

## OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2026

### Comics and Cartoons *Category Description and Guidelines*

Students are invited to enter their original cartoons or comic strips 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.

- Comic books or graphic novels are entered in the Book category.

| Category          | Age Ranges |     |     |      | Size                               |            | Award  |        |            |
|-------------------|------------|-----|-----|------|------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|
|                   | P-2        | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 | Group                              | Individual | Trophy | Ribbon | Medal      |
| Comics & Cartoons | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | Each entry counts as a single unit |            |        | ✓      | If present |

### 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. You can upload the entry to the ONAYLF Goggle Drive site, send it by email, or mail or deliver the comic to the address below. A Material Submission form should be attached to or sent with each entry.

### Judging Comics & Cartoons Submissions

Comics & Cartoons 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 participation gift 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.
- Examples of comics can be viewed on the ONAYLF YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ6V\\_-LagbQVS5qHJLFLW4eaMt8S5v-Rd](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ6V_-LagbQVS5qHJLFLW4eaMt8S5v-Rd)
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at [onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu](mailto:onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu) or at (405) 325-7588.

*By entering a material submissions category, you agree 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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## Material Submission Form

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

**GRADE RANGE:**    ☐ PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup>    ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>        ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>        ☐ 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**CATEGORY:**    ☐ Poster Art                  ☐ Books                  ☐ Comics & Cartoons

☐ Film & Video

Student(s)

First Name(s) and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Language Program and Teacher:

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Tribal Affiliation:

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?

This section must be completed for your entry to be accepted.

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**Mail your material submissions to:**

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Norman, OK 73072-7029

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