

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2026

Poster Art

Category Description and Guidelines

Students are invited to enter poster art using the *Language Fair Theme*. The original artwork must include Native language. This category encourages students to express themselves in their language. Posters must contain Native language. The Grand Prize poster art each year becomes the t-shirt design for the next year's Fair.

Category	Age Ranges				Size		Award		
	P-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Group	Individual	Trophy	Ribbon	Medal
Poster Art	✓	✓	✓	✓	no more than 2	✓		✓	If present

= Poster entries are judged individually. Two students can collaborate on a single poster.

= Posters larger than 11"x17" will not be accepted.

DO

- ✓ Pre-register online
- ✓ Complete the Material Submissions Form below and attach it on the back of your poster
- ✓ Use Native language in your design!

DON'T

- ✗ Write in English
- ✗ Use food, animals or organic materials (grass, bark, leaves) on your poster
- ✗ Exceed 11"x17" in size

Entries that include *copyrighted images* (such as Marvel, Disney, published art, tribal seals, etc.) will be disqualified. We cannot judge or display these submissions. Avoid copyright infringement and plagiarism.

Delivery

We must receive all Poster Art submissions *on or before the material submissions deadline posted on the website*. You can mail your entry. Follow the instructions on the Material Submission form. Attach a Material Submission Form to each entry. Electronic submittal of poster art entries is not accepted.

Judging Submissions

Material submissions are pre-judged before the Fair. Please have the student(s) complete the Material Submission Form to explain more about the poster and its personal significance for the designer(s). A panel of at least three elders, Native language teachers and/or Native artists will judge posters on these criteria:

- Amount of Native language used
- Age-appropriate artistic merit
- Creativity and effort
- Use of the language theme

The Grand Prize will be awarded to a single poster out of all entries, regardless of age range. In selecting the Grand Prize poster, the judges will consider how easily the poster can be converted to a t-shirt design. Small lettering, small figures, and number of colors may be considered. Students can only win the Grand Prize once. The winning design will appear on the following year's ONAYLF t-shirts and programs; the grand prize winner will receive five t-shirts with their artwork.

Notes

- You must pre-register to receive and awards. Please do so as early as possible.
- Selected posters will be displayed at the Fair and will be returned by mail after the Fair.
- Examples of poster art can be viewed on the ONAYLF YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ6V_-LagbQUQ4g1_KXlaXtEXt4bl1xwf
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at onaylf.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu or at (405) 325-7588.

By entering a material submissions category, you are agreeing 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 nd ☐ 3 rd - 5 th ☐ 6 th - 8 th ☐ 9 th - 12 th
CATEGORY: ☐ Poster Art ☐ Books ☐ Comics & Cartoons
☐ Film & Video

Student/Group

First and Last Name(s): _____

School and Teacher: _____

Title of Work: _____

Tribe(s): _____

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?
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Mail your material submissions to:

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