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AWARD

FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATING CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES

*As our society becomes more and more urban, humans have less and less opportunity to interact directly with nature. Television, movies 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, affiliated with the Oklahoma Biological Survey and College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma, whose mission is to find cooperative conservation solutions for birds and the natural world through science and education.

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

In 2009, for the fifth time, the Sutton Avian Research Center will also 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 a current conservation topic in a most artistic, dramatic and/or compelling way.

The Sutton Award is comprised of up to \$15,000 in cash to be distributed to the students, and to 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 or the University of Oklahoma.

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



