



April 2, 2015

Dear Educator,

The Oklahoma Council on Economic Education and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch are pleased to invite you to participate in the fifth annual **Outstanding Economics Student Awards Program**. Your honored student, his or her parents or guests, and a representative of your school will be invited to attend a dinner and awards ceremony at the Federal Reserve Bank in Oklahoma City on **Thursday, May 7, 2015**. If you cannot attend you may send another faculty representative to introduce your student.

We believe these awards recognize outstanding students and highlight the importance of an economic way of thinking. The awards are part of the comprehensive economic education programs of the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education and the Federal Reserve Bank.

Enclosed you will find the criteria for the selection of your student. After you have selected a student, please fill out the enclosed **Participation form** and **return it to our office by Thursday, April 23, 2015**.

Although the student will receive an invitation, please confirm the date of the awards dinner with them as soon as they are selected. The invitation will be e-mailed to those indicated on the form you return to our office.

The Oklahoma Council on Economic Education and the Federal Reserve Bank applaud you for your continuing support of economic education. We look forward to helping you honor a deserving student in your school.

Sincerely,

Pam Campbell, APR
Director of Public Affairs
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Oklahoma City Branch

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Executive Director
Oklahoma Council on Economic Education

Enclosures



2015 Criteria for Student Selection Outstanding Economics Student Award

1. The student selected must be a full-time student at your school who has maintained a satisfactory scholastic record.
2. The student must currently be in grades 9-12.
3. The student should demonstrate a strong interest in economics or display an economic way of thinking. The student does not need not have taken economics or currently be in an economics class, but may have taken business, consumer economics, social studies, government or other economics related courses.
4. The student does not need to be able explain GDP (but if they can eloquently, let us know!).
5. The student has a desire to learn more about economics either directly or within another area of interest (ie. sports, fashion, business, etc.)
6. The student is a leader and inspires an economic way of thinking at your school.
7. Individual schools can add additional qualifications as they deem necessary to the selection process.
8. The participation form must be completed and returned no later than **Thursday, April 23, 2015**. Only one participation form (student) per school site will be accepted. Educators or administration must decide on **one** student.
9. The student must complete the Outstanding Economics Student application and submit on or before **Thursday, April 23, 2015**.
10. Confirmation of receipt of the student application and participation form will be sent to the email address provided for the school representative within four business days. If you do not receive a confirmation please contact Sarah Shahan at the Federal Reserve Bank at (405) 270-8619 to inquire about your student's application.

Additional Information:

The student selected by their school will be honored and recognized as the Outstanding Economics Student at their school. The citation on the certificate will read: The Oklahoma Council on Economic Education and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch, on behalf of "school name," recognize "student name" as an Outstanding Economics Student.

The student and the student's parents or guardians will receive an invitation to the awards dinner along with the designated representative from each school, who have several minutes on the program to introduce the student honoree to the group. The awards presentation will be on **Thursday, May 7, 2015, with a reception at 5:15 p.m. and dinner and program at 5:45 p.m. at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Oklahoma City**. Each winner will have a maximum of four seats – one for the student, teacher and a maximum of two guests of their choice. **Due to limited space this year we will not be able to allocate extra seats.** There is no cost for the student or the school for the awards dinner.



**2015 Participation Form
Outstanding Economics Student Award**

This form must be received by **Thursday, April 23, 2015.**

School Name _____ **School District** _____

School Address _____ **School City** _____

School Zip _____ **School County** _____

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____
(Clearly print name as desired on the certificate)

Student Email _____

School representative who will accompany and introduce the student:

This person is required to attend on Thursday, May 7 – must be able to present student at awards

Name _____ **Title** _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Name of local newspaper(s) for town or county (required) _____



**Student Application Form
Outstanding Economics Student Award**

This application must be completed and submitted by the deadline for consideration in the selection of the Outstanding Economics Student (OES) Award. One OES may be chosen from each school and chosen by a teacher or administrator. A complete application must be submitted for the student.

Please send all forms to Sarah Shahan:

Fax: 816-218-0686

E-mail: Sarah.Shahan@kc.frb.org

Mail: Sarah Shahan, Public Affairs

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch
211 N. Robinson Ave, Two Leadership Square, Suite 300
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Questions? Call Sarah at 405-270-8619.

All forms must be received by **Thursday, April 23, 2015.**

Please print or type all information clearly.

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

School Name _____ **District** _____

*Name and Mailing Addresses of parents or guardians to be invited to accompany student:

Guest 1 _____ **Relationship:** _____
(Please give first and last names for name badges)

Email: _____

Cell phone _____

Guest 2 _____ **Relationship:** _____
(Please give first and last names for name badges)

Email: _____

Cell phone _____

**Due to limited space please note that only 1 school representative and 2 guests per student will be allowed per OESA winner.*

Instructions to students:

Type or print answers to the questions below. You may attach up to one additional document that either further explains your answers to these questions or that contains supplemental information of your choice.

- 1. Explain why you believe understanding economics is important to you as an individual, as well as why it is important that you have had economics as a part of your education.

- 2. In your opinion, what is one of the most important economic concepts that everyone should understand, and why?

- 3. Why do you think you are a good candidate to be chosen as the Oklahoma Outstanding Economics Student this year?



Outstanding Economics Student Award Frequently Asked Questions

Q: We have two students that our school feels both genuinely meet the criteria for this award, can we submit more than one student?

A: Only one student per school can be nominated and selected. Please collaborate with your colleagues and principal on who should be selected.

Q: The selected student also has a very involved grandma, step-father, etc. Can we request an extra ticket(s).

A. Due to very limited space we are only able to provide **two guest tickets**.

Q: Does the teacher or school representative have to be there?

A. Yes, the school representative has to be there to present the student. The representative needs to be someone that can genuinely present the student and the reasons why they have been chosen to receive the award. *The parent cannot be the one to present the student to receive the award.*

Q: What if we arrive late?

A. Because the event takes place after hours and the Federal Reserve office at Leadership Square is secure, it is impossible to get people in once the event has started. Please plan to arrive during the reception time between 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. **You cannot be admitted to the building after 6 p.m.**

Q: Are there monetary awards for the selected student?

A. No.

Q: Where do I park?

A. The event does take place in downtown Oklahoma City, so please arrange for extra time for parking. The following link will offer maps of nearby parking garages:
http://en.parkopedia.com/parking/garage/leadership_square/73102/oklahoma_city/

Q. How should I dress for the event?

A. Since this is a high achievement, we respectfully suggest professional business attire for all attendees.