



*"finding cooperative conservation solutions for birds and
the natural world through science and education"*

Dear Oklahoma Art Teachers,

We are pleased to announce the thirteenth annual **Sutton Award Scholarship Program**. This is a great opportunity for Oklahoma high school students, grades 10th-12th, to receive significant funding for their continuing education or for other aspects of their future!

As you may be aware, today's students have few opportunities to interact directly with nature. As a result, television, movies, and photography have become important links that connect students to the natural world. In that regard, the **Sutton Avian Research Center**, an internationally renowned ornithological research and conservation organization based near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is offering its annual scholarship competition for the Sutton Award. This award recognizes those students who demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in compelling ways.

The Sutton Center is again proud to have **NatureWorks, Inc.** as an additional, primary scholarship partner. NatureWorks, located in Tulsa, is a non-profit organization assisting in the development and conservation of wildlife preserves, wildlife habitats, and educational opportunities for adults and children regarding the values of sharing our homeland with wildlife. NatureWorks holds an annual Wildlife Art Show and Sale featuring many of the nation's finest wildlife painters, sculptors, and carvers.

Enclosed you will find the application and information sheet. Feel free to make or print additional copies for each applicant. A downloadable application form can be found online at www.suttoncenter.org/art, the natureworks.org website on the page for "**Student Art Competition**," and willowbrush.com. New this year, is the **early online submission** of the essay and a photo of the presentation piece. Starting in January these websites will provide the links used to submit your entries. Please make note of the new drop off location for the convenience of Oklahoma City and western Oklahoma area schools. New dates and times are listed for both drop off locations. Also we are very grateful to Willowbrush Gallery + Studio for hosting us again this year as well as the Oklahoma Center for Art Education for helping us with the new Edmond drop off location!

With the generosity and financial support of NatureWorks among other sponsors, the Sutton Award scholarship program is able to offer financial recognition to Oklahoma's 10th, 11th, and 12th graders as well as to many of their teachers. The winning scholarship entries will be featured at the NatureWorks Wildlife Art Show (see www.natureworks.org)!

If you have questions or need additional information or entry forms for the Sutton Award scholarships, please visit www.suttoncenter.org/art or contact Karen Kilbourne, 918-336-7778 or karen@suttoncenter.org. Thank you for your continued support of the Sutton Center!

Best Regards,

Karen Kilbourne
George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center



FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATING CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES

As our society becomes more urbanized, humans have fewer opportunities to interact directly with nature. Television, movies, art and photography have become crucial links that connect us to the natural world. Through media and the visual arts, conservationists alert us to today's important environmental issues. They help us develop a greater understanding of the complex relationships upon which all life depends.

About the Sutton Center.

The George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center is a nationally-renowned, non-profit organization, whose mission is to “find cooperative conservation solutions for birds and the natural world through science and education.”

The Sutton Avian Research Center admires and has honored talented, professional conservationists who capture the beauty of our planet with film, photos, art and music, and then bring it into our classrooms and living rooms for our appreciation, enjoyment and education.

In 2017, for the thirteenth time, the Sutton Avian Research Center in partnership with NatureWorks and other sponsors, will honor talented high school students for excellence in conservation communication. Selected instructors of winning students will also be honored.

About the Sutton Award.

The Sutton Award recognizes high school students, grades ten through twelve, who demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in compelling ways.

The Sutton Award is comprised of up to \$20,000 in cash to be distributed among students, and among selected instructors of winning students as determined by the selection committee.



