



# 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 in cash which will be distributed to winning student submissions and their instructors as determined by the selection committee. The 2025 Sutton Award is made possible through the continued support from NatureWorks and other generous sponsors.

## Eligibility

1. Student 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. There is no entry fee.
2. Only one entry per student.
3. 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 the total score.)
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 the 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 (boldfaced 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 in 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 for your presentation:
  - a. **2-D Category:** Submissions may include painting, drawing, etc. Winning submissions must be matted and wrapped, no larger than 24" x 24" (including mat).
  - b. **3-D Category:** Submissions may include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, etc. No video submissions will be accepted. Please include one photo that shows scale.
  - c. **Photography Category:** Submissions may include up to 6 color or black/white photographs. Winning photos must be matted and wrapped, with a total combined size no larger than 24" x 24" (including mates).

6. Your essay and photo of your Fine Art piece must be submitted online at: <https://2025suttonaward.artcall.org>.  
**Online submission is open Dec. 2, 2024 – Jan. 17, 2025 and will close at 11:59 PM CST on Jan. 17, 2025. No late submissions will be accepted.**

### **Award Notification**

1. All qualified entries will be judged online and may be 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 artwork will be collected and displayed at the Sutton Award Showcase following judging.
4. Checks will be mailed out to the students and instructors at the school address after the Sutton Award Showcase.
5. The judging committee's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be exchanged with judges.

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

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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