The Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr. Award is presented to an outstanding International and Area Studies (IAS) graduate every spring semester. The Award recognizes an IAS student that has demonstrated high academic achievement, a commitment to public service and a desire to pursue a career in global affairs. The recipient will receive a cash award and recognition at the IAS convocation.

Admiral Crowe spent his formative years in Oklahoma and attended the University of Oklahoma before finishing his college degree at the U.S. Naval Academy. He would later receive a PhD in International Relations from Princeton University. In a career spanning half a century, Admiral Crowe served his country as a naval officer, scholar and diplomat. He worked with both Republican and Democratic presidents as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom. His keen military and diplomatic skills led many to describe Admiral Crowe as "the most powerful peacetime military officer in American history." Known as an independent thinker, Admiral Crowe was appreciated for his sharp and insightful analysis of geopolitical relations. He was also known for his support for the University of Oklahoma, having taught classes at OU on several occasions and having served as the first chair of the International Programs Center Board of Visitors. His friends and colleagues honored Admiral Crowe's service to OU by creating the William J. Crowe Chair in Geopolitics, which is held by the Vice Provost of International Programs.

Students eligible for the Admiral Crowe Award must earn a GPA of 3.75 or higher and exhibit dedication to international awareness and action. The Award recognizes student achievement beyond academic excellence. It celebrates students who distinguish themselves in terms of character, leadership, and outstanding contribution to the world around them. Admiral Crowe is remembered not only because he held prestigious positions and contributed much to our country, but because of the life that he lived and the kind of person he was. The Admiral Crowe Award honors the IAS graduate that similarly exhibits such outstanding qualities.

To apply, students should complete the award application, submit three letters of reference, a resume and an official transcript, and offer a 1-2 page essay stating their academic and leadership qualifications, career plans, and enthusiasm for world affairs. Please submit application materials to the College of International Studies, Hester Hall, Room 150, 729 Elm Ave., Norman, OK 73019.
ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR. AWARD APPLICATION FORM

General Information

Name: ____________________________________ Student ID: ______________ 

Major: ___________________________ Classification: ___________________ GPA: ______

Address: _______________________________ Phone: ______________________

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Students must submit a complete application, consisting of:

1. This application form;
2. An essay (1-2 page max) stating their academic and leadership qualifications, career plans, and enthusiasm for world affairs;
3. A current, official transcript;
4. A current resume;
5. Three letters of reference, at least one of which must come from an IAS professor; and
6. The original and 4 copies of this application.

I affirm by my signature that the information submitted with this application is accurate and complete. I understand that submitting false information will make my application for the award subject to denial.

Signature____________________________________________ Date___________

Submit all documents to the College of International Studies

Deadline is February 15th

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