

Recognizing outstanding contributions to urban education and honoring the memories of
Richard R. Green, leading urban chancellor, and Edward J. Garner, urban school board leader.

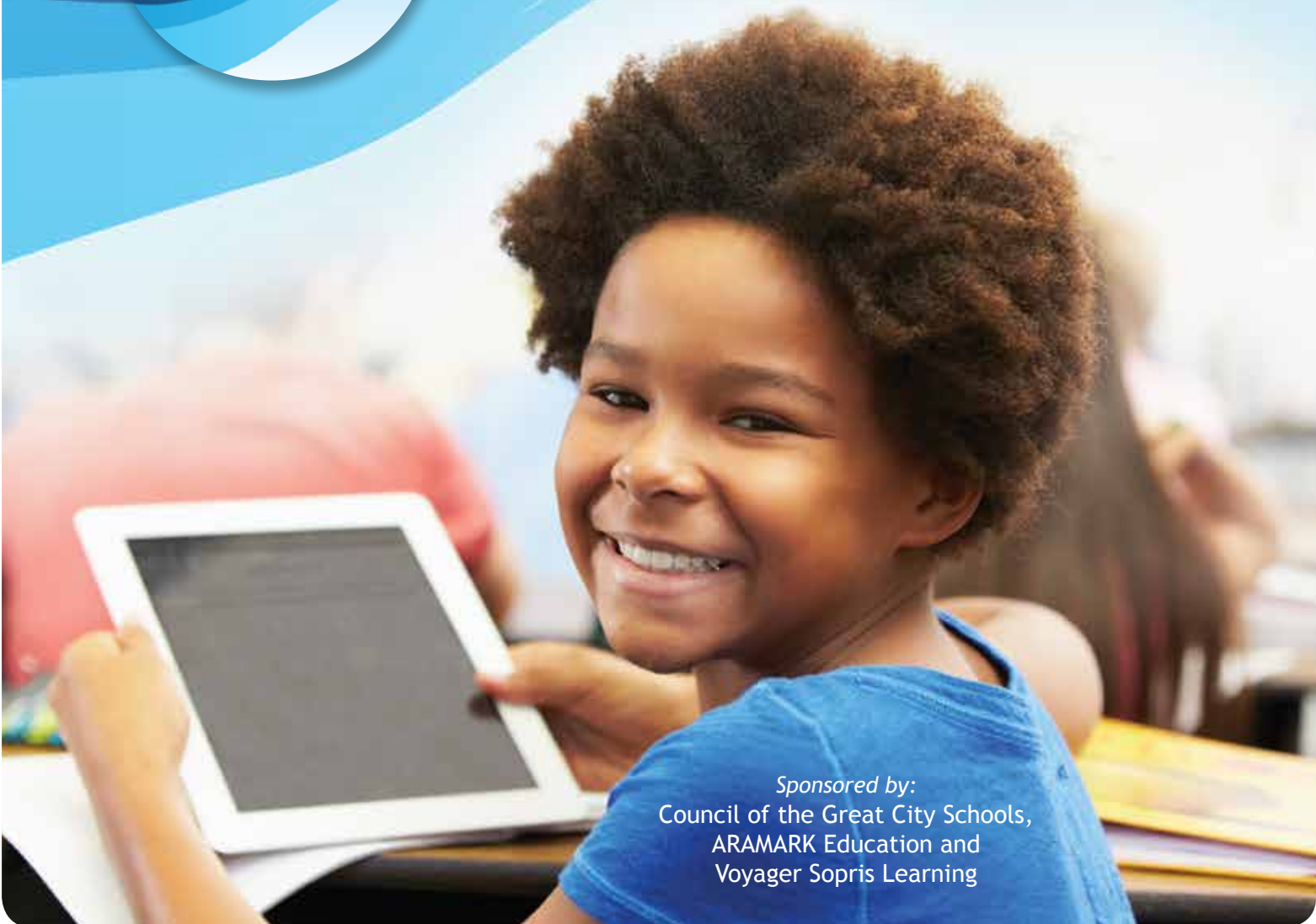
THE 25TH ANNUAL
GREEN ★ GARNER
AWARD PROGRAM

2014 SUPERINTENDENT APPLICATION PACKET

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2014



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The Council of the Great City Schools is not only committed to recognizing and supporting outstanding leadership in urban education but also to preserving our precious resources. We are offering a convenient and earth-friendly PDF version of our application on our website.

