

# 2018 OKLAHOMA SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

## SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY GUIDE

### 2018 OKLAHOMA SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Saturday, April 14  
Test Sites Statewide

Students must be **pre-registered** to participate.

Register at [OklahomaHOF.com](http://OklahomaHOF.com) by March 20

### FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF EVERY OKLAHOMAN

PERSEVERANCE

GENEROSITY

INDIVIDUALISM

OPTIMISM

PIONEER SPIRIT

Learn more about these characteristics and the Oklahomans who have displayed them at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum in Oklahoma City.

This year, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is making available tuition grants and cash scholarships to high school students who have paid attention in their Oklahoma history classes.

In the Oklahoma Scholarship Competition, students in grades 9 through 12 take a test on Oklahoma history at one of the testing sites in the state. Regardless of where students take the test, they compete for scholarships in the county in which they attend school. Those with high scores in each county receive a cash scholarship or tuition grant to an Oklahoma college or university. Each of Oklahoma's 77 counties has at least eight scholarships available. Scholarships are made possible through generous donations by individuals, corporations and Oklahoma colleges and universities.

## STUDY MATERIALS

The contents in this Study Guide feature Oklahoma's greatest asset—our people—and are a supplement to the information found in Oklahoma History textbooks adopted by the State of Oklahoma.

### TEST DATE & TIME SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Students should arrive by 9:00 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. exam.

### WHERE THE TEST IS GIVEN

Sites statewide. See the full list at [OklahomaHOF.com](http://OklahomaHOF.com).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Students in grades 9–12 who attend school in Oklahoma.

### WHAT THE TEST COVERS

Oklahoma's history, people and geography.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

Two No. 2 pencils.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Register online at [OklahomaHOF.com](http://OklahomaHOF.com).

Individuals featured include the most recent inductees into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

The majority of questions on the Oklahoma Scholarship Examination will come from information in the adopted textbooks.



OKLAHOMA HALL of FAME

GAYLORD-PICKENS MUSEUM

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## FEATURED OKLAHOMANS

H.V. FOSTER

ERLE P. HALLIBURTON

TOM LOVE

FRANK PHILLIPS

T. BOONE PICKENS

JUSTICE TOM COLBERT

CONGRESSMAN TOM COLE

ROBERT A. "BOB" FUNK

JAMES J. MCALESTER

AUBREY MCCLENDON

SHANNON MILLER

JOHN NICHOLS

PHIL PARDUHN

HAL SMITH

ADA LOIS SIPUEL FISHER

SEQUOYAH

## H.V. FOSTER



Foster helped establish the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company (ITIO). Foster came to Oklahoma when the death of several relatives led to his being named company president

in 1903. The company that controlled the immense Osage oil lease was suffering. Knowing he could never develop the field in the three years remaining on the lease, Foster split it into hundreds of small subleases.

Foster became the richest man west of the Mississippi by making many others rich as well. The old ITIO building stands at the corner of modern-day Frank Phillips Blvd. and Johnstone. ITIO was later controlled by Empire Gas Company. ITIO/Empire eventually became part of Cities Service Oil Company. Later splits spread the company among OXY USA, Citgo, and Williams Natural Gas Co.

For himself Foster built the 32-room La Quinta mansion between 1930 and 1932 for \$500,000, now the administration building for Oklahoma Wesleyan University.



## TOM LOVE

Oklahoma native and CEO of Love's Country Stores, Inc. and Musket Corporation, Love graduated from St. Gregory's High School before attending college at St. John's in Minnesota and the University of Oklahoma.

After serving in the Marines, Tom purchased an abandoned Mobil station in Watonga. Less than eight years later, the company had grown to 40 discount filling stations. Love's Travel Stops originally concentrated in small towns but expanded to the interstate in metropolitan areas.

Love has been involved in both state and national oil markets and activities. He was presented with the "Corporation of the Year" award and was inducted into the Sales and Marketing Executives International Academy of Achievement. In 2006, Love was listed among the "50 Most Powerful Oklahomans."

## ERLE P. HALLIBURTON



Halliburton was born on a farm in Tennessee and, at the age of 14, began working in railroad construction camps and at 16 was operating a steam crane loading Mississippi River barges. In the Navy

he operated the Navy's first motor barge.

