



## 2008 Academic All-State

### General Information

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is a privately-funded statewide nonprofit organization created to recognize and encourage academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools. The Foundation recognizes outstanding public high school seniors through the selection of Academic All-State scholars. One hundred students will be selected by an independent committee. Each student will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and will be honored at the Academic Awards Banquet in Tulsa on May 17, 2008.

#### **Basic Criteria:**

1. An Academic All-State scholar is a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and who has excelled *within that student's own particular learning environment.*
2. Oklahoma *public* high school principals and superintendents are eligible to nominate *currently enrolled seniors* who meet *any one* of the **five nomination criteria** listed on the "Nominee Information Form."
3. *In addition to the minimum criteria*, students will be evaluated on the basis of their leadership abilities, motivation, academic achievement and character as maximized within each student's learning environment. The student's contributions to the improvement of school and community will also be considered.

#### **General Directions:**

1. ***ALL NOMINATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007.*** Please note that only information submitted *by this deadline* will be considered. (i.e., No information regarding improved test scores will be accepted.)
2. Submit only the materials requested. Any other items *will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee and will be discarded.* No information that has been submitted will be returned.
3. Student essays *must be typed, double-spaced*, on 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recommendation letters *may be single-spaced.*
4. The first page of the nomination *must be* the "Nominee Information Form." *Staple* all pages together (in the upper left-hand corner) in the order specified in the "Instructions for Submitting Nominations." *Do not enclose nominations in a folder or binder.*
5. Retain one copy of the application for your records. *Mail a total of four sets* of the nomination materials, postmarked by *Saturday, December 1, 2007*, to:

**Chairman of the Selection Committee  
Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence  
120 N. Robinson, Suite 1420-W  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102-7434**

6. The Selection Committee reserves the right to verify information and to discuss nominee qualifications with school officials.
7. If you have questions regarding the nomination process or need additional copies of the nomination forms, please check our web site at [www.ofe.org](http://www.ofe.org) or call the Foundation office at (405) 236-0006.



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### Instructions for Submitting Nominations

**The nomination will be deemed incomplete and *will not be considered* unless the following items are submitted in the order listed below.**

1. The "Nominee Information Form" (name, address and qualifications).
2. A current high school transcript of all completed courses *and* a list of courses in progress.
3. A list of academic honors in high school.
4. A list of extracurricular and community activities, clubs, honors and sports. Include any leadership positions.
5. An essay, written by the applicant, of *no more than 500 words*. **Please include a word count.** This is an opportunity for you to exhibit your creativity and express your ideas. The Selection Committee seeks specific information about your thought process.

*Give your readers a clear and candid picture of yourself by addressing this topic:*

Governor Brad Henry will declare 2008 as the Year of Creativity in Oklahoma, as part of the Oklahoma Creativity Project. According to one source, "The aim of the Oklahoma Creativity Project is to enable all existing and would-be Oklahomans to add value to their lives, for their own well-being and for the economic and cultural prosperity of Oklahoma as a whole." Oklahomans are urged to consider how each can help meet the goal. In 500 words or less, respond to the following questions:

- What are the greatest challenges facing Oklahoma in becoming the state of creativity?
  - Who has to do what to meet these challenges?
  - What skills and ideas do you have to address the challenges?
6. A total of two directed recommendations. A directed recommendation asks for specific questions to be answered in that recommendation. A copy of the "Directed Recommendation Guidelines" must be given to each person who is writing a recommendation.
    - A. One recommendation *must be written by a teacher who is currently instructing the nominee.*
    - B. The second recommendation *may be written by any other person who is not a family member.* This person must know the nominee well enough to complete the recommendation with specificity. This includes, but is not limited to, a past or present teacher.

***Please read and follow these instructions carefully. Make sure that each copy of your nomination materials is neat and legible and that each is assembled in the order specified.***



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### Nominee Information Form

This page must be the first page of each copy of the nomination packet. Staple (in the upper left-hand corner) all other pages behind it.

Information about the Nominee (Please type):

Name ( Mr. Ms. ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Scale \_\_\_\_\_

National Test Scores ACT Composite \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note that all test scores submitted must be from the same test date.)*

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students in the class

Total number of students sharing Class Rank #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of honors/AP courses taken, including the current semester \_\_\_\_\_

Number of honors/AP courses available \_\_\_\_\_

#### Qualifications:

A student must meet *one* of the following standards to qualify to be nominated for this award.

(Please check all categories for which you qualify.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Composite ACT Score of at least 30 (*on a National Testing Day*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Combined SAT Critical Reading and Math Score of at least 1350 (*on a National Testing Day*)

\_\_\_\_\_ National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist

\_\_\_\_\_ National Achievement Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist

\_\_\_\_\_ National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program Semi-Finalist

#### Information about the Nominator:

Full Name (Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent or Principal (Please Circle One)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_, a senior student at \_\_\_\_\_  
High School, \_\_\_\_\_, Oklahoma, for 2008 Oklahoma Academic All-State. I believe this  
student would make an outstanding representative of this school as an Academic All-Stater.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### Directed Recommendation Guidelines

*Nominee: Please make a copy of this page for each of the two people writing recommendations for you. Each recommender must follow these guidelines.*

#### **Qualifications:**

1. The directed recommendation format has been designed to elicit specific information regarding each Academic All-State nominee.
2. Your name, address, position and role in which you know the nominee must be the first part of the recommendation. ***The completed recommendation must be attached to the student's nomination form.***
3. Recommendations must be based on the following and *must be limited to one typewritten page.*
  - A. Give an example of an accomplishment that demonstrates leadership and/or character by the nominee.
  - B. How has this nominee taken advantage of the academic opportunities within his or her environment?
  - C. Give an example of the nominee's motivation toward excellence in life.

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