



2015 BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET



THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**GREEN ★ GARNER**  
AWARD PROGRAM

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.

Sponsored by: Council of the Great City Schools, Aramark K-12 Education and Voyager Sopris Learning

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application?  
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# APPLY ONLINE

with our convenient PDF application!

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.

Quickly and easily apply online:  
<http://bit.ly/greengarner2015>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Council of the Great City Schools website. The browser address bar shows [www.cgcs.org](http://www.cgcs.org). The page title is "Awards and Scholarships / Green-Garner Award". The website header features the Council's logo and tagline "The Nation's Voice for Urban Education". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About the Council, Member Services, Newsroom, Publications, Research, Academics, Legislative, and Conferences. On the left, a sidebar lists various awards, with "Green-Garner Award" selected. The main content area is titled "Green-Garner Award" and contains the following text:

Council of the Great City Schools > About the Council > Awards and Scholarships

### Green-Garner Award

Each year at its annual Fall Conference, the Council presents a board member or superintendent with the Green-Garner Award, the nation's highest urban education honor recognizing outstanding contributions in urban education and named in memory of urban school leaders Richard R. Green and Edward Garner.

Sponsored by the Council, ARAMARK Education and Voyager Learning/Sopris Learning, the Green-Garner Award is the namesake of the first African American chancellor of the New York City school system and a businessman and former school board president of the Denver Public Schools, respectively.

This year, the 2014 Green-Garner Award was presented to a past or present Council member superintendent. The winner was honored at the Council's 58th Annual Fall Conference in Milwaukee, WI on Thursday, October 23. The winner received 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.

Houston Superintendent Terry Grier was the 2014 winner.

Terry Grier is congratulated by his wife Nancy Grier for winning the Green-Garner award at the Council of the Great City Schools' 58th Fall Conference in Milwaukee.

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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 K-12 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 school board members. Next year's award will spotlight one of our superintendents. The honor has been named for our outstanding colleagues and friends—Richard Green, the former Chancellor of the New York City Public Schools and former Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools, and Edward Garner, the former School Board President of Denver Public Schools. This award will be presented at the Annual Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools in Long Beach, CA.*

*Urban education has been blessed with many dedicated and talented individuals. School board members 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.*



Jumoke Hinton Hodge

**Michael Casserly**  
Executive Director  
Council of the Great City Schools

**Jumoke Hinton Hodge**  
Chair of the Board (FY14-15)  
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 K-12 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 legacies of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner by nominating one of your district school board leaders.*

**Jeff Gilliam**  
President  
Aramark K-12 Education



Carolyn W. Gettridge

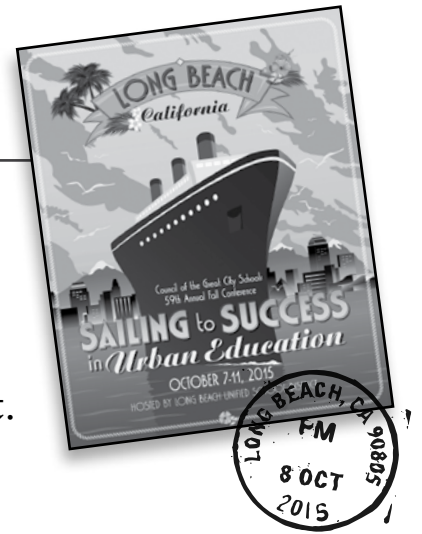
*It is an honor for Voyager Sopris Learning to join the Council of the Great City Schools and Aramark in sponsoring the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education. This award acknowledges leaders in America's urban schools who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, achievement, professionalism and 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



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"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 memories 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 ideals and commitments expressed by Richard Green and Edward Garner (see Selection Criteria, page 4).*

*The 2015 Green-Garner Award winner will be honored at the Annual Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools in Long Beach, CA 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 discretion.*

### All nominees will:

- ★ *Have their brief video shown during the conference.*
- ★ *Receive recognition on stage during the banquet.*
- ★ *Be guests of honor at a special 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 2014 Green Award winner.*

## CRITICAL DATES

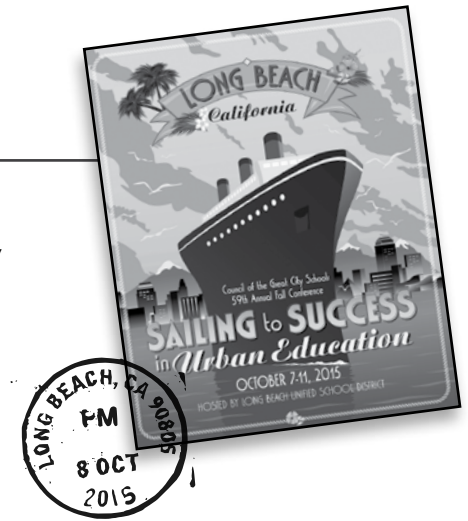
- ★ **Monday, August 10, 2015**  
*Last day application packets may be postmarked and mailed or emailed to the Council of the Great City Schools.*
- ★ **August/September 2015**  
*Distinguished panel selects Green-Garner Award Winner.*
- ★ **Thursday, October 8, 2015**  
*The Green-Garner Award Winner will be announced and honored at the Annual Fall Conference banquet hosted by Aramark K-12 Education and Voyager Sopris Learning at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach, CA.*

# THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GREEN-GARNER AWARD PROGRAM

## Selection Process

*This application must be completed in its entirety and postmarked or emailed by August 10, 2015, 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 2015 is open to all past and present school board members of the Council of the Great City Schools. All current school board members and Board of Education members of the Council of the Great City Schools may make nominations for a past or present school board member 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 School Board Members

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

### 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 each selected by Superintendent Eric Smith to receive \$5,000 Richard R. Green scholarships.*



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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 10, 2015, 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 10, 2015.

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](mailto: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.

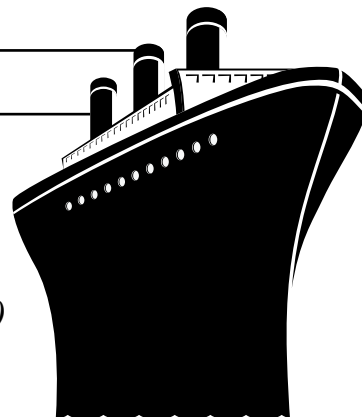
**NOTE:** Please detach and type (or print clearly) directly on each page when completing this application. You may also retrieve the application from: [www.cgcs.org/Awards](http://www.cgcs.org/Awards).

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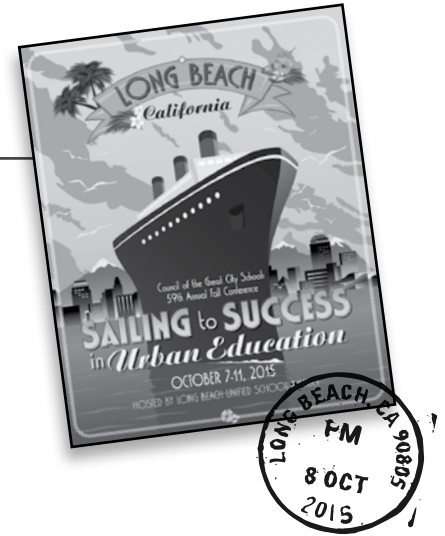
**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- 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.

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**EDUCATION**

SCHOOL ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_ DATES \_\_\_\_\_

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**TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE OR OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

POSITION HELD \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATES \_\_\_\_\_

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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 school board member improved the quality and stability of your district's leadership and governance? (Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*

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*Print Name of Nominator or Nominee*

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*Email of Nominator*

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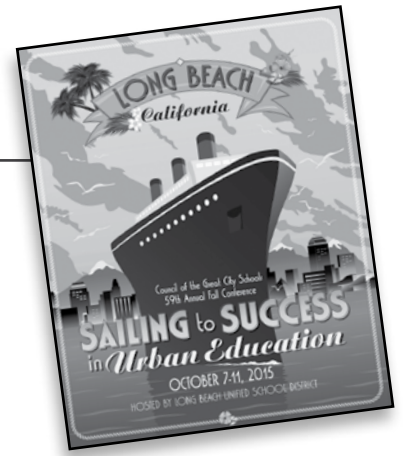
*Telephone Number of Nominator*



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



*Print Name of Nominator or Nominee*

*Email of Nominator*

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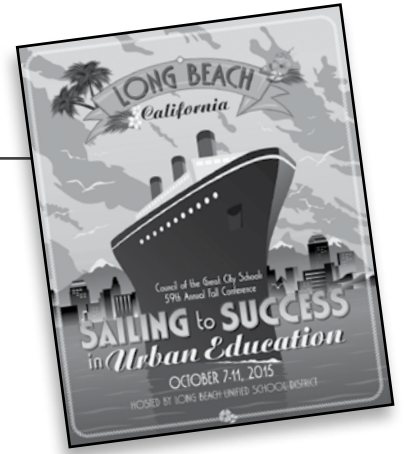
**5.** *How have you or your district participated over the years in the Council of the Great City Schools?  
(Please type your response and confine it to this page.)*



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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.)*



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*Print Name of Nominator or Nominee*

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*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 underserved 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 K-12 Education

*Aramark delivers experiences that enrich and nourish people's lives through innovative food, facility, and uniform services. United by a passion to serve, our more than 250,000 employees make a meaningful difference each day for millions of people around the world. Aramark is recognized among the Most Admired Companies by FORTUNE and World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute. Aramark K-12 Education partners with more than 500 school districts across the country – offering breakfast and lunch meal programs, after-school snacks, summer meals, catering, nutrition education; and facilities services, including custodial service, grounds and landscaping, operations and maintenance, and energy management. Aramark programs are designed to encourage healthy eating habits, increase meal participation, and create safe, clean, comfortable learning environments for students and district communities. For more information, please visit [www.aramark.com](http://www.aramark.com).*



## 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.*

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