

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2026

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 be primarily spoken language.
- 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

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

DON'T

- ✗ 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 your entry on a jump drive or drop your video-recorded entry in the ONAYLF Dropbox or Google Drive folder. Follow the instructions on the ONAYLF website. Complete and submit a Electronic Submission Form for each Spoken Language Puppet Show Performance centered. 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.
- Example Puppet Shows are available on our You Tube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@oklahomanativeamericanyouth3680>
- Questions? Comments? Help? Contact us at onaylf.samnoblemuseum@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.

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Electronic Submission Form

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✓ *Submit this sheet with EACH performance entered!*

GRADE RANGE: ☐ PreK - 2nd ☐ 3rd - 5th ☐ 6th - 8th ☐ 9th - 12th
CATEGORY: ☐ Mobile Video ☐ Spoken Language Puppet Show

Student(s) First and Last Name(s)

or Group Name: _____

Language Program and Teacher: _____

Title: _____

File Name: _____

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.

Email or drop your submissions into our DropBox or

Google Drive folders

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Mail your submission on a jump drive to:

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