Please visit:

www.cgcs.org/cms/lib/DC00001581/Centricity/Domain/19/GreenGarner_App2014.pdf
to apply online.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Council of the Great City Schools website. The page title is "Awards and Scholarships / Green-Garner Award". The URL in the address bar is "www.cgcs.org/Page/50". The website header includes the Council of the Great City Schools logo and the tagline "The Nation's Voice for Urban Education". A navigation menu lists: Home, About the Council, Member Services, Newsroom, Publications, Research, Academics, Legislative, and Conferences. On the left, a sidebar titled "Awards and Scholarships" lists several awards, with "Green-Garner Award" selected. The main content area features a section for the "Green-Garner Award" with a small portrait of a man and text explaining the award's history and purpose. Below this, it states "The 2013 winner was Denise Link, Chair of the Cleveland Board of Education." and includes a photograph of Denise Link speaking at a podium.

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The Council of the Great City Schools is committed to recognizing and supporting outstanding leadership in urban education in honor of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner.



Michael Casserly

The Council of the Great City Schools is pleased to join with ARAMARK Education and Voyager Sopris Learning in sponsoring the annual Green-Garner Award in Urban Education. This year's award is dedicated to honoring one of our Superintendents. Next year's award will spotlight one of our School Board Members. The honor has been named for our outstanding colleague and friend—Richard Green—the former Chancellor of the New York City Schools and former Superintendent of the Minneapolis Schools and Edward Garner, the former School Board President of Denver Public Schools. This 25th Anniversary Award will be presented at the Annual Fall Conference of the Great City Schools in Milwaukee, WI.

Urban education has been blessed with many dedicated and talented individuals. Superintendents who will be nominated will have helped spearhead the comeback and progress of the nation's urban schools. These remarkable individuals have worked tirelessly on behalf of our very special children.



Valeria Silva

Michael Casserly
Executive Director
Council of the Great City Schools

Valeria Silva
Chair of the Board
Council of the Great City Schools



Jeff Gilliam

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented leaders in the K-12 urban education community. ARAMARK Education is honored to be part of a very special tradition. Each year, we join the Council of the Great City Schools and Voyager Sopris Learning in sponsoring the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education. As we recognize an individual for their leadership and commitment to excellence this year, let's also remember what drives all of us every day—the wellbeing and future of our students. Help us celebrate the legacy of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner by nominating your district Superintendent.

Jeff Gilliam
President
ARAMARK Education



Carolyn W. Gettridge

It is an honor for Voyager Sopris Learning to join the Council of the Great City Schools and Aramark in sponsoring the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education. This award acknowledges leaders in America's urban schools who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, achievement, professionalism and involvement—ideals that define our esteemed colleagues in whose honor the award is given. Voyager Sopris Learning appreciates your unwavering commitment to our children, and we welcome your nominations for this distinguished award.

Carolyn W. Gettridge
Senior Vice President
Voyager Sopris Learning



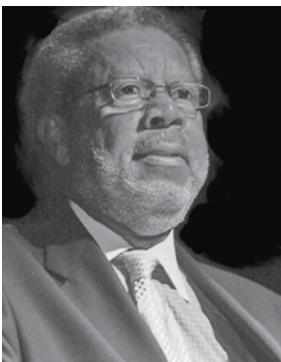


**"If you believe it, you can achieve it.
If it is to be, it's up to me."**



Richard R. Green (1936–1989)

- Earned doctorate in Educational Administration from Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Led the nation's largest school system as chancellor of New York City Public Schools
- Mentored urban school superintendents nationwide



Edward J. Garner (1942–2012)

- Outstanding businessman and former school board president, Denver Public Schools
- Played key role in establishing and funding the CGCS Urban Educator of the Year Award
- Represented school board members on the CGCS Executive Committee



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Program Overview

In tribute to the memory of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner, the Council of the Great City Schools, ARAMARK, and Voyager Sopris Learning will annually present an award in their names to a past or present Council Member Superintendent or Board of Education Member. The award rotates annually between superintendents and board members and winners will be awarded for representing one or more of the precious ideals and commitments expressed by Richard Green and Edward Garner (see Selection Criteria, page 4).

