

# 2017 STATE SUPERINTENDENT AWARDS FOR ARTS EXCELLENCE

"ARTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENT SUCCESS"



The State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence are awarded to high school juniors and seniors who have achieved artistic and academic excellence and served their communities. The arts have great value

and are an important component of a well-rounded education. Students who participate in the arts — whether music, drama, dance, or in visual media — acquire skills that transfer to other academic areas and carry forward into adulthood. Please encourage your students and children who meet the criteria to apply for these honorary awards, which I am honored to co-sponsor with the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education.

—Joy Hofmeister

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Oklahoma Association for Health,  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

Student Application Postmarked

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

Awards Notifications

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Awards Ceremony, Scottish Rite Temple  
Guthrie, Oklahoma

A recognition of outstanding artistic achievement  
for Oklahoma high school juniors and seniors

Junior

Senior

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APPLICANT NAME

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SCHOOL

## CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

High school juniors and seniors eligible to complete the application are those students who, during high school, have met one or more of the following criteria in their art form. **If an award is received as a junior, the student is not eligible to receive the award in that art form as a senior.**

## MUSIC: BAND ORCHESTRA VOCAL

1. Selected and participated in ALL Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OMEA) chorus, band, orchestra, or jazz ensemble; OR
2. Received a superior rating in a vocal or instrumental state solo competition sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association; OR
3. Auditioned successfully and participated in the Oklahoma Arts Institute; OR
4. Participated in a comparable national or state music event.

## PIANO

1. Named a district winner in performance for Oklahoma Music Teachers Association auditions; OR
2. Named a state, regional, or national winner of the Music Teachers National Association auditions; OR
3. Received the Guild High School Diploma; OR
4. Participated in a comparable national or state honor in piano.

## VISUAL ART

1. Competed successfully in the jury process and exhibited work in Young Talent in Oklahoma; OR
2. Competed successfully in the jury process and exhibited work in the Scholastic Art or Oklahoma City University Print and Drawing competitions; OR
3. Competed successfully in the jury process and participated in the Oklahoma Arts Institute; OR
4. Competed successfully in the jury process and exhibited work in a comparable national or state competition; AND
5. Submitted 2-3 images of original work (either color or black and white)

## DRAMA/THEATRE

1. Qualified for Regionals or placed first, second, or third at the State Speech contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association; OR
2. Selected for the All-Star Regional or All-State One-Act Play cast sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association; OR
3. Successfully completed the audition process and participated in the Oklahoma Arts Institute theatre program; OR
4. Been a 3-star Member of the International Thespian Society sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association; OR
5. Competed successfully in the audition process and participated in a comparable national or state program.

## DANCE

1. Competed successfully in the jury process and received an Excellent or Superior rating at the Oklahoma High School Dance Festival; OR
2. Competed successfully in the jury process and participated in the Oklahoma Arts Institute Dance program; OR
3. Competed successfully in the jury process and participated in a comparable national or state program; OR
4. Submitted a two-minute DVD of a solo dance performance.



Items 2-5 may be recreated and completed on a computer. In such cases, please limit your response to two pages and staple to this application.

**2. Please describe your involvement in at least one major art discipline: Visual Art, Music (orchestra, band, chorus, piano), Dance, and/or Drama/Theatre.**

**3. What are your future plans for pursuing this art form?**

**4. List your participation in any special academic programs (e.g., gifted/talented programs, independent research, science programs) and identify any academic awards you have received since the beginning of tenth grade.**

**5. Please list your extracurricular, community, and personal activities in the order of their importance to you:**

| ACTIVITY OR INTEREST | GRADE LEVEL | APPROXIMATE TIME SPENT (HOURS/WEEKS) | POSITIONS HELD, HONORS OR LETTERS EARNED |
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**6. Include brief recommendations from three individuals with your application. These individuals may be school administrators, teachers, community members, private teachers, or whomever you feel can best represent you.**

**7. To assist with publicity, please provide the following information about your local newspaper.**

NAME OF NEWSPAPER

CONTACT PERSON

NEWSPAPER ADDRESS

CITY/ZIP

PHONE

## TO THE APPLICANT

After you have completed the previous section of the application, please ask your principal or high school counselor to complete the following section:

## TO THE PRINCIPAL OR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Please assist the selection committee by completing the following section of the student application for the State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence competition sponsored by the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ranks \_\_\_\_\_ In a Class of \_\_\_\_\_ With a GPA of \_\_\_\_\_

This rank covers a period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

This rank is:    **weighted**    **unweighted**

Please list the student's courses and grades for the first semester of this year.  
Indicate which courses are Accelerated (ACC), Advanced Placement (AP), or Honors (H), if any.

| COURSE | GRADE | COURSE | GRADE |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
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Name of person completing this section of the application.

**Your signature** below verifies that the applicant meets the criteria listed on page 1 and is eligible for this award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE/POSITION

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL ADDRESS

## BEFORE MAILING CHECKLIST

- Processing fee of \$15 made payable to the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education
- Completed all application questions
- Attached grades, courses, ranking information completed by school official
- Attached three letters of recommendation
- Included a DVD of solo dance performance or 2-3 printed images of visual art, if applicable

**NOMINATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017, BY 4:30 P.M.**

### Mailing Address:

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**Award notifications will be mailed by Friday, March 31, 2017. Notification will include information about the awards ceremony on Tuesday evening, April 25, 2017, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma, at 7 p.m.**