



SUTTON ART AWARD

for Excellence in Communicating Current Conservative Issues



About the Sutton Art Award

Established in 2003 by the Sutton Avian Research Center, the Sutton Art Award recognizes high school students who demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in compelling ways. The Sutton Art Award is comprised of up to \$20,000 in cash which will be distributed to winning student submissions and their instructors as determined by the selection committee.

Eligibility

1. Student must be a current Oklahoma student (public, private, or homeschooled) in grades 9-12.
2. Student must not be an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of the Sutton Center or NatureWorks.

Submission Requirements

1. There is no entry fee.
2. Only one entry per student.
3. Create and submit a Fine Art 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.) If you would like to know more about threatened and endangered species in Oklahoma and help tell their stories, go to <https://www.WildlifeDepartment.com/wildlife/wildlife-diversity/threatened-and-endangered>
4. Compose a short essay where you tell us about the wildlife conservation story behind your artwork and what you want people to know about the topic. (This accounts for one-third of total score.)
 - a. Essay Formatting: Word document, one-page, double spaced, 12 pt. Arial font, 1-inch margins, no indents, black/white print, no background, title of your piece (bolded and centered) at the top of the page.
 - b. Title of your essay should match the title of your piece.
 - c. Do NOT include your name or school on your essay.
 - d. Proper grammar, spelling, etc. count toward your score.
 - e. Essays will be displayed alongside your Fine Art piece.
5. Choose ONE of the following format categories:
 - a. 2-D Category: Submissions may include painting, drawing, etc.
 - b. 3-D Category: Submissions may include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, etc. No video submissions will be accepted.
 - c. Photography Category: Submissions may include up to 6 color or black/white photographs.
6. Your essay and a photo of your Fine Art piece must be submitted online at www.suttoncenter.org/art. Online submission is open February 1 - February 16. Online submission ends at Midnight CST on **February 16**. No late submissions will be accepted.



Submission Locations

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all submissions will be entered and judged online. For instructions on entering, photographing artwork and tips on essay writing, please go to suttoncenter.org/art

Award Notification

1. All qualified entries will be showcased online from February 18-March 7
2. Winning entries will be announced at the Sutton Art Award reception on Sunday, March 7 at the virtual Showcase and Award Ceremony on Facebook Live from 2–3:30 pm. All students, families and teachers are invited to attend. A link will be sent via email to all entered students and participating teachers.
3. Winning artwork will be displayed on suttoncenter.org and on Sutton's Facebook page.
4. The committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be exchanged.

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