Back in the U.S. he worked for Perkins Oil Well Cementing Company. Cementing of wells was in its infancy and when he proposed several improvements, his ideas were rejected and he was fired.

After spending a few years perfecting his ideas, he had the opportunity to work with Skelly Oil Company and founded Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company in 1924. He purchased and operated a gold mine and hydroelectric venture in Honduras and engaged in farming and ranching.

A great, but little-known philanthropist, he and his wife made many contributions to improve civic and educational facilities in Duncan, as well as assisting orphans, the handicapped, and providing relief overseas.

## JOHN NICHOLS



An Ardmore native, Nichols graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. degree in Business and later his CPA.

With several partners, he formed Blackwood and Nichols Company, Ltd. and organized the first syndicated

oil and gas drilling program to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He formed Mid-America Mineral, Inc., which merged with Calvert Exploration and founded Essex Corporation, an oil well supply firm.

Nichols bought producing properties called Devon International Royalties and served as chairman and chairman emeritus of the Devon Energy Corporation. He formed Devon Resource Investors, a Master Limited Partnership on the American Stock Exchange.

Nichols has served as Trustee of the Randolph-Macon Women's College, a director of the YMCA, and was an active member of the development board of Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

Marking the largest single gift ever given by a corporation, Devon Energy gave \$10 million to the OU College of Engineering to help build a modern research center.

## JAMES J. MCALESTER



Acclaimed by contemporaries as the founder of the Oklahoma coal industry, McAlester also contributed to the development of McAlester.

Following discharge from

the Confederate Army after the Civil War, McAlester was given a memorandum that detailed the vast coal fields from an engineer who had surveyed Indian Territory. With this information, McAlester left school and moved to Indian Territory. At age twenty-four he entered the Choctaw Nation. He found employment with the Indian trading firm of Harlan and Rooks. Later he worked for Reynolds and Hannaford, a firm of post traders. Eventually McAlester bought out his partners and established a store near the outcroppings of coal. His marriage had granted him full citizenship in both Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and allowed him to stake a claim to coal deposits within a one-mile radius from point of discovery. Over time, McAlester's interests in coal burgeoned, and with the arrival of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, the J. J. McAlester Mercantile Company flourished as coal production soared.

## DID YOU KNOW? FROM THE OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME

**Erle Halliburton** started his own airline in Tulsa in 1931 called Southwest Air Fast Express, or Safeway Airlines, which later merged with American Airlines.

In 1972 **Tom Love** acquired a convenience store in Guymon, Oklahoma, added fuel pumps, and opened Love's Country Store — the first shop in the country to combine gasoline and grocery sale items.



OKLAHOMA HALL of FAME

GAYLORD-PICKENS MUSEUM

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## T. BOONE PICKENS



A Holdenville native, Pickens graduated as a geologist from Oklahoma State University and began working for Phillips Petroleum Co. for a monthly salary of \$290.

After three and a half years, he set out to become an independent geologist-oilman at the Anadarko Basin and the Hugoton Filed. On a borrowed \$2,500, Pickens and two partners formed the predecessor to Mesa Petroleum Company and eventually made it one of the largest independent producers of oil and gas in the U.S. He formed the United Shareholders Association and became the largest stockholder in Tokyo-based Koieto Manufacturing Company.

He created the B.P. Capital Energy Fund and has been a generous philanthropist to OSU and multiple other institutions, including the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum in Oklahoma City.

## FRANK PHILLIPS



A pioneer oilman and philanthropist, Phillips was only 29 when he used his savings from work and commissions as a bond salesman to found the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at Bartlesville. Success

in banking and oil went hand in hand for Phillips and, in 1917, he and his brother, L.E. Phillips, incorporated the Phillips Petroleum Company with 27 employees and \$3 million in assets. He would serve as chairman of the board until 1949 and the company would grow to more than 23,000 employees with assets exceeding \$1 billion. Always interested in aviation, Phillips backed Art Goebel's successful flight from Hawaii, the first non-stop flight westward, and supported Wiley Post in his test flights into the stratosphere.

Phillips grand home would later be donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society and Woolaroc, Phillips' ranch retreat remains open to the public.



