

# 2024 SUPERINTENDENT APPLICATION

## THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **GREEN★GARNER** AWARD PROGRAM

Honoring the Memories of Richard R. Green, Leading Urban School Chancellor &  
Edward J. Garner, Urban School Board Leader

Recognizing  
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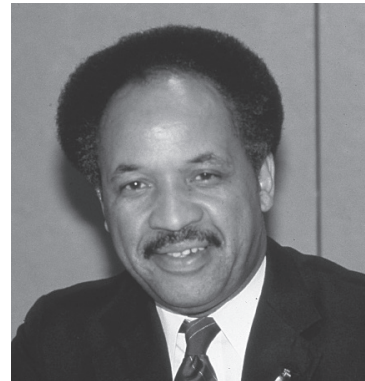


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### Richard R. Green (1936–1989)

- 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



"IF YOU BELIEVE IT, YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.  
IF IT IS TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME."

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### 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





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.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS** is pleased to sponsor 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 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 during the 68th Annual Fall Conference in Dallas, TX.

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.



Raymond Hart  
*Executive Director  
Council of the  
Great City Schools*



Marcia Andrews  
*Chair of the Board  
Council of the  
Great City Schools*

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**SCHOLASTIC** is proud to sponsor the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education, which honors the legacy of our inspired colleagues by recognizing educators in America's urban schools who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, achievement, professionalism and inclusion. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to children. We are proud to be your partner in working to improve literacy, raise achievement, and provide opportunity for all children in this country.



Beth Polcari  
*President, Education Solutions  
Scholastic*



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Detroit Schools Superintendent Nikolai Vitti, right, hold his 2022 Green Garner Award he was presented with at the 66th Fall Conference in Orlando.



Boston School Board member Michael O'Neill, middle, holds his 2023 Green Garner Award he was presented with at the 67th Annual Fall Conference in San Diego.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In tribute to the memories of Richard R. Green and Edward Garner, the Council of the Great City Schools will 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 5). The 2024 Green-Garner Award winner will be honored at the 68th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools and will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a senior in a high school from the winner's school system.

### THE WINNER WILL:

- ★ Receive a special Green-Garner Award.
- ★ 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, *Urban Educator*.
- ★ Receive a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a senior in high school from their school system.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Last day to submit the online nomination form and all supplemental materials.

### SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER 2024

Distinguished panel selects Green-Garner Finalists and Award Winner.

### OCTOBER 17, 2024

The Green-Garner Award Winner will be announced and honored at the Annual Fall Conference.



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## SELECTION PROCESS

The Green-Garner Award Program in 2024 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 fill out the [application online](#) and submit all supplemental materials via email.

The Council of the Great City Schools will review all applications for completion. A distinguished panel of current and former superintendents and school board members will select the recipient of the annual Green-Garner Award. The online application must be completed in its



Khris Ramsey, left, and Maiya Pickett, 2022 graduates from Detroit Public Schools Community District, were honored at a school board meeting for winning the 2022 Green-Garner college scholarship.

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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

### ACHIEVEMENT

- ★ The nominee has demonstrated that his or her leadership has been instrumental in improving student achievement districtwide for a number of years.
- ★ The nominee 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 nominee has helped improve the public's confidence in his or her school district.

### PROFESSIONALISM

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

### INVOLVEMENT

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



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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ★ The application is available ONLINE ONLY at  
<https://tinyurl.com/CGCS24GreenGarner>
- ★ Each nomination must include a completed online form and all supplemental materials emailed before the deadline.

If you have any questions, please email:

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Julie Cyprien, a 2023 graduate of Boston Public Schools, received the Green-Garner \$10,000 college scholarship presented by Boston Public Schools Board Member Michael O'Neill, second from left, winner of the 2023 Green-Garner Award.



Marta Pérez, second from left, presented six Miami high school seniors with a \$1,700 Green-Garner scholarship during an awards ceremony.

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### APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS (The online form must be completed and all supplemental materials emailed.)

- ★ Superintendent nominee's contact and district information
- ★ Superintendent nominee's resume
- ★ Superintendent nominee's educational background
- ★ A color photograph of the superintendent nominee
- ★ One page responses to each of the following prompts:
  1. How has the nominee's tenure as a Superintendent improved the quality and stability of your district's leadership and governance?
  2. How has the nominee's leadership as a Superintendent helped to improve student achievement district-wide and narrow the district's achievement gaps? Include specific data.
  3. How has the nominee's leadership as a Superintendent helped improve public confidence in your district?
  4. How has the nominee's leadership as a Superintendent exemplified the progress that urban schools nationwide are determined to make?
  5. How has the nominee and his or her district participated over the years in the Council of the Great City Schools?
  6. Please describe why you believe your candidate will be the best recipient of the The Green-Garner Award.
- ★ Any additional supporting documents (copies of letters, testimonials, news clippings).

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**CGCS 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 16-20, 2024**

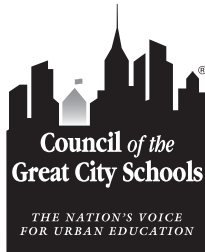
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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