

# SUTTON AWARD

*for Excellence in Communicating Current Conservation Issues*



## About the Sutton Award

Established in 2005 by the Sutton Avian Research Center, the Sutton Award recognizes high school students who demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in compelling ways. The Sutton Award is comprised of up to \$20,000 which will be distributed to the students with winning submissions and their instructors as determined by the selection committee. The 2025 Sutton Award is made possible through continued support from NatureWorks and other generous donors.

## Eligibility

1. Participant must be a current Oklahoma student (public, private or home schooled) 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. Only **ONE** entry per student. There is no entry fee.
2. Create & submit a presentation piece that tells a story about a current conservation topic such as air or soil quality, water or wildlife conservation. The project should focus on your personal interest &/or involvement in conservation. **(2/3 of scoring)**
3. Write a short essay that tells us the conservation story behind your artwork & what you want people to know about the topic. Essays will be displayed alongside your art piece. **(1/3 of scoring)**
  - a. Essay Formatting: One-page Word document, double-spaced, 12 pt. Arial font, 1-inch margins, no indents, black/white print. (Proper grammar, spelling, etc. count toward your score.)
  - b. Title of essay should be boldfaced, centered at the top of your essay page & match the title of art piece. **DO NOT include your name or school in your essay.**
4. Choose **ONE** of the following art categories for your presentation:
  - a. **2-D:** Submissions may include painting, drawing, etc. Winning submissions must be matted & wrapped, no larger than 24" x 24" (including mat).
  - b. **3-D:** Submissions may include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, etc. No video submissions will be accepted. Please include one photo that shows scale.
  - c. **Photography:** Submissions may include up to six color or black/white photographs. Winning photos must be matted & wrapped, with a combined size no larger than 24" x 24" (including mats).
5. Essay & photo of your art piece must be submitted online at: <https://2025suttonaward.artcall.org>. **Online submission is open 12/2/2024 & will close at 11:59 PM CST on 01/17/2025. No late submissions will be accepted.**

## Award Notification

1. All qualified entries will be judged online & displayed at [www.suttoncenter.org](http://www.suttoncenter.org).
2. Winning entries will be notified by the Sutton Center via email.
3. Top 20 award-winning art pieces will be collected & displayed at the Sutton Award Showcase following the judging.
4. Checks will be mailed to students & instructors at the school address after the Sutton Award Showcase.
5. The judging committee's decisions are final & no correspondence will be exchanged with judges.

*Thank you for participating in the 2025 Sutton Award!*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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