

**OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR**  
**Spoken Language -- Skit/Short Play Performance**  
 Category Description and Guidelines

Students perform a skit, short play or puppet show in Native language as a group. Presentations promote fluency, confidence and creative expression in Native speech. Young language learners explore storytelling and dialogue in Native languages and gain experience with public speaking.

- The performance can include singing, but if music is the major part of the performance, please register under either modern song or traditional song categories as appropriate.

Category	Age Ranges				Size		Award		
	P-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Group	Individual	Trophy	Ribbon	Medal
Spoken Language -- Skit/Short Play	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		If present

This is a live category. You must be pre-registered and present to perform and to receive awards.

**DO**

**DON'T**

- ✓ Pre-register online
- ✓ Focus on **NATIVE LANGUAGE USE**
- ✓ Keep a five minute time limit (plus two minutes for set-up and exiting the stage)
- ✓ Use props, costumes and Native regalia

- ✗ Use scripts, notes or cheatsheets
- ✗ Speak in English
- ✗ Have teachers on stage, except Pre-K and K
- ✗ Use food, animals or organic materials (grass, bark, leaves) in the performance

**Judging Performances**

A panel of at least three elders, Native language teachers and/or Native speakers will judge performances on these criteria:

- Amount of Native American language used
- Presentation and poise of performance
- Ease and comfort of language use
- Spirit of performance

**Notes**

- You must pre-register to receive t-shirts and awards. Please do so as early as possible.
- Limited rehearsal space is available. This space is shared with other groups.
- Contact us if you're concerned about whether your props and regalia count as "organic."
- Group sizes and performance venues are subject to change based on registered entries.
- Students performing in multiple categories may experience scheduling conflicts. We try to avoid this, but help us out and let us know if you see a potential problem.
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at [onaylf.samnobleuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnobleuseum@ou.edu) or at (405) 325-7588.