

NatureWorks

Sutton Avian
Research Center

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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.

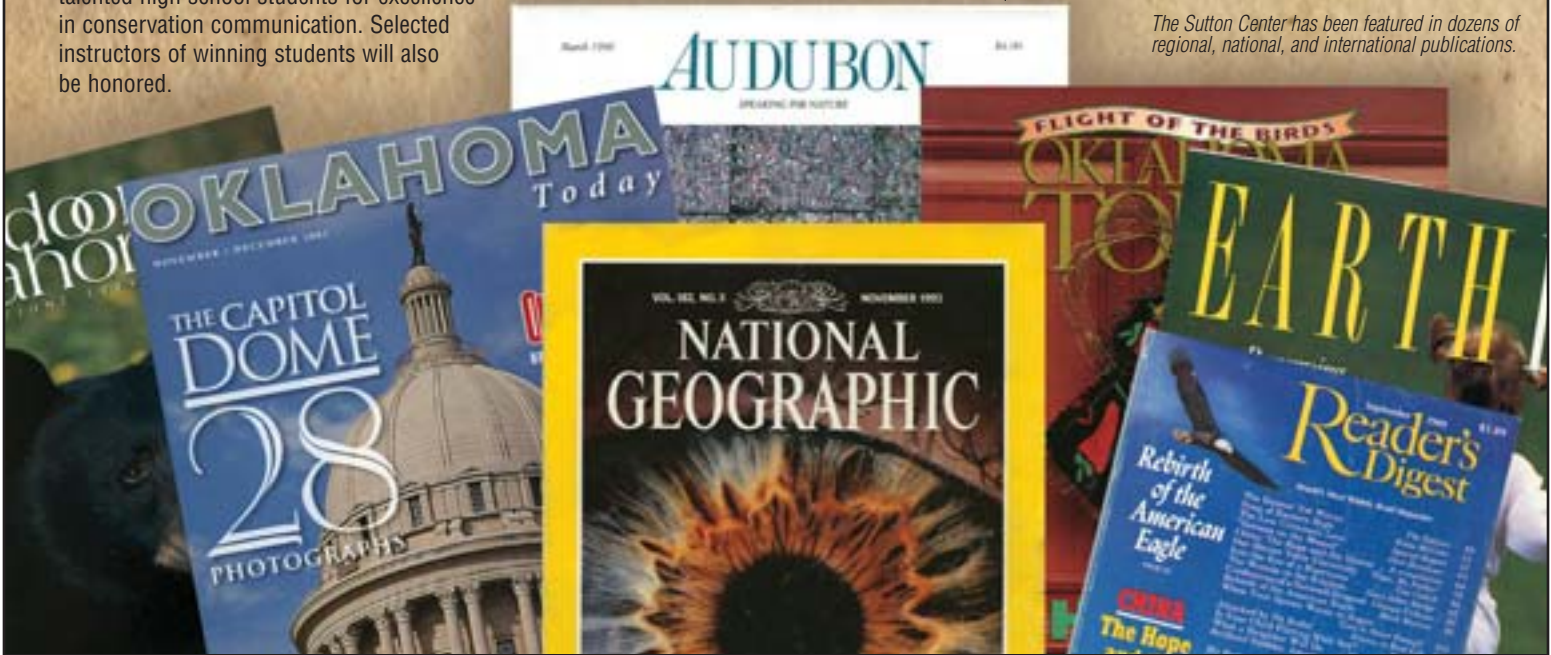
1. Student must be in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade.
2. Student must be attending school (public, private or home-school) in the state of Oklahoma.
3. Student must not be an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of the Sutton Center or the University of Oklahoma.

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





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:

a. Movie – Must be on VHS or DVD (Quicktime or Windows Media format) and include narration and/or music. Not to exceed 15 minutes in length.

b. Photo Essay – Photographs (2-12) mounted suitably for presentation or presented as a slide show/Powerpoint presentation.

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

d. Advertising – Television commercial, poster, website or other medium.

3. Include a brief but detailed Project Essay (two pages or less) 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. Be sure that your application is signed by your teacher (or if home-schooled, by a parent).

Selection Process.

1. Submit your presentation piece, your project description and your official scholarship application *by appointment only* to:

**Riggs Abney Law Building
500 West 7th Street
Tulsa, OK 74119**

Contact Margie Nolan at 918.595.0005 or email mnolan@riggsabney.com
Entries must be received by 5 p.m., February 6, 2009.

2. Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of representatives from conservation organizations, the University of Oklahoma 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 one or more winners no later than February 16, 2009. Winners will be invited to attend opening ceremonies at NatureWorks Art Show 2009.

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 entries (excluding application) must be picked up Monday, March 2 through Friday, March 6, 2009 between noon and 4pm *by appointment only* at the

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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.



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

