



TEXAS-OKLAHOMA KIWANIS FOUNDATION, INC.

Student Application
Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year
2016-2017

**Return this completed form to
your school by February 17, 2017**

Winners Announced
T-O District Convention
Friday, August 4, 2017
Foundation Luncheon
Abilene, Texas



Instructions to Students for Completing
Sophomore of the Year
Scholarship Application
2016-2017

- DUE DATE:** The completed application must be returned to the School by **February 17, 2017**
- SECTION I:** Complete Section I by typing or printing on the application. Sign the application and have a parent or guardian sign the application. The name of the Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Lt. Governor, and Division number will be completed by the local Kiwanis club.
- SECTION II:** Section II Each of the four (4) components is to be typed or printed on a separate page **in the requested format**, and attached to Section I. Please put your name at the top of each page(s), followed on the next line by the name of your high school

These scholarships are available to sophomores in Texas and Oklahoma. Each winner will receive a plaque and a letter of congratulations.

After graduating from high school, the university or college will receive the Scholarship funds, in the winning student's name. **After the student registers at the University, send a copy of the school billing statement and/or class schedule along with the student's account number to:**

The TX-OK Kiwanis Foundation
Attention: Sophomore of the Year
3010 W. Park Row Drive, Suite 100
Pantego, TX 76013 or by
FAX 1-866-574-0698.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

GOOD LUCK!



Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Application Form 2016-2017

Section I

Type or Print Application

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Applicant's name to be put on certificate: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade: _____

We attest to all of the facts contained in this application and we give permission for the information to be used in publication.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Print Parent/Guardian's name

School District: _____

High School: _____

Principal: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip : _____

Name of local Newspaper: _____

Newspaper Address: _____

The following two lines will be completed by the Kiwanis Club

SPONSORING KIWANIS CLUB: Northwest Austin Kiwanis

Kiwanis Lt. Governor: Raymond Miller Division #: 24



SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR 2016-2017

NOTE: Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification!

SECTION II

Section II has four (4) components. **The answer for each component is to be on a separate sheet of paper.** At the top of each page, type or print your name On the next line enter the name of your high school and list the page title on the third line. Each of your answers are to be on a single page, double spaced, with a font size of 10 or larger.

1. List the clubs and organizations of which you are, or have been a member, and offices you have held. Briefly discuss an office or organization that has been especially meaningful to you. Title this page “**Organizations**”.
2. How have you demonstrated LEADERSHIP ABILITY? Leadership may be defined as the ability to motivate others into action (Examples of demonstrating leadership are: Success in a youth organization, student government, school and community organizations, participation in athletic, dance, fine arts, effectively communicating to others either orally or in writing, by reaching others, etc.) Title this page “**Leadership**”
3. How have you shown the DESIRE TO LEARN AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE with others? (Examples of these desires are: asking questions and volunteering answers, joining discussion groups that are not required, researching a topic on your own and offering to share your discovery with others, etc). Title this page “**Knowledge and Experience**”.
4. Volunteering or “serving” your community is an important aspect of the Kiwanis organization. Do you feel there is a need for young people, like yourself, to be involved in service to your community? Why or why not? Title this page “**Volunteering and Service**”.

**THIS APPLICATION IS DUE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL
ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 17, 2017.**



Sophomore of the Year History

Walter Hurst was a long time member of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation Board and financial supporter of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation.

He proposed and lobbied the Texas-Oklahoma Board for three years to start a scholarship fund for sophomores. Finally in 1979-80* they agreed to start the “Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Scholarship.” In recent years, the program has normally been referred to as “Sophomore of the Year or SOTY.”

The Scholarship award is not based on academics, but on leadership qualities. A goal is to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores, and to encourage and prepare the next generation of civic and corporate leadership for America's future.

A second goal is to help sophomores gain experience and confidence in following written instructions when applying for scholarships.

A third goal is to educate people in the schools and communities about the Kiwanis organization. The number of scholarships awarded from year to year depends on the amount of money available from the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. Each club in the District is asked to contribute a minimum of \$5 per member as an annual gift to the Foundation. Special recognition is given to District clubs for a gift of \$10 per member.

The District SOTY awardees are given a personalized plaque and a congratulatory letter that includes instructions on how to redeem the award after enrolling in a college or university.

In addition to the scholarships given at the district level, many clubs award scholarships from their club fund. The Foundation requests that clubs giving scholarships use a name slightly different as to avoid confusion when the time comes for the students to receive their funds.

*According to the late, Past Governor, Marvin Sapaugh, the first convention where the Sophomore of the Year Scholarship recipients were selected and recognized was the 1980 Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in Oklahoma City