

JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

February 2023

Hello Families,

JAGC will open nominations for elections to our board on Feb. 18. Nominations are due by April 1. Consider joining us to help advocate for Jeffco GT kids!

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented is asking our community to contact their legislators to support fully funding gifted education in the state. See below and help the effort by participating.

Planning for summer? JAGC's list of [area summer programs](#) is being updated as information is available.

Upcoming events:

- **CDE PREP conferences** supporting students with disabilities and their families is Feb. 26-28 in Fort Collins.
- **Jeffco Early Access** for 4-5-year-olds is now open. Apply by April 1.
- Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. summer SPARKS program registration opens March 1.
- Jeffco writers, submit your work to the Jeffco Writing Challenge by Feb. 24.

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JAGC Info

JOIN THE JAGC BOARD!
NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 1
Click for details

Are You Interested in Education Advocacy? Join the JAGC Board!

JAGC is starting the election process for next year's Board of Directors. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from Feb. 18 through April 1. Terms run for two years from July 1 to June 30. See the [website](#) for details on available positions, the election process and the [application form](#).

NEW TO GT? WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
7-8 PM
On Zoom

What does gifted mean? [Click here for more info!](#)

"New to GT" Webinar Available for Viewing

If you missed JAGC's "New to GT" webinar Jan. 18, you can see the [video and slides](#) on our website. Thanks to our moderators and all who participated! If you have questions about your child's gifted and talented experience, contact JAGC at info@jeffcogifted.org.

Contact your legislators to Support Gifted Education

Support Fully Funding Gifted Education in Colorado - Contact Your Legislators

The Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented Legislative Committee is on a mission over the next few weeks to ensure that every single member of the House Education, Senate Education and Joint Budget Committee hears from constituents regarding the money needed to fully fund the USQP grant in support of gifted education. See this [livert](#) for details. Overviews and information about gifted funding are on the [CAGT website](#).

Please contact these legislators by Feb. 15 and forward this info to others:

Senate Education Committee
Mark Basley - mark.basley.senate@coleg.gov

Joint Budget Committee
Sen. Rachel Zenzinger - senatorrachelz@gmail.com

Rep. Shannon Bird - shannon.bird.house@coleg.gov

Here's how to support CAGT's request:

- Look at these [two template emails](#). Page one has a template included for members of the House or Senate Education Committees; page two is for members of the Joint Budget Committee. Choose the appropriate template and copy/paste into a new email.
- Add in your personal information experience as a parent or educator in the first few paragraphs

Please copy CAGT at cagtlecommittee@gmail.com, so they can track which legislators are being contacted. This helps their lobbyists as they speak with these legislators on a daily basis.

Helpful Gifted Resources

Check out the JAGC website for information on a variety of topics including these:

- [JAGC summer programs list](#)
- [Giftedness handouts](#)
- [Mental health resources](#)

[Visit Jeffcogifted.org for more info](http://VisitJeffcogifted.org)

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Jeffco GT Dept. Info

Gifted & Talented Resources
See the GT Dept. [website](#), for the latest news on Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs), opportunities for GT students, resources for parents and more.

Check Out Info from Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 25
If you missed the January virtual Parent/Family Learning Night you can access the information and resources on the [GT Dept. website](#).

Enter the Jeffco Writing Challenge by Feb. 24

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction and dramas are all welcome. Please, no paired grades submitted together. Each writer must do their own work! Deadline for submissions is Feb. 24. Questions? Call 800-978-4290 or 720-354-1444, or email barbarabanning93@msn.com.

K-12th grade prompts:

1. If you could give someone a gift that would positively change the world, what would the gift be? OR
2. When you wish upon a star, what do you wish for?

Make sure your reader can understand your purpose in 500 words or less.

To submit your entry, complete the [entry form/permission slip](#). Then:

- 1) send a printed copy of your story and
- 2) attach a copy of the permission slip/entry form completed online to: ENC-JWC

Your child's grade number
P.O. Box 688, Golden, CO 80402

- * First place winners in each grade win \$100
- * Second place winners win a \$25 gift card
- * Third place winners win a \$15 gift card

Schools win awards based on student entries:

- * First place school wins \$500
- * Second place school wins \$300
- * Third place school wins \$200

JEFFCO GT SPARKS SUMMER ENRICHMENT

REGISTER BY MARCH 31

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

SPARKS

Jeffco GT Department SPARKS Summer GT Enrichment Camp
Registration is open March 1-31 for camp June 5-9 at Event Middle School for rising grades 1st-8th. SPARKS is a one-week gifted and talented summer enrichment program where students choose from various creative classes being offered. Students choose one class that is either offered in the morning or afternoon. There is also an opportunity for high school students to volunteer their time helping in classrooms.

KINDERGARTEN EARLY ACCESS

Early Access for Kindergarten Applications Due April 1

The Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due April 1. Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. For more information about early access please see the [Early Access website](#).

Have Questions About Gifted & Talented Services? Here Are Staff Who Can Help!

List of Jeffco GT Resource Teachers, Social-Emotional Learning counselors and Building Leaders

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Apply for Outdoor Lab Scholarships by April 14

The [Outdoor Lab Foundation](#) offers students who have served as high school leaders or interns at Outdoor Lab the opportunity to apply for scholarships to further their education. This year, three applicants will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. [Apply here.](#)

Students must meet all of the following criteria to apply:

1. Student has served as a high school leader or an Intern for the Jeffco Outdoor Lab Program, at Windy Peak or Mount Evans, within the past three years, and
2. Student is applying for admission to any private or public vocational training program, college, or university and plans to begin within 12 months from the deadline.

Calendar & Events

[JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)
[Denver Writes Workshops virtual and in-person](#)
[PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)
[Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)
[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

Davidson Young Scholars Virtual Presentation Feb. 13

Learn more about the Davidson Young Schools programs at a virtual presentation Feb. 13 at noon MT. See the [Davidson website](#) for more information.

Shakespeare Family Night Feb. 28

In-person event hosted by Denver Association of Gifted and Talent (DAGT) on Feb. 28 at 6 PM, Joe Shoemaker Elementary, 3333 S Havana St., Denver.

CU Wizards Feb. 25

Professor Mark Hoefler presents "Surfing with a Mathematician" in person at the University of Colorado-Boulder on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 AM, Duane Physics Building, Room G1B30, Boulder.

Resources

- Recent Articles and Podcasts**
- ["Seven Clever Ways to Spark Your Kid's Creativity"](#) (LifeHacker)
 - ["When Your ADHD Kid Gets in Trouble: Executive Functioning with Seth Perle"](#) (YouTube)
 - ["The Responsibility of Being Kind to your 2e Self"](#) (With Understanding Comes Calm)
 - ["How to Tell if Your Child is Gifted"](#) (STEM Education Guide)
 - ["Homeschooling Your Gifted Kid"](#) (The Tech Advocate)
 - ["Early College Programs for Gifted Students"](#) (Profoundly Gifted Parenting)
 - ["Addressing the Well-Being of Young Children"](#) (SENG Journal)
 - ["Ten Years Later: What has Changed and What Remains the Same in Gifted Education"](#) (Gifted Challenges Blog)
 - ["When One Child Has a Diagnosis and Their Siblings Are All Neurotypical"](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners Blog)
 - ["Asynchronous Development of a Gifted Child and Their Unique Needs"](#) (Parenting for Brain)

Newsletter Links

See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:
 For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info & Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports - Scholarships - College Resources - National GT Resources

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