



2006 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 \$1,500 scholarship and will be honored at the Academic Awards Banquet in Tulsa on May 20, 2006.

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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2005.*** 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 1/2" 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 *Friday, December 2, 2005,* 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 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: Your generation has been raised in an environment steeped in technological advances that make you different from previous generations. Select an area of society of most interest to you and describe your generation's potential impact on that area.

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.) _____ Date of Birth _____

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 2006 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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