

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR 2026
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 singing is the major part of the performance, please register in either Modern Song or Traditional Song categories as appropriate
- If the puppet show will be filmed and submitted as a video, please register for Puppet Show (Electronic)

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

DON'T

- ✓ 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

- ✗ Use scripts, notes or cheat sheets
- ✗ Speak in English
- ✗ Have teachers on stage; teachers cannot assist or direct the performance
- ✗ 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
- Presentation and poise of performance
- Ease and comfort of language use
- 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."
- 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.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu or at (405) 325-7588.