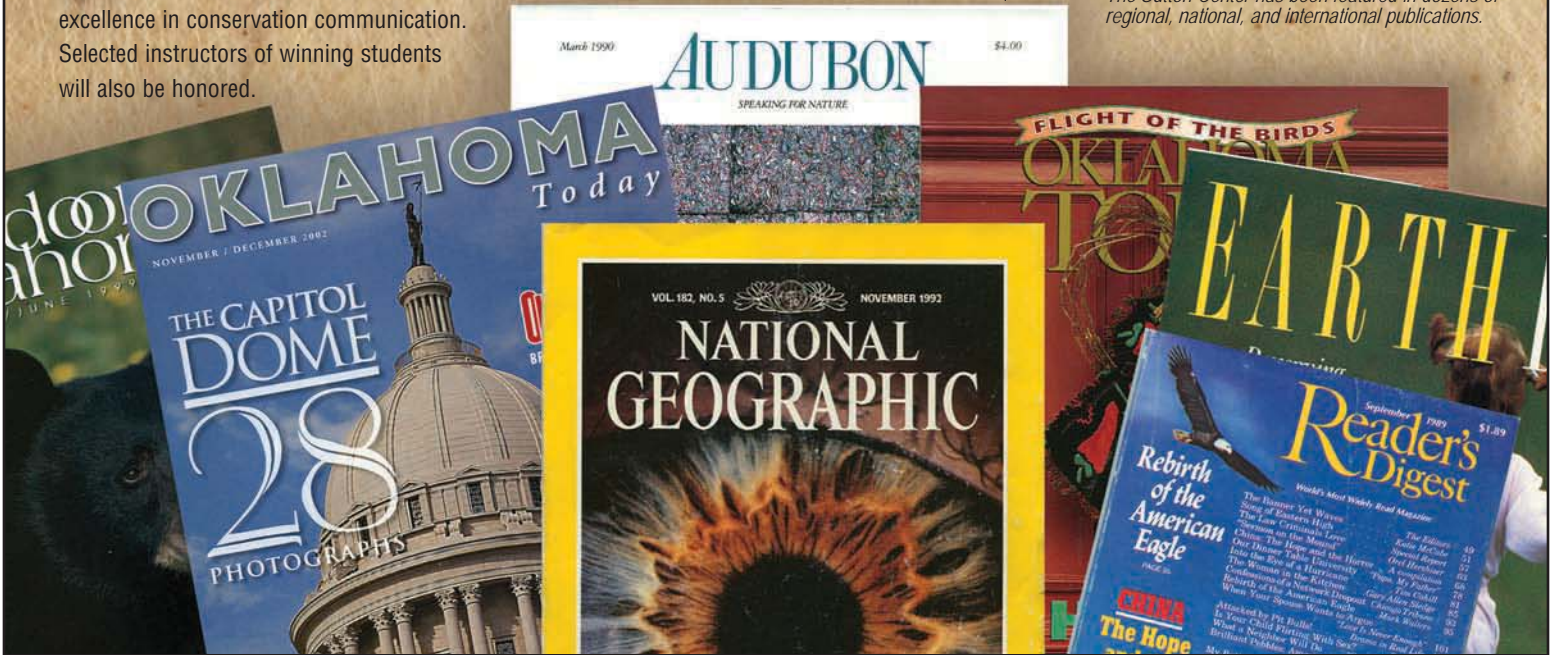
Eligibility.

1. Student must be in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade.
2. Student must be attending school (public, private or home-school) in the state of Oklahoma.
3. Student must not be an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of the Sutton Center.

WITH GENEROUS ASSISTANCE FROM SUTTON'S PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION.

NatureWorks
Bama Companies
Willowbrush Studio + Gallery
and additional supporters

The Sutton Center has been featured in dozens of regional, national, and international publications.



Application Requirements.

1. Create and submit a presentation piece that tells an intriguing story about a current conservation topic, such as water, air or soil quality, or wildlife conservation. The project should specifically focus on your personal interest and/or involvement in conservation; (This accounts for two-thirds of total score.)

2. Choose ONE of the following format categories for your presentation: (All pieces, to which it would apply, must be matted in black before submitting.)

a. Fine Art –May be a drawing, painting, sculpture or mixed media.