## SEQUOYAH

Sequoyah was born circa 1776 at the village of Tuskegee, Tennessee. Although Sequoyah was exposed to the concept of writing early in his life, he never learned the English alphabet. He began to toy with the idea of literacy, "talking leaves", for the Cherokee people. Unlike the white soldiers, he and the other Cherokees were not able to write letters home, read military orders, or record events as they occurred. After the war, he began in earnest to create a writing system for his fellow Cherokees. He began by making symbols that could make words. He reduced the thousands of Cherokee thoughts to 85 symbols that represented sounds. In 1821, after 12 years of working on the new language, he and his daughter introduced his syllabary to the Cherokee people. It was approved by the Tribal Council and within months, thousands of Cherokees became literate. In 1822 Sequoyah visited Cherokees in Arkansas, and in 1828 he moved with them to Oklahoma. He was active in the political life of the tribe, serving as envoy to Washington in 1828 and helping Cherokees displaced from eastern lands. His statue is one of only two Oklahomans on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C.

## HISTORY OF THE OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME

Founded in 1927, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame was created to honor Oklahomans who had given outstanding service to the state during their lifetime and provide education programming for its youth. The organization honors citizens who have performed conspicuous service to the state and humanity with induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Being inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is the highest honor one can receive from the state. The Oklahoma Hall of Fame preserves Oklahoma's unique history while promoting pride in our great state.

To date, 691 accomplished individuals have received the commendation. The names, busts and portraits of the Hall of Fame members can be seen at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, where information on each member also is available on interactive computers in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gallery and on the organization's website, OklahomaHOF.com. In addition, the inductees are recognized on granite monoliths in the Heritage Plaza at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.



**Educational opportunities annually offered by the Oklahoma Hall of Fame include:**

**FREE FIELD TRIPS**

**SEE YOU SATURDAYS**  
Enjoy FREE admission and themed programming the second Saturday of each month at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame's Gaylord-Pickens Museum

**OKLAHOMA: MAGAZINE OF THE OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME**  
distributed to high school libraries statewide.



### ADA LOIS SPUDEL FISHER

A graduate of Langston University, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher dreamed of being a lawyer. However, Langston did not have a law school and at that time state statutes prohibited blacks from attending white state universities. At the urging of the NAACP, twenty-one-year-old Fisher agreed to seek admission to the University of Oklahoma's law school and challenge Oklahoma's segregation laws. Her application was denied, not because of her academic credentials, but because of her race. Fisher filed a lawsuit, represented by a young Thurgood Marshall who later went on to become U.S. Supreme Court Justice. After losing at the county and state levels, she appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court. The nation's highest tribunal ruled that Oklahoma must provide Fisher with the same opportunities for securing a legal education as it provided to other citizens. Fisher graduated from the OU College of Law and earned a master's degree in history. After practicing law in Chickasha, she joined the faculty at Langston University. She retired 30 years later as assistant vice president of academic affairs.

The following individuals  
were inducted into the

## 2018 OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME

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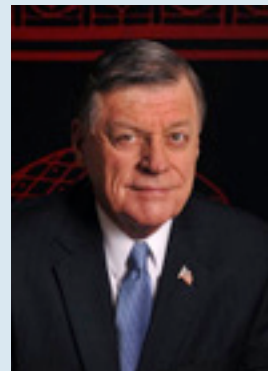
## JUSTICE TOM COLBERT



Tom Colbert earned degrees from Eastern Oklahoma State College and Kentucky State University before serving in the United States Army and its Criminal Investigation Division. He earned his juris doctorate from the University

of Oklahoma before accepting the position of Assistant Dean at Marquette University Law School. Returning home to Oklahoma, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for Oklahoma County before entering private practice. During this time he also served as an attorney for the Department of Human Services. In 2000, Colbert was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, serving as Chief Judge in 2004, followed by an appointment to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Justice Colbert made history as the first African-American on both the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and Supreme Court. He made history again, in 2013, when he became the first African-American to serve as Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

## CONGRESSMAN TOM COLE



Tom Cole was elected to Congress in 2002 and is currently serving in his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Identified by TIME Magazine as "one of the sharpest minds

in the House," he is an advocate for a strong national defense, a strong proponent for biomedical research, an advocate for taxpayers and small businesses, and a leader on issues dealing with Native Americans and tribal governments. Cole has a significant background of service to his home state of Oklahoma. Before Congress, he served as State Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party, District Director to former Congressman Mickey Edwards, and a member of the Oklahoma State Senate. He also served as Oklahoma's Secretary of State under Governor Frank Keating. Cole is a fifth-generation Oklahoman and an enrolled member of The Chickasaw Nation.



