Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair
Comics & Cartoons
Category Description and Guidelines

Students are invited to enter their original cartoons, comic strips or comic books/graphic novels in a Native American language. This category encourages students to combine art, storytelling, humor, and literacy skills. While the form may be modern, finding humor in everyday situations, telling humorous stories and illustrating daily life are traditional art forms.

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**DO**

- ✔ Pre-register online
- ✔ Complete the Material Submissions Form below and send it in with your comic
- ✔ Use complete sentences and grammar

**DON’T**

- ✗ Write in English
- ✗ Use food, animals or organic materials (grass, bark, leaves) on your hardcopy
- ✗ Plagiarize. Work must be original.

- Entries that include copyrighted characters (such as Marvel, Disney, etc.) will be disqualified.

We cannot judge or display these submissions. Avoid copyright infringement.

**Material Submissions Delivery**

We must receive all material submissions on or before the material submissions deadline posted on the website for pre-judging. You can mail, email or drop off your entry. Follow the instructions on the Material Submission form (below). Make sure to attach a Material Submission form to each entry.

**Judging Comic & Cartoon Submissions**

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

- ✔ Amount of Native language used
- ✔ Creativity in illustrations
- ✗ Use of complete sentences
- ✗ Effort in presentation

**Notes**

- ✔ 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 comic just in case there are problems with delivery.
- ✔ Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu or at (405) 325-7588.

*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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OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR
Material Submission Form

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

GRADE RANGE: □ PreK - 2nd □ 3rd - 5th □ 6th - 8th □ 9th - 12th
CATEGORY: □ Poster Art □ Book & Literature □ Comics & Cartoons □ Film & Video

Student/Group
First Name: ____________________  Last Name: ____________________

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:
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Norman, OK 73072-7029

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