr. Jessa Luckey Goude-lock ([jluckeygoude-lock@gmail.com](mailto:jluckeygoude-lock@gmail.com))
- Dr. Joni Lakin ([jlakin@ua.edu](mailto:jlakin@ua.edu))

**Notification.** Awardees and nominators will be notified by email and/or phone call the week of October 3, 2021. Information and directions to attend the special session at the National Association for Gifted Children Convention in Denver, CO, will also be provided.

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