

## OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2024

### 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 in 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 in-person category. You must be pre-registered and present to perform and to receive awards.

#### **DO**

- ✓ 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

#### **DON'T**

- ✗ Use scripts, notes or cheat sheets
- ✗ 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
- Ease and comfort of language use
- Presentation and poise of performance
- Spirit of performance

### **Notes**

- You must pre-register to receive t-shirts and awards. Please do so as early as possible.
- Limited rehearsal space at ONAYLF is available. This space is shared with other groups.
- Contact us if you're concerned about whether your props and regalia count as "organic."
- Examples of Skit Performances are available from the 2022 Fair on our YouTube Channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyF\\_L10yHtHGUYNMEPKUNsg/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=2](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyF_L10yHtHGUYNMEPKUNsg/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=2)
- 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.sammoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.sammoblemuseum@ou.edu) or at (405) 325-7588.