



**2026 Southeastern Art Show and Market  
Youth Requirements  
October 2-3, 2026  
Tishomingo, Oklahoma**

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) youth competition. Please read the youth entry and competition rules and provide the following:

- Completed application.
- Completed W-9 form.
- Proof of First American citizenship with a federally recognized Southeastern Indian tribe.
- Signed photograph and release form.

Note: Artwork will not be accepted if not ready to hang or display. Artwork must be delivered or mailed to 201 North Broadway Avenue Ada, Oklahoma 74820 by Friday, September 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. CST.

Youth artist will not, in any shape, form or fashion whatsoever, make any disparaging remarks of any sort or otherwise communicate any disparaging information about the Chickasaw Nation or the Chickasaw Nation's employees, officers or agents in their professional capacities herein to any third party, including but not limited to, statements on social or any other media. Further, youth artist agrees to take no action of any nature which is intended, or would reasonably be expected, to harm the Chickasaw Nation or its reputation or which would reflect or reasonably lead to unfavorable publicity to the Chickasaw Nation.

I have read, understand and agree to follow the SEASAM youth entry and competition rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth artist name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth artist signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/legal guardian name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/legal guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 2026 SEASAM Youth Requirements

1. Youth artists must be 8-17 years of age and present documentation of First American citizenship with a federally recognized Southeastern Indian tribe.
2. Entries for judging will be accepted through Friday, September 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. CST, at 201 North Broadway Avenue, Ada, Oklahoma 74820. Entries will not be accepted after this date.
3. Entries for judging are limited to a maximum of four items with no more than two entries per category.
4. All artwork must be priced for sale or labeled not for sale (NFS); commissions are accepted.
5. An item entered for judging:
  - a. Must be signed or hallmarked. Cast editions, graphics and photographs must also include the edition size and number, if applicable.
  - b. Must not have won an award in any prior SEASAM youth competition.
6. All youth art sales are to be handled by the Chickasaw Nation Performing and Visual Arts Division.
7. Joint or collaborative entries will not be accepted at this competition.
8. The SEASAM will not accept items that are not in compliance with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (<https://www.doi.gov/iacb/act>) or any endangered species regulations (<https://www.fws.gov/law/endangered-species-act>) regardless of permit ownership. Items must be in compliance with federal regulations applicable to the SEASAM.
9. In the event of loss or damage, the youth artist and their parent/legal guardian will be bound by the release of liability and acknowledgment and acceptance of the dangers, risks and hazards form signed by the youth artist's parent/legal guardian after acceptance to the SEASAM.
10. Submitting an item for consideration to the SEASAM judges does not create rights, guarantees or promises that the item will be selected as a winner in any category.
11. The SEASAM committee and/or its judges have the discretion of placing items in different categories or creating a new category if they determine that the item fits the criteria for judging.
12. Judges may also close a category due to the lack of qualified competition or an insufficient number of competitors.
13. The youth artist and their parent/legal guardian releases and agrees to hold harmless the Chickasaw Nation from any damages to their property or personal injury that they or their helpers may sustain while participating in the SEASAM.
14. Nothing contained herein will be construed to waive the sovereign rights and immunities of the Chickasaw Nation, its employees, officers or agents.

## 2026 SEASAM Youth Application

Youth artist name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Suffix

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Physical address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Youth artist cell phone no.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth artist email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal guardian email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal guardian home phone no.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal guardