

**OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2023**  
**Spoken Language: Puppet Show Performance (Electronic Submission Only)**  
*Category Description and Guidelines*

Students perform a puppet show in Native language as an individual or as a group which is recorded on video and submitted electronically. 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. Puppet shows submitted in this category are not eligible for the Spoken Language – Skit/Short Play performance category.

- The puppet show can include singing in Native language but must include spoken language as well.
- Spoken Language – Puppet Shows are video-recorded and the recording is submitted.

Category	Age Ranges				Size		Award
	P-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Group	Individual	Ribbon
Spoken Language --Puppet Show	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- You must be pre-registered to be judged and to receive awards.

**DO**

**DON'T**

- ✓ Pre-register online
- ✓ Focus on **NATIVE LANGUAGE USE**
- ✓ Keep a five-to-seven-minute time limit
- ✓ Use any type puppet or stuffed animal
- ✓ Video-record the performance and submit the video-recording to ONAYLF

- ✗ Use scripts, notes or cheat sheets
- ✗ Speak in English
- ✗ Have teachers in the video

**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
- Ease and comfort of language use
- Presentation and poise of performance
- Spirit of performance

**Submission of Performance**

We must receive all submissions on or before the deadline posted on the website for judging. You can mail or drop your video-recorded entry in the ONAYLF Dropbox. Follow the instructions on the ONAYLF website. Complete and submit a Submission Form for each Spoken Language Puppet Show Performance entered. Label your video: Performer\_Name\_Program\_Name\_GradeLevel.

**Notes**

- You must pre-register to be judged and to receive awards. Please do so as early as possible.
- An example Puppet Show is available on our YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyF\\_L10yHtHGUYNMEPKUNSG/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=3](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyF_L10yHtHGUYNMEPKUNSG/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=3)
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at [onaylf.sannoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.sannoblemuseum@ou.edu).

*By submitting taped performances and/or other material submissions, you are agreeing to allow the ONAYLF and/or the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (SNOMNH) to 1) post your submission on our YouTube Channel as a part of our Fair, and 2) retain a digital copy or scan of your submission. This record will become part of the Native American Language (NAL) 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.*

