



What to Expect the Day of the Academic Awards Celebration

All of the day's activities take place at:

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center
2501 Conference Dr, Norman

Parking is complimentary for the event.



Noon

Academic All-Staters arrive for check in

Registration Table

» Lunch will be provided for the Academic All-Staters.

» Arrive dressed for the event. Business attire is recommended. There will not be an opportunity to change clothes, although you are welcome to wear comfortable shoes that you can change before the evening program begins. We suggest bringing a light jacket or sweater for the day's events.

» All activities from noon to 4 p.m. are for All-Staters only. If your family is traveling with you, they may enjoy Norman attractions in the time before the Meet and Greet at 4 p.m. For details on what attractions are available in the area, go to VisitNorman.com.

Noon-1 p.m.

All-Stater Lunch and Recent Alumni Panel

University Ballroom

You'll enjoy lunch while listening to a panel of recent Academic All-State alumni from 2020 to 2022 discuss their college and life experiences.

1-2 p.m.

Event Rehearsal

Oklahoma Ballroom

You will practice for the program with the microphone and the stage entrances and exits. **If you or your teacher guest need assistance with stairs to access the stage, please notify our office immediately.**

2-2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15-3:45 p.m.

All-State Alumni Roundtable Discussions

You will have the opportunity to participate in informal discussion with Academic All-State alumni who have pursued careers in various professional fields.



Roundtable discussions with Academic All-State Alumni are always a popular part of the afternoon activities.

4-5 p.m. All-State Meet and Greet for students and guests University Ballroom

» Enjoy celebrating with your family members, teacher guest and other Academic All-Staters. A photo booth will be available for you to take pictures.

» Before you depart for the ceremony, OFE staff will distribute a gift bag with award materials, including your \$1,500 check. **Please be sure you get your bag before you leave the reception area.**

5 p.m. Ballroom Doors Open Oklahoma Ballroom

» Prepare to be seated when the ballroom doors open. No tickets will be mailed. Your table number will be on the back of your nametag.

» Complimentary parking for guests is available in the Embassy Suites lot.

» You may be seated with your Academic All-State sponsor, the donor funding your \$1,500 award. We know you and your family will be pleased to have the opportunity to become acquainted with and personally thank your sponsoring partner.

» An event photographer will be circulating to take photos of you with your award sponsor and teacher guest.

» At your seat, you will find a small box that contains a gift for your teacher guest. You will be invited to present it to them at your seat during the ceremony. If your teacher guest was not able to attend, please take the gift with you and give it to them.

5:30 p.m. Welcome and Dinner

5:45 p.m. All-Staters Line Up for Formal Entrance

6 p.m. Award Ceremony Begins

You will appear onstage twice during the program. The first time you will walk onstage with your teacher guest, who will present you with your medallion. The second time, you will join the speaker for closing remarks and will sing "Oklahoma!" at the finale. The words will be shown on a screen, but they are also provided below.

7:30 p.m. Post-Ceremony

Please be sure you have your award materials and check as you exit.

"Oklahoma!" Lyrics

Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweepin'
down the plain
And the wavin' wheat, can sure smell sweet
When the wind comes right behind the rain

Oklahoma, ev'ry night my honey lamb and I
Sit alone and talk, and watch a hawk
Makin' lazy circles in the sky

We know we belong to the land
And the land we belong to is grand
And when we say
Yeeow A-yip-i-o-e-ay

We're only sayin'
You're doin' fine, Oklahoma
Oklahoma, O.K.L.A.H.O.M.A.
Oklahoma!
Yeeow!

