

December 16, 2021

Dear Language Teachers, Language Program Coordinators, and Parents:

Greetings from the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair! We are pleased to announce that the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual ONAYLF** will take place in **April 2022**, as a **virtual** event of the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma. Due to continuing safety concerns surrounding COVID-19, the ONAYLF Steering Committee has determined that ONAYLF should not be held in person at the museum in 2022. The Fair will be held virtually on the ONAYLF YouTube platform.

The poster art theme for 2022 is “**Language = Strong Minds & Hearts**”.

Pre-registration is required. On-Line Registration will open **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** and will close **Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** The On-Line Registration System has not changed for the 2022 Fair. Access to the system will be through the ONAYLF website: <https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/oklahoma-native-american-youth-language-fair/onaylf-fair-registration/>.

You will need to create a username and password to use of the registration system. If you have trouble with the registration system, *or you know of a teacher who does not have access to the internet*, please call us at 405-325-7588.

We will have staff available to assist you on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm during January. The office schedule for February and March will be posted on the webpage in January. If you have questions or need information, please feel free to call 405-325-7588 or e-mail us at [onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu). Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The ONAYLF office will be closed from December 22, 2021 until January 5, 2022.

All submittals must be submitted to the museum or postmarked by **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Information for the Fair is on our homepage: <https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/oklahoma-native-american-youth-language-fair-2021>. We also have a Facebook page -- Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. If you 'like' or 'follow' our page, you can get updates quickly. Feel free to share the news about your students' preparations for the Fair on our Facebook page.

We are pleased to announce two new performance categories for 2022. The Spoken Language: Puppet Show will be a performance using puppets or stuffed animals. The Spoken Language: Mobile Video Category will be a mobile video suitable for posting on TikTok™ or Instagram™ that combines both written and spoken Native language.

The 2022 performance and material submission categories and eligible grade levels are:

Performance Categories (Submitted as Videos)

- **New Category:** Spoken Native American Language – Puppet Show (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **New Category:** Spoken Native American Language – Mobile Video (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Native American Language – Skit/Short Play (PreK-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Prayer in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Spoken Poetry in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Traditional Song in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Modern Song in Native American Language (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language Masters/Master Performance in Native American Language (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

All live performance categories will be submitted as a video. All videos will be posted on the ONAYLF YouTube platform for the month of April 2022.

Material Submission Categories

- Comics & Cartoons (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>) (pdf file or photograph)
- Film/Video (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Poster Art on Theme: "*Language = Strong Minds & Hearts*" (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>) (pdf file or photograph)
- Book (PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>) (video or slide show)

Poster Art and Comics & Cartoons Categories will be submitted as pdf files or photographs. The Book Category will be submitted as a video of the pages in the book being turned or a slide show. The Film and Video Category will be unchanged from previous years. The Topical Essay Category has been discontinued.

Please view or download the 2022 Category Guidelines from the ONAYLF website to make sure the submissions and performances from your students meet the guidelines. Each submission to the books, comics & cartoons, film/video, mobile video and poster art categories must be accompanied by a **Material Submission Form**. All entries to the poster art category must have a title (can be the poster art theme) and a statement about the artwork on the Material Submission Form. Material submissions received without a material submissions form will not be eligible for prizes. Please do not send actual books, comics & cartoons or posters to the Sam Noble Museum. All submittals will be in electronic format.

Each video submitted in a performance category must be accompanied by the **Submission Form**. Performance videos received without a submission form will not be eligible for prizes.

All materials may be submitted to the ONAYLF Dropbox™. Instructions for using the ONAYLF Dropbox will be posted on the ONAYLF website. Make sure add the Submission Form or the Material Submission Form to the Dropbox™ as well. Make sure the file name includes the student's full name or clear identifier for the group and matches the name(s) on the Material Submission Form.

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We look forward to you and your students participating in the 2022 Virtual ONAYLF. For questions, please call the ONAYLF staff at 405-325-7588 during the office hours listed above. You can also e-mail questions to [onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu).

Sincerely,

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***P.S. Please feel free to share this email or the attached letter to other teachers, parents, learners, or other interested persons that you know.***