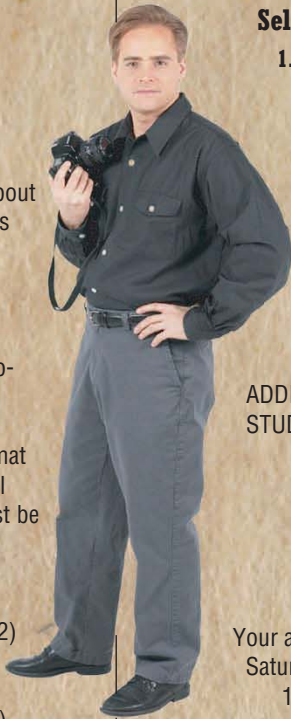
b. Photo Essay –Photographs (1-12) mounted suitably for presentation.

c. Advertisement –May be a poster or other medium. (No videos).

3. Include a brief but detailed Project Essay (one page) which explains why you chose your subject, describes the project and explains what impact, if any, your project may have on conservation. **(This accounts for one-third of total score.)**

4. Complete the attached official scholarship application and include it with your entry. Entries will be judged both on the presentation piece **(two-thirds)** and the project essay **(one-third)**.

5. The essay and a photo of your entry will be submitted online. **Online submission** is open January 6 - 11. For more information on submitting your entry please visit www.suttoncenter.org/art or willowbrush.com Online entries not received by January 11 will not be considered for the show.



Selection Process.

1. Submit your presentation piece and your official scholarship entry form to:

Willowbrush Studio + Gallery
8545 E. 41st St.
Tulsa, OK 74145
Tel: 918-301-2718

Your art entry may be received:
Thursday, January 12, 2017
and Friday, January 13, 2017
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL DROP OFF POINT FOR STUDENTS IN THE OKC AREA:

Oklahoma Center for Arts Education
University of Central Oklahoma
100 N. University Drive, Evans Hall
Edmond, OK 73034
Tel: 405-974-3754
Website: www.ocae.net

Your art entry may be received:
Saturday January 14, 2017
10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m

2. Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of representatives from NatureWorks, Philbrook Museum of Art, the Sutton Avian Research Center and informed corporate representatives.

3. Entries will be evaluated based on their power to effectively communicate a current conservation issue.

4. The selection committee will announce the winners on February 4, 2017 at the Willowbrush reception. Winners will be invited to attend opening ceremonies at the NatureWorks Art Show and Sale 2017.

5. The committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be exchanged.



Award Conditions.

1. Winners must agree to publication of their likenesses and names for promotional and publicity purposes. By submitting an entry, applicants authorize the Sutton Avian Research Center to use all materials in future promotional and educational publications or for other purposes as required, without further compensation.

2. All Tulsa drop off entries must be picked up on February 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at:

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3. The Sutton Avian Research Center, selection committee and/or sponsors will not be held liable for any loss or damage to entries.

For more information, go to:

www.suttoncenter.org/art or
www.natureworks.org
or call: Karen Kilbourne
Sutton Avian Research Center
918-336-7778

This scholarship information and entry form may be found at www.suttoncenter.org/art





2017 Scholarship Form

Description of entry (including medium):

Entrant Information

Full Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

School: _____

Principal's Name: _____

School Phone: () _____

To be completed by the entrant's teacher (or if home-schooled, by parent)

I declare that the work for this entry was completed by the entrant.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____

Prizes

Awards totaling as much as \$20,000 are available to students and their teachers as determined by the selection committee.

To be complete, your entry must include:

1. This completed Application, signed by your teacher (or if home-schooled, by your parent)
2. Your Presentation Piece that falls into one of the listed Categories (2/3 Credit)
3. Your typed Project Essay (1/3 Credit) (not to exceed one page)
4. Your **online submission** of a photo of your Presentation Piece and your essay by the January 6-11 deadline. Please visit www.suttoncenter.org/art or willowbrush.com for the online submission opening on January 6.

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