

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2026
Film and Video (Electronic Submittal Only)
 Category Description and Guidelines

Students are invited to send in original Film/Video creations that are in a Native American language. This category encourages the use of Native American languages in new formats. Submissions may include documentary films/videos, animation of traditional or new stories and short dramatic film/videos.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pre-register online ✓ Complete the Material Submissions Form; send it in with your playable DVD or post it in the Dropbox/Goggle Drive when you post your film/video ✓ Do the scripting, filming and editing yourself <p>⚠ Entries that include <i>copyrighted characters</i> (such as Marvel, Disney, etc.) will be disqualified. We cannot judge or display these submissions. Avoid copyright infringement.</p> <p>⚠ Entries that are not in Native language will not be screened and are not eligible for prizes.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Speak in English ✗ Let teachers help. Students only please. ✗ Exceed the 10-minute time limit or your entry will not be eligible for prizes |
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Submission of Your Entry

We must receive all submissions on or before the material submission deadline posted on the website for judging. You may use the ONAYLF DropBox or Google Drive site to post your submission. You can mail or deliver your entry on a DVD or jump drive to the Museum. Complete and submit a Material Submission Form for each Film/Video entered.

Judging Submissions

Film/Video submissions are pre-judged before the Fair. The student(s) must complete the Material Submission Form to explain more about the video and its personal significance for the filmmaker(s). A panel of at least 3 elders, Native language teachers and/or Native filmmakers will judge films on these criteria:

- Amount of Native language used
 - Creativity and effort
 - Quality of video relative to the age group
- 🎧 • It's better to focus on *Native language use* than to worry about flashy video effects.
- 🎬 • Awards will be presented at the film screening at the Fair, but you don't have to be present to win.

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 Film/Video just in case there are problems with delivery.
- Some Film/Video submissions will be uploaded to the ONAYLF You Tube channel.
- Examples of ONAYLF Film/Video submissions can be viewed on the ONAYLF You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@oklahomanativeamericanyouth3680>
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at 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 and to post your entry on the ONAYLF You Tube channel. This record may 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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✓ *Affix this sheet to the back of EACH item submitted before delivering your entry!*

GRADE RANGE: ☐ PreK - 2nd ☐ 3rd - 5th ☐ 6th - 8th ☐ 9th - 12th

CATEGORY: ☐ Poster Art ☐ Book ☐ Comic & Cartoon

☐ Film & Video

Student(s) First and Last Name
or Group Name: _____

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 (posters)? What was your favorite part of your project?

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

Mail your material submissions to:
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