## ROBERT A. "BOB" FUNK

In 1983, Bob Funk founded Express Employment Professionals and established its headquarters in Oklahoma City. As CEO and chairman, Funk leads the company with more than \$3 billion in sales, 780 franchises, and employs more than 510,000 people annually in the United States, Canada, and South Africa. Born in Duvall, Washington, Funk graduated from Seattle Pacific University and completed his graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He holds honorary doctorate degrees from Seattle Pacific University, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southern Nazarene University. His success in staffing has afforded Funk the opportunity to enjoy his other passions: the nationally renowned Express Ranches and the world and national champion Express Clydesdales. He was named Most Admired CEO by *The Journal Record*, Man of the Year by *Impact OKC Magazine*, and inducted into the International Franchise Association Hall of Fame and the Sales and Marketing Executives International Hall of Fame.

## SHANNON MILLER



From Edmond, Shannon Miller is a gymnastics icon with seven Olympic medals! And, she is the only female athlete to be inducted into the US Olympic Hall of Fame . . . twice—once as an individual

and once as part of a team. She has won an astounding 59 International and 49 National competition medals, more than half being Gold. She is the first U.S. gymnast to win two World All-Around titles. Her tally of five medals—two Silver and three Bronze—at the 1992 Olympics was the most medals won by a U.S. athlete in any sport. At the '96 Olympic Games, she led the “Magnificent Seven” to the U.S. Women’s first ever Team Gold, and for the first time for any American gymnast, she captured Gold on the balance beam. Shannon launched her company Shannon Miller Lifestyle: Health and Fitness for Women in July, 2010. She continues to travel the country as a highly sought after motivational speaker and advocate for the health and wellness of women and children. Shannon’s seeks to empower women to make their health a priority through education and awareness.

## HAL SMITH



Hal Smith began his career in the restaurant industry while attending the University of Oklahoma and working at Across the Street Restaurant. As a working partner in Crosstimbers

Restaurants, he opened and managed units in Norman and Amarillo, Texas in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1973, he joined Steak & Ale Restaurant Corporation, as a manager trainee before being named president and COO and ultimately chairman and CEO, as well as a vice president of Pillsbury. His next ventures included roles as president and COO of Chili’s and chairman and CEO of Chi Chi’s Mexican Restaurants. In 1992, founded Hal Smith Restaurants, a restaurant management company headquartered in Norman. Multiple restaurant concepts followed, including Charleston’s Restaurant, Red Rock Canyon Grill, Mahogany Prime Steakhouse, Krispy Kreme, Ted’s Café Escondido, Louie’s Bar & Grill, Toby Keith’s I Love This Bar & Grill, The Garage, Upper Crust, and Pub W. Today Hal Smith Restaurants operates more than 60 restaurants in seven states, employing more than 6,000.

## PHIL PARDUHN



Chairman of Pelco Products, Inc. in Edmond and Pelco Structural, LLC in Claremore, Parduhn holds degrees from both Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma. An industrial engineer by trade, his career started in innovation as co-founder of VePed Traffic Controls and Trafco Constructors with his brother-in-law in 1961. There Parduhn focused his attention on the manufacturing and distribution of traffic-related products. VePed led to the successful launch of Pelco Products, Inc. in 1985, also a manufacturer of traffic-related products. In 2005, Parduhn launched Pelco Structural, LLC, which focuses on steel infrastructure for the utility, traffic, lighting, distribution, and communication industries. Parduhn holds numerous patents and has been awarded the Governor’s Contribution to the State’s Excellence Award, Innovator of the Year by The Journal Record, Leadership in Public Service Award by the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission, and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is the highest honor an individual can receive from the State of Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony is held annually in November, the month of Statehood

691 individuals have been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

Each member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is featured in the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, the home of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, in Oklahoma City