

Outstanding ECONOMIC STUDENT AWARDS



March 1, 2023

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 **13th Annual Outstanding Economic Student Awards Program**. Your honored student, his or her parents/guardians 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 **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**. If you cannot attend, you may send another school representative to introduce your student. Please note that our location for dinner may change based on Federal Reserve Bank capacity guidelines.

In recognizing these outstanding students, we highlight the importance of an economic way of thinking. The awards are a 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 online Student Nomination Form **by Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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 emailed to those indicated on the online form you submit.

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 from your school.

Sincerely,

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Criteria for 2023 Student Selection and Nomination

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 to 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. For example, the student does not necessarily have to be able to explain GDP, but certainly the ability to do so is commendable.
4. The student has a desire to learn more about economics (business development, entrepreneurship, economic drivers, etc.) either directly or within another area of interest (i.e. sports, music, fashion, business, etc.)
5. The student has leadership potential and inspires an economic way of thinking at your school.
6. Individual schools can add additional qualifications as they deem necessary to the selection process.
7. The online Student Nomination Form must be completed by a teacher or school representative no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**. **Only one Student Nomination Form (student) per school** site will be accepted. Educators or administration must decide on **ONE** student.
8. The student must complete the online Student/Guest Information and Student Questionnaire Form on or before **Friday, April 14, 2023**.
9. Confirmation of receipt of the Student Nomination Form and Student/Guest Information and Student Questionnaire Form will be sent to the email address provided for the school representative within five business days. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Angel Allen at the Federal Reserve Bank (Angel.Allen@kc.frb.org) to inquire about your student's nomination.

Additional Information:

The student selected by their school will be honored and recognized as the Outstanding Economic 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 Economic Student.

The student and the student's parents/guardians will receive an invitation to the awards dinner along with the designated representative from each school, who will introduce the student honoree to the group. The awards presentation will be on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023, with a reception at 5:15 pm and dinner and program at 5:45 pm at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Oklahoma City (location subject to change)**. Each winner will have four seats – one for the student, one for the school representative, and two guests of the student's choice. Please contact Angel Allen at the Federal Reserve Bank (Angel.Allen@kc.frb.org) to check on availability of extra guest tickets if you desire additional seats. There is no cost to the student or the school for the awards dinner.

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2023 Student Nomination Form

Instructions to Teachers/School Representatives: [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online Student Nomination Form (only ONE student per school). Please submit this online form **on or before Friday, April 14, 2023**.

Be sure to have the following information before beginning:

1. School Information
 - a. Name
 - b. District
 - c. Address
 - d. County
 - e. Principal/Administrator Name and Email

2. School Representative Information (person who will accompany and introduce the student)
 - a. Name
 - b. Email
 - c. Phone Number
 - d. Dietary Restrictions

3. Student Information
 - a. Name (this name will be used on the student's certificate)
 - b. Grade Level
 - c. Email
 - d. Explain why your school feels this student demonstrates a strong interest in economics or displays an economic way of thinking. You can describe how the student has a desire to learn more about economics either directly or within another area of interest (i.e. sports, music, fashion, business, etc.) or how the student has leadership potential and inspires an economic way of thinking at your school. This information will be used as part of the recognition.

4. Other Information
 - a. Name of local newspaper(s) for your town or county
 - b. How you heard about the Outstanding Economic Student Awards

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2023 Student/Guest Information and Student Questionnaire Form

Instructions to Teachers/School Representatives: Please provide the information below to your nominated student.

Instructions to Students: [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online Student/Guest Information and Student Questionnaire Form. submit this online form **on or before Friday, April 14, 2023**. The responses to the questions may be used as part of your introduction/award presentation.

Be sure to have the following information before beginning:

1. Student Information
 - c. Name (this name will be used on the student's certificate)
 - a. Grade Level
 - b. Email
 - c. School Name
 - d. School District
 - e. Dietary Restrictions

2. Student Guest Information 1 (each nominated student may bring up to TWO Guests)
 - a. Name
 - b. Relationship
 - c. Email
 - d. Cell Phone Number
 - e. Dietary Restrictions

Student Guest Information 2 (each nominated student may bring up to TWO Guests)

- a. Name
 - b. Relationship
 - c. Email
 - d. Cell Phone Number
 - e. Dietary Restrictions
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3. Student Questionnaire Answers
 - a. 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.
 - b. In your opinion, what is one of the most important economic concepts that everyone should understand and why?
 - c. Why do you think you are a good candidate to be chosen as an Oklahoma Outstanding Economic Student this year?

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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 nominated student has siblings, very involved grandparents, step-mother/father, etc. Can we request extra tickets?

A. Please contact Angel Allen at the Federal Reserve Bank (Angel.Allen@kc.frb.org) to check on availability of extra 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 school 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. How should we dress for the event?

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

Q: Where do I park?

A. Leadership Square Parking Garage. Pull into the underground parking garage on the North side of the building on Robert S. Kerr Avenue between Robinson Avenue and Harvey Avenue (see attached parking information). Provide the building personnel your name(s) and that you are visiting the Federal Reserve Bank. They will open the parking garage gate arm.

From the parking garage, come up to the first floor and then use the SOUTH bank of elevators. Push Floor 3 and then the keypad will indicate which elevator will take you to the third floor.

Q: What if we arrive late?

A. Because the event takes place after hours and the Federal Reserve Bank offices 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 5:15pm – 5:45pm. *You cannot be admitted to the building after 6pm.*

Q: Are there monetary awards for the selected student?

A. No.

Q. Is there a cost to the student or school to participate?

A. No.