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the natural world through science and education"*

Dear Oklahoma Art Teachers,

We are pleased to announce the thirteenth annual **Sutton Award Scholarship Program**. This is a great opportunity for Oklahoma high school students, grades 10th-12th, to receive significant funding for their continuing education or for other aspects of their future!

As you may be aware, today's students have few opportunities to interact directly with nature. As a result, television, movies, and photography have become important links that connect students to the natural world. In that regard, the **Sutton Avian Research Center**, an internationally renowned ornithological research and conservation organization based near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is offering its annual scholarship competition for the Sutton Award. This award recognizes those students who demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in compelling ways.

The Sutton Center is again proud to have **NatureWorks, Inc.** as an additional, primary scholarship partner. NatureWorks, located in Tulsa, is a non-profit organization assisting in the development and conservation of wildlife preserves, wildlife habitats, and educational opportunities for adults and children regarding the values of sharing our homeland with wildlife. NatureWorks holds an annual Wildlife Art Show and Sale featuring many of the nation's finest wildlife painters, sculptors, and carvers.

Enclosed you will find the application and information sheet. Feel free to make or print additional copies for each applicant. A downloadable application form can be found online at www.suttoncenter.org/art, the natureworks.org website on the page for "**Student Art Competition**," and willowbrush.com. New this year, is the **early online submission** of the essay and a photo of the presentation piece. Starting in January these websites will provide the links used to submit your entries. Please make note of the new drop off location for the convenience of Oklahoma City and western Oklahoma area schools. New dates and times are listed for both drop off locations. Also we are very grateful to Willowbrush Gallery + Studio for hosting us again this year as well as the Oklahoma Center for Art Education for helping us with the new Edmond drop off location!

With the generosity and financial support of NatureWorks among other sponsors, the Sutton Award scholarship program is able to offer financial recognition to Oklahoma's 10th, 11th, and 12th graders as well as to many of their teachers. The winning scholarship entries will be featured at the NatureWorks Wildlife Art Show (see www.natureworks.org)!

If you have questions or need additional information or entry forms for the Sutton Award scholarships, please visit www.suttoncenter.org/art or contact Karen Kilbourne, 918-336-7778 or karen@suttoncenter.org. Thank you for your continued support of the Sutton Center!

Best Regards,

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