



Georgia Association for Gifted Children

MARY FRASIER EQUITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Georgia Association for Gifted Children's *Mary Frasier Equity & Excellence Award* recognizes outstanding achievement in practices that promote equitable identification procedures and/or provision of high-quality services to gifted students from underrepresented groups (economically disadvantaged, minority, or disabled, or those who are limited English proficient). Any individual, group, or organization that has advanced the pioneering work of Dr. Mary M. Frasier is eligible for this award. Nominations will be submitted to a review panel established by the Awards Committee for screening.

Criteria

1. Impact

The contributions made by an individual, group, or organization toward equity and excellence for underrepresented groups of gifted students should demonstrate:

- a. positive efforts that have been sustained over time;
- b. a positive influence on others - directly or through a ripple effect;
- c. promise for continued influence on the field and/or other individuals (e.g., students, teachers, other professionals), particularly in the state of Georgia.

2. Relationship to Dr. Frasier's work

The contribution(s) of this individual, group, or organization should have a clear relationship to Dr. Frasier's work. Specifically, the nominee(s) shall have successfully addressed one or more of the issues that Dr. Frasier identified as persistent barriers to the identification of gifted students from underrepresented populations:

- a. **Attitude** - The nominee has demonstrated a proficiency view of students who are culturally diverse, economically disadvantaged and/or have specific disabilities. The nominee has enthusiastically and persistently modeled his/her conviction that gifts and talents exist or can emerge from minority or low-income students.
- b. **Access** - The actions of the nominee have led to expanded opportunities for culturally, linguistically and/or economically diverse students to participate in advanced programming.
- c. **Assessment** - The actions of the nominee have contributed to more equitable identification practices by improving one or more steps in the process used to recognize and evaluate the presence of and degree of giftedness in students from underrepresented groups (e.g., screening procedures, advocacy, referrals, test selection).
- d. **Accommodation** - The nominee has been instrumental in designing and/or implementing a program and/or curricular experiences that support the needs and interests of gifted students who are culturally, linguistically, or economically diverse or who have disabilities.

Procedure

The nomination package shall include the following:

1. Nomination letter (not to exceed one single-spaced page)
 - a. Name(s), address(es), e-mail address(es), and district, region, school, or university affiliation(s) of the nominee(s)
 - b. Explanation of nominator's relationship with the nominee(s), including the length of time the nominator has known the nominee(s)
 - c. Brief overview of the nominee's contributions
 - d. Nominator's name, mailing address, phone number (day and evening), and e-mail address
2. Narrative summary and/or list of the nominee's accomplishments related to the recognition and development of the gifts and talents of students from underrepresented groups. This description of the nominee's specific contributions should not exceed two typed pages.
3. Letter(s) of Support
 - a. The nominator should solicit two letters from persons who can speak to the nominee's contributions toward equity and excellence
 - b. Support letter(s) should be included with the nomination packet.

Recognition

Recipients will be acknowledged with an appropriate award, which represents the heartfelt spirit of Dr. Frasier's work as a researcher, advocate, teacher, and mentor. The award will be presented at the annual GAGC Conference, along with a letter of recognition from the GAGC President. Recipients' names will be added to the *Mary Frasier Equity & Excellence Award* plaque maintained by the organization and displayed at the annual conference.

Nominations shall be submitted by January 31st to:

GAGC Awards Committee
1579F Monroe Drive, #321
Atlanta, GA 30324
Phone/FAX : 404-875-2284

The Awards Committee reserves the right to withdraw an award if nominations do not meet the stated criteria or if the nominee's achievements, as described, do not meet the intent of the award.