



## Instructions to Students for Completing **Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year** 2026 Scholarship Application

**The value of the Scholarship is \$600**

**DUE DATE:** The completed applications must be returned to the School counselor by **March 6, 2026**.

**SECTION 1:** Complete Section 1 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 or Trustee, and Division number will be completed by the local Kiwanis Club.*

**SECTION 2:** Each of the four (4) components is to be typed or printed on a separate page in the requested format, and attached to Section 1. Please put your name at the top of each page followed on the next line by the name of your high school.

These scholarships are available to sophomores in Texas and Oklahoma. Each Kiwanis Club within these states will nominate one individual to their Divisional Lt. Governor. The Lt. Governor will then select a single nominated individual to represent their division, and then submit the application and essay to the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. Out of the 40 active divisions in Texas-Oklahoma only 20 nominated individuals will be awarded the Sophomore of the Year scholarship.

**Winners will be announced at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in 2026. A representative of your Kiwanis Club will notify the winners. Scholarship redemption instructions will be included in the award letter.**

When the scholarship is requested by the student, the funds will be forwarded to the college, university, or technical (trade) school to be applied to the student's account.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. GOOD LUCK!**

# Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Application Form 2026

## **SECTION 1**

(Type or print application)

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

**We, the undersigned, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**The following lines MUST be completed by the Kiwanis Club**

KIWANIS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

KIWANIS LT. GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTO RELEASE

**This completed form MUST accompany the  
2026 Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation  
Sophomore of the Year application.**

The Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly to promote the Foundation and its philanthropy. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me or my child by reason of such use.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed)

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Applicant's Name (Printed)

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Parent's/Guardian's Phone Number

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Parent's/Guardian's Email

## **SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR 2026**

**NOTE: Failure to follow directions precisely as instructed  
will result in disqualification!**

### **SECTION 2**

Section 2 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. Please note use of ChatGPT or other AI in your responses is not allowed.

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 actions. (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 this 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  
COUNSELOR ON OR BEFORE MARCH 6, 2026.**