

# 2015 STATE SUPERINTENDENT AWARDS FOR ARTS EXCELLENCE

“ARTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE – STUDENT SUCCESS”



“The State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence recognize high school juniors and seniors who have achieved artistic and academic excellence and have contributed service to their communities. I am pleased to co-sponsor this event with the *Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education*. I believe that students who excel in the arts acquire skills that are integrated into other areas of academic study and their adult lives. I recommend that school administrators, arts educators, and community leaders encourage the participation of those students who meet the criteria for this honorary award.”



Co-hosted by  
**Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education**

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Oklahoma Speech-Theatre-Communications  
Association  
Oklahoma Association for Health,  
Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**  
Student Application Postmarked

**Friday, April 3, 2015**  
Awards Notifications

**Thursday, April 23, 2015, 7 p.m.**  
Awards Ceremony, Scottish Rite Temple  
Guthrie, Oklahoma

State Superintendent Awards for Arts

## Excellence

Recognition of outstanding artistic achievement for Oklahoma high school juniors and seniors

APPLICANT NAME

SCHOOL

## Criteria for Application

High school juniors and seniors (Grades 11 and 12) eligible to complete the application are those students who, during the course of their high school years, 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.**

*Please check the box next to the art form in which you are applying.*

**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 Summer 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 Summer Arts Institute; OR
4. Competed successfully in the jury process and exhibited work in a comparable national or state competition; OR
5. Submitted a DVD or CD of 2-3 digital prints of original work.

\_\_\_ **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 Summer 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.



If additional space is needed to complete these questions, please limit your response to two pages in total and staple to this application.

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

3. What are your future plans for pursuing this particular 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 (out-of-class), 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

6. Include with your application brief recommendations from three individuals. 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

NAME 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 of the application.

**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 the current school year. Indicate which courses are Accelerated (ACC), Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors (H) if any.

COURSE	GRADE	COURSE	GRADE

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 SCHOOL PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE POSITION DATE

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

<p><b>BEFORE MAILING CHECKLIST:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Included processing fee of \$15 made payable to the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Completed all application questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attached grades, courses, ranking information completed by school official</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attached three letters of recommendation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Include a DVD of solo dance performance or 2-3 digital prints of visual art, if applicable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nominations and Supporting Documentation Must be Postmarked or Hand Delivered by Wednesday, March 4, 2015, by 4:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>                  Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education                  c/o Oklahoma State Department of Education                  Attn: Mr. Glen Henry, Director, Arts in Education                  2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 316                  Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599                  (405) 521-3034</p>
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**Award notifications will be mailed by Friday, April 3, 2015. Notification will include information about the Awards ceremony, scheduled for Thursday evening, April 23, 2015 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma at 7:00 p.m.**