

**Who Are the Gifted and Talented?**

The Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 designates that gifted and talented children constitute a category of exceptional children. The gifted student is defined as a student identified as possessing demonstrated or potential ability to perform at an exceptionally high level in

- general intellectual aptitude,
- specific academic aptitude,
- creative or divergent thinking,
- psychosocial or leadership skills, or
- in the visual or performing arts.

The Kentucky Regulation on Gifted Education requires multiple services for gifted children from the primary program through high school. Furthermore, services must be provided in all five areas of giftedness.

Contrary to myths about gifted children, they do not always “make it on their own.”\* To hold back bright young people because of inadequate educational resources is to hold back Kentucky. The Commonwealth’s future depends on developing this valuable resource - our children with gifts and talents.



KAGE is an affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC).

\* Common Gifted Education Myths - [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)

**Join Us....**

As a partner with other educators, parents, and citizens who have joined KAGE, you will be able to:

- ✿ **Participate** in quality workshops and conferences at a reduced rate;
- ✿ **Network** with others who understand and believe gifted students have the right to progress at an academically challenging level and pace;
- ✿ **Recognize** those who make a difference in gifted education;
- ✿ **Receive** the *KAGE Update* quarterly newsletter containing useful information on current issues and events and efforts to support gifted students across Kentucky;
- ✿ **Subscribe** to the KAGE listserv to receive timely updates about events, resources, and scholarship opportunities for gifted students; and
- ✿ **Support** KAGE as it works with legislators and other decision-makers on the state and national levels.

*We can be the faces of the future...*



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# Who We Are

The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE), officially organized in 1979, is a non-profit volunteer group of parents, educators, and citizens interested in promoting appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented children and youth in Kentucky. KAGE seeks to:

- \* encourage the improvement of educational services to all students, including those who are gifted and talented;
- \* support appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented students;
- \* offer training for parents and teachers of gifted and talented students;
- \* disseminate information about opportunities for gifted and talented students as well as for parents and teachers of these students;
- \* inform the general public of the needs of this unique group of students;
- \* assist parents, educators, and public officials in identifying and assessing resources to meet the needs of students who are gifted and talented;
- \* secure permanent state funding and legislation to provide appropriate education for the gifted and talented students in every school district in Kentucky; and
- \* provide scholarship assistance to qualified students participating in summer gifted programs offered by Kentucky universities.

## KAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected officers and a geographically representative Board of Directors conduct the business of KAGE, which includes communicating with members, planning conferences and seminars, and developing procedures for keeping the public informed of the nature and needs of gifted young people.

## PROGRAMS

Everyone must know that gifted children constitute a special needs group along with other categories of exceptional children and that gifted children need to make continuous progress in school. KAGE activities that bring this to the attention of the public include, but are not limited to, the following:

### Workshops and Conferences

KAGE strives to present professional development opportunities that offer effective research-based instructional strategies, best practices, and information needed by educators to meet the needs of gifted learners.

- a two-day annual conference
- a curriculum development workshop
- a social-emotional issues workshop
- a workshop updating educators on gifted issues
- programs designed specifically for parents

### Legislative Initiatives

KAGE is actively engaged in supporting legislation for the gifted and talented by

- working closely with members of the General Assembly to secure appropriate educational opportunities for gifted students in Kentucky
- communicating with decision makers at all levels: local school councils, school districts, the Legislature, the Governor's Office, and the Kentucky Department of Education.

### Chapters

Parents, educators, and interested citizens form local KAGE chapters that plan activities to address local needs and provide networking opportunities. For assistance or more information on local chapters contact the KAGE office.

### Foundation

The KAGE Foundation was established to provide financial assistance for gifted students attending summer programs offered by Kentucky's public universities. It provides a program of major giving for businesses, individuals, foundations, and groups who want to make an important investment in young people in Kentucky.

## KAGE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Only with your support can we create a powerful voice for the gifted community in Kentucky.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be placed on the KAGE LISTSERV? yes\_\_ no\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Household (\$30/year)     Institutional (\$100/year)  
 New     Renewal

### Classification

Parent/Guardian     Resource Teacher  
 Gifted Coordinator     Counselor  
 Teacher     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Administrator

KAGE Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: local chapter dues are additional to this amount and should be made payable to local chapters.

**Please make checks payable to  
KAGE and mail to  
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## KAGE FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

KAGE members are encouraged to include a contribution to the KAGE Foundation when initiating or renewing their KAGE memberships. Foundation contributions are tax-deductible. If you are including a contribution, please fill in the amount here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

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