



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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed)

Applicant's Name (Printed)

Parent's/Guardian's Phone Number

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.”**

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