The 2014 Green-Garner Award winner will be honored at the Annual Fall Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools in Milwaukee, WI and will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a senior in a high school from the winner's school system or from the high school from which the winner graduated, at the winner's choice.

All nominees will:

- ★ *Have their video shown during the conference.*
- ★ *Receive recognition on stage during the banquet.*
- ★ *Be guests of honor at a special after-dinner reception.*

The winner will:

- ★ *Receive a special Green-Garner Award expressing the history of Dr. Green, Mr. Garner and the ideals they cherished.*
- ★ *Be the guest of honor at a reception and banquet where the award will be presented.*
- ★ *Receive nationwide recognition in the news and various trade media, as well as a special profile in the Council of the Great City Schools newsletter, the Urban Educator.*



Austin Superintendent Pat Forgione, left, congratulates Angga Pratama for winning the Richard R. Green Scholarship. Forgione was the 2008 Green Award winner.



Abraham Tejada, a student from Tampa's Middleton High School, holds his \$10,000 Richard Green college scholarship he received from Hillsborough school board member Candy Olson, left. He is also congratulated by principal Owen Young and Hillsborough school board member Doretha W. Edgecomb. Olson was the 2011 Green Award winner.

CRITICAL DATES

- ★ **Monday, August 11, 2014**
Last day application packets may be postmarked and mailed or emailed to the Council of the Great City Schools.
- ★ **August/September 2014**
Distinguished panel selects Green-Garner Award Winner.
- ★ **Thursday, October 23, 2014**
The Green-Garner Award Winner will be announced and honored at the Annual Fall Conference banquet hosted by ARAMARK Education and Voyager Sopris Learning at the Hilton Hotel in Milwaukee, WI.

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Selection Process

This application must be completed in its entirety and postmarked or emailed by August 11, 2014, to the following address:

*Terry Tabor, Conference Manager
Green-Garner Award Program
Council of the Great City Schools
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 702
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 393-2427 / FAX (202) 393-2400
ttabor@cgcs.org*

The program in 2014 is open to all past and present Superintendents of the Council of the Great City Schools. All current Superintendents and Board of Education members of the Council of the Great City Schools may make nominations for a past or present Superintendent for the Green-Garner Award Program. Those nominating a candidate should complete page 12.

The Council of the Great City Schools will review all applications for completeness. A distinguished panel of superintendents and school board members will select the recipient of the annual Green-Garner Award.

Selection Criteria for Superintendents

Applicants for the Green-Garner Award should be able to demonstrate one or more of the following ideals cherished by Dr. Green:

LEADERSHIP

- ★ *The applicant has shown excellence in leadership and sustained that leadership over a number of years.*
- ★ *The applicant has improved the quality and stability of the district through his or her leadership and governance.*

ACHIEVEMENT

- ★ *The applicant has demonstrated that his or her leadership has been instrumental in improving student achievement districtwide for a number of years.*
- ★ *The applicant has demonstrated that his or her leadership has been instrumental in narrowing achievement gaps in his or her district over a number of years.*

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

- ★ *The applicant has helped improve the public's confidence in his or her school district.*

PROFESSIONALISM

- ★ *The applicant embodies the personal characteristics and professional accomplishments that reflect well on urban education and the progress it is striving to make.*

INVOLVEMENT

- ★ *The applicant has shown active and sustained participation in and support of the Council of the Great City Schools.*



Charlotte-Mecklenburg School graduates Shanika Moser, left, and Devina Flores, right receive congratulations from Gwen High. They were selected by Superintendent Eric Smith to receive the \$5,000 Richard R. Green scholarships. Smith was the 2000 Green Award winner.



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APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

BY MAIL:

Please complete and return five copies of this application, * one color photograph, and a 2-minute DVD to be used during the event, postmarked by August 11, 2014, to:

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ONLINE:

You may also use the automated application system but, please provide all requested information, photo (JPEG), and video (MOV) by August 11, 2014.

You may attach supporting documents (each on one 8-1/2 x 11 sheet) to this packet. Please also include a color photo with name, title and address on the back of the color photo and a 2-minute DVD on the nominee to be used during the event. The DVD should focus on the applicant's qualifications and accomplishments based on the selection criteria. You may email your photo to ttabor@cgcs.org along with your PDF application.

