OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR
Written Poetry
Category Description and Guidelines

Students write poetry in Native languages. Poems must be original works. Poetry encourages students to communicate without much language. It emphasizes symbolism, imagery and word selection with poetic devices in Native languages. Written poetry focuses on literacy and offers different creative outlets than spoken poetry. Only one written poem per student is allowed, though students may also contribute a poem in the spoken poetry category.

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DO

✔ Pre-register online
✔ Complete the material submissions page below and send it in with your poem.
✔ Email the poem: onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu

DON’T

✗ Write in English
✗ Use food, animals, or organic materials (grass, bark, leaves) if you send a hardcopy
✗ Plagiarize. Work must be original.

Delivery

We must receive all material submissions on or before the material submissions deadline posted on the website for pre-judging. You can email, print and mail or drop off your entry. Follow the instructions on the Material Submission form below. Attach a Material Submission form for each entry.

If you email your poem, label it this way: ONAYLF_YEAR_POETRY_LASTNAME
For example, ONAYLF_2016_Poetry_Johnson. We accept these formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf

Judging Submissions

Material submissions are pre-judged before the Fair. Please have the student complete the Material Submission form to explain more about the poem and its personal significance for the author. A panel of at least three elders, Native language teachers and/or Native authors will judge poems on these criteria:

- Inspiring use of language
- Effort
- Creative or symbolic use of language

Notes

- You can print and decorate your poem, but remember that it’s about language use.
- You must pre-register to receive t-shirts and awards. Please do so as early as possible.
- Make sure you keep a copy of your poem just in case there are problems with delivery.
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu or at (405) 325-7588.

By entering a performance category, you are agreeing to allow the ONAYLF and/or Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History to video record the performance. By entering a material submissions category, you are agreeing to allow the ONAYLF and/or Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History to retain a digital copy or scan of your material submission. This record will become part of the Native American Language collection at SNOMNH and is open access (but is not copyrighted to the museum). It may also be used in promotion of the ONAYLF, in Native language teacher training workshops, or in related NAL programs.
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Material Submission Form

- Affix this sheet to the back of EACH item submitted before delivering your entry!

**GRADE RANGE:**
- [ ] PreK – 2
- [ ] 3 – 5
- [ ] 6 – 8
- [ ] 9 – 12

**CATEGORY:**
- [ ] Poster Art
- [ ] Books & Literature
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School and Teacher: ____________________________________________________________

Title of Work: _________________________________________________________________

Tribe(s): ____________________________________________________________________

Language(s) Used: _____________________________________________________________

Describe your work! What inspired you? What does it mean to you? How does it relate to the Language Fair theme? What was your favorite part of your project?

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Mail or drop off your material submissions to us:  
Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair  
Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History  
2401 Chautauqua Ave.  
Norman, OK 73072-7029

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