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## **ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE CONTEST OPENS**

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will select the best of the best among voluntary efforts to beautify and improve the state's environment. The prestigious Environmental Excellence competition has just opened with a statewide call for nominations.

Categories are open to business, individuals, schools, nonprofit organizations, the media, communities, youth and government entities. Projects eligible for nomination will be those in the areas of environmental improvement, education & promotion or beautification & landscaping.

To request an entry form, contact KOB at (405) 844-6543 or take care of everything by going to the KOB website at [www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com](http://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com). While visiting the website, you can read and be inspired by the stories of previous winners. You may get some great ideas from the award-winning projects submitted by the towns of Hooker, Shawnee or Ada. Or you may be inspired by the efforts of Keep Edmond Beautiful, the Ardmore Beautification Council or Medford Public Schools. You'll find dozens of interesting stories about winners from all around the state.

The deadline for entries is August 1 and awards will be presented at the final banquet held during KOB's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Oklahoma City November 7-8. This year's conference theme is "Livable, Lovable Communities" and will focus on why we love where we live. Participants will learn how ordinary citizens can work to make their hometowns more attractive, more successful and more like home. Details of the conference will be available on the website as they develop.

Keep Oklahoma Beautiful is a nonprofit, statewide organization dedicated to fighting litter, beautifying communities and preserving Oklahoma's environment.

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