

# JAGC GT Ambassadors

A friendly way to make a difference for the GT community at your school!

Requirements for this position include:

1. Watch/listen to three 15-minute training podcasts to learn about Jeffco GT, gain valuable knowledge and information regarding giftedness and become familiar with the Ambassador role
2. After viewing GT Ambassador Training podcasts, attend an online question/answer discussion on Google+ with a JAGC Board Member
3. Learn to maintain a calm, collaborative attitude and voice while working with families and educators by practicing how to listen and talk to others regarding GT students – Remember....POSITIVE advocacy!
4. Pick one or more of the many ways (see ideas below) to advocate for GT students and participate in the exchange of information among your school(s), JAGC and the Jeffco GT Dept. Remember, JAGC will provide you with GT information to share in your local community so you don't have to generate it yourself and JAGC needs your 'ears to the ground' to stay informed about what is happening within the school and area.

These are some ideas to help you get started: (Please do what works best for you and your school.)

1. Build relationships with articulation area and school building principals, GT Building Liaisons, assigned GT Resource Teachers (RTs), teachers and other administrators.
2. Participate in meetings of school building level Cooperative Decision-Making/Accountability Committees, PTA, etc.
3. Disseminate information and publicity regarding GT topics and events to the articulation area's school buildings (newsletters, websites, school Face Book page, flyers, Friday folders, staff communications, etc.)
4. Assist the designated staff GT Building Liaison(s) and/or individual teachers
5. Seek out other family members and school staff who are willing to help with the Ambassador Program and other GT activities
6. Set up a positive GT support group at your school.
7. Gather and pass through contact information for parents and educators interested in participating in JAGC activities, such as email listserve, Facebook page,

membership, etc.

8. Lend a friendly ear and help provide resources to family members wishing to share both the frustrations and accomplishments of their high ability and twice exceptional students.
9. Give resources and share what has worked for you
10. Build relationships with other school groups such as PTA and booster clubs.
11. Assist with student enrichment programs such as Destination Imaginations, interest area clubs, etc.
12. Extend your JAGC GT Ambassador role to other student-relevant avenues in your life (ex: let preschooler parent groups know about Early Enrollment)

We would love for you to:

1. Make a commitment to the Ambassador role for approximately one school year or longer if you choose
2. Become a dues-paying member of JAGC -- \$40 annual dues includes membership in the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT)
3. Attend some of the many GT information seminars presented by JAGC, Jeffco GT Dept. and other similar organizations around the Denver Metro area
4. Undertake the task of further educating yourself about GT issues and options through websites, articles, and books
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Ambassador role and training and participate in efforts to improve the program
6. Become active in JAGC committees or Board of Directors
7. Assist with JAGC fundraising efforts and/or donate money to JAGC
8. Represent the GT perspective on other Jeffco district committees

Questions, other ideas? Email us at [ambassadors@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:ambassadors@jeffcogifted.org).

Your JAGC Ambassador Home: <http://bit.ly/JEFFCOGTA>