Additional materials (please provide five sets*, if mailed) can include copies of letters, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets, etc. **DO NOT SUBMIT** display materials, films or scrapbooks, as they will not be considered in judging the nomination. All submitted materials become the property of the Council of the Great City Schools and will not be returned.

The nominator and/or nominee for the Green-Garner Award should fill out the entire application. Page 12 is to be filled out by the nominator only and included with the nominee's application.

NOTE: Please detach and type (or print clearly) directly on each page when completing this application. You may also retrieve the Application from: www.cgcs.org/Awards.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application
- Five Copies of Application*
- A 2-minute DVD on Applicant
- One Color Photograph (5" x 7" preferred)

* Applies to mailed applications ONLY.
The PDF application need only be sent once.

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APPLICATION

Kindly complete the information below and submit to the address on page 5 following all specified criteria.

TOO LATE TO MAIL?

You also have the option to use our new PDF application, which can be found on our site at: <http://www.cgcs.org/awards>.

Note: All PDF applications should be saved to your computer prior to submission to CGCS for your protection.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please write your information above the lines below.)

NAME

SCHOOL SYSTEM TITLE

OFFICE ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

SCHOOL SYSTEM INFORMATION

SYSTEM ENROLLMENT

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH WHICH YOU ARE AFFILIATED.

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS ATTENDED DEGREES DATES

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TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE OR OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

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Please answer the following five questions. When answering each question, please make reference to the selection criteria. (See page 4 under Selection Criteria.)

- 1.** *How has your tenure as a Superintendent improved the quality and stability of your district's leadership and governance? (Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*

Print Name of Nominator or Nominee

Email of Nominator

Telephone Number of Nominator



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- 2.** *How has your leadership as a Superintendent helped to improve student achievement districtwide and narrow the district's achievement gaps? Include specific data.
(Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*



Print Name of Nominator or Nominee

Email of Nominator

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3. *How has your leadership as a Superintendent helped improve the public's confidence in your district?
(Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*



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4. *How has your leadership as a Superintendent exemplified the progress that urban schools nationwide are determined to make? (Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*



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5. *How have you or your district participated over the years in the Council of the Great City Schools?
(Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*



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For Nominators Only!

Please describe why you believe your candidate will be the best recipient of The Green-Garner Award. (Please submit this page with nominee's application.)

Print Name of Nominator or Nominee

*Concurred by:
School Board President or Superintendent*

Email of Nominator



Telephone Number of Nominator

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Council of the Great City Schools

The Council of the Great City Schools is the primary advocate for urban public education in America. The organization is dedicated to improving student achievement in the nation's major cities; strengthening the quality of urban school leadership, governance, and management; creating greater educational opportunities for historically under served students; and boosting public confidence in city schools. The organization works to achieve its mission by serving as a forum for urban school leaders.



ARAMARK Education

ARAMARK Education provides a complete range of food, nutrition, facility, uniform and other support services to more than 500 K-12 school districts in the U.S. It offers public and private education institutions a family of food and facility services, including: on-site and off-site breakfast and lunch meal programs, after-school snacks, nutrition education, catering, retail design and facilities management services: maintenance, custodial, grounds, energy management, construction management, and building commissioning.



Voyager Sopris Learning

Voyager Sopris Learning™ is committed to partnering with school districts to build the capacity of educators to ensure the success of every child – no matter where their journey begins. Our research and evidence-based instructional solutions and services are proven to enhance the effectiveness of educators and increase student achievement. Our solutions are innovative, both in overall instructional approach and in the strategic use of technology, whether blended or 100% online. With a comprehensive suite of instructional resources, we ensure sustained success through literacy and mathematics intervention and supplemental resources, assessments, professional development and school-improvement services.



Cleveland student Yu Zhang, second from left, holds his \$10,000 Green-Garner college scholarship he received from Cleveland school board chair Denise Link. Link was the 2013 winner of the Green-Garner Award.



Boston Schools Committee Chairperson Elizabeth Reiling, right, congratulates John Casper for winning the \$10,000 Richard R. Green college scholarship as Boston Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson looks on. Reiling was the 2007 Green Award winner.

Thank You
for your participation.

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