

2021 BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

THE 32<sup>ND</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  
Outstanding  
Contributions  
To Urban  
Education



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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



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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.

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 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 during the Virtual 65th Annual Fall Conference.

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.



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



Barbara Jenkins  
*Chair of the Board  
Council of the  
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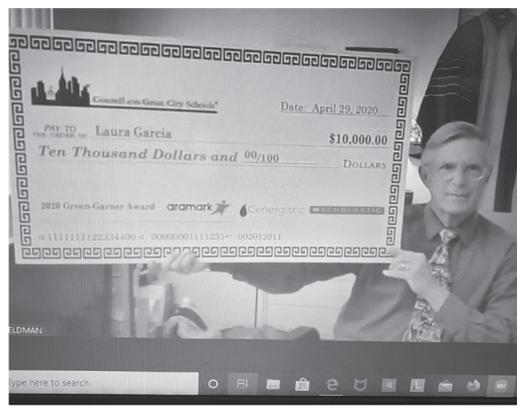
SCHOLASTIC proudly sponsors the Green-Garner Award in Urban Education, which honors the legacy of our esteemed colleagues by recognizing educators in America's urban schools who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, achievement, professionalism and involvement. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to our children, and we are proud to be your partner in working to improve literacy and raise achievement for all children.



Rose Else-Mitchell  
*President, Education Solutions  
Scholastic*



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Miami school board member Lawrence Feldman, the 2019 winner of the Green-Garner Award, holds a \$10,000 check during a virtual awards ceremony.

## 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 4). The 2021 Green-Garner Award winner will be honored at the virtual 65th 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.



Laura Garcia, a 2020 graduate of South Dade Senior High School in Miami, was presented with the 2020 Green-Garner \$10,000 college scholarship at a virtual awards ceremony. The valedictorian of her senior class, Garcia will attend the University of Florida in the fall and major in English.

## THE WINNER WILL:

- ★ Receive a special Green-Garner Award expressing the history of Dr. Green, Mr. Garner, and the ideals they cherished.
- ★ 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 24, 2021

Last day application packets emailed to the Council of the Great City Schools.

### SEPTEMBER 2021

Distinguished panel selects Green-Garner Award Winner.

### OCTOBER 21, 2021

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

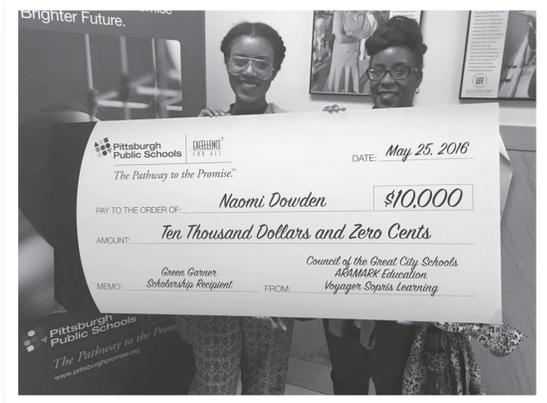
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## SELECTION PROCESS

The Green-Garner Award Program in 2021 is open to all past and present school board members 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 school board members for the Green-Garner Award Program. Those nominating a candidate should fill out the application online.

The Council of the Great City Schools will review all applications for completion. A distinguished panel of superintendents and school board members will select the recipient of the annual Green-Garner Award. The application must be completed in its entirety and emailed by Friday, September 24, 2021.



*Naomi Dowden, left, a 2016 graduate of Pittsburgh Public Schools, is joined by her mom as she holds her \$10,000 Green-Garner college scholarship she received from Pittsburgh school board member Bill Isler, who was the recipient of the 2015 Green-Garner Award. Dowden is a theater major at Temple University.*

## 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.

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### APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS

- ★ The application is available ONLINE ONLY at <https://tinyurl.com/776pzbb6>
- ★ The nominator and/or nominee for the Green-Garner Award should fill out the entire application.
- ★ Upload a video on the nominee that is no longer than two and a half minutes. The video should focus on the applicant's qualifications and accomplishments based on the selection criteria. Suggestions include congratulatory remarks from a school board member, school leader and a student.

If you have any questions, please email:

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Council of the Great City Schools  
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CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE:

<https://tinyurl.com/776pzbb6>



*Cleveland CEO Eric Gordon surprises Brinden Harvey at his home with a \$10,000 Richard Green scholarship check. Gordon was the winner of the 2016 Green-Garner Award, Harvey attends Ohio's Baldwin Wallace University.*



*Houston Schools Superintendent Terry Grier congratulates Alisa Hamilton who received a \$10,000 Richard Green college scholarship. Grier was the winner of the 2014 Green-Garner Award. Hamilton attends East Texas Baptist University.*

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**APPLICATION**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME

SCHOOL SYSTEM TITLE

OFFICE ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

**SCHOOL SYSTEM INFORMATION**

ENROLLMENT

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

**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 QUESTIONS**

When answering each question, please make reference to the selection criteria. See page 4 under Selection Criteria.

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**1** How has your tenure as a school board member improved the quality and stability of your district's leadership and governance?

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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.

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**3** How has your leadership as a school board member helped improve the public's confidence in your district?

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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?

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**5** How have you or your district participated over the years in the Council of the Great City Schools?

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**FOR NOMINATORS ONLY!**

Please describe why you believe your candidate will be the best recipient of The Green-Garner Award.

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VIRTUAL 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
FALL CONFERENCE

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