



West Family Lifelong Creativity Award

The West family is dedicated to helping foster creative expression through art in our family and want to extend that to the Durant Community. It is important that creative expression continues after high school has been completed. Unlike other high school activities (e.g. sports) which become harder with age, art skills can last a lifetime. We have seen the value in physical art – painting and sculpture. Students will have the opportunity to submit one piece of artwork with an accompanying artist statement for award review. All art will be reviewed by the West Family after April 18th with the following weighting: 50% technical application, 25% originality, and 25% artist statement.

The **Purpose** of the **West Family Lifelong Creativity Award** is to provide awards to high school juniors and seniors students based on the criteria listed below.

For 2024-2025, the **West Family Lifelong Creativity Award** will be awarded one award of \$250 and one award of \$100. **NOTE: Award funds will be awarded to the student at the yearly award announcement.**

Criteria and eligibility

1. Applicants must attend Durant Community School District.
2. Applicants must be a current junior or senior.
3. Applicants must have at least a **2.0 grade point average** (or a “C” average).
4. Applicants are eligible to win consecutive years.

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for award applications is **April 18, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
4. You will be notified at the yearly award ceremony **in May 2025**.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call Logan West at (515)408-5420.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed one original artwork.
2. Art can be either physical painting, digital print, or sculpture.
3. An artist’s statement should accompany the artwork. The letter should contain a brief description of the piece itself, how art has impacted you thus far, and how you hope to continue with the skill after high school. Letter should not exceed one (1) page
4. Artist statement should be hand-written, if need for typed letter, please reach out prior to submission.
5. Grade points will be verified with Durant High School Community staff, no official transcript needs to accompany submission.
6. Art can be delivered to the Durant High School guidance counselor office.
7. Art will be returned to the student after judging has been completed.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that my picture may be taken at the award ceremony. I hereby understand that if chosen as a award recipient, according to **West Family Lifelong Creativity Award**.

Signature of award applicant: _____ Date: _____

Name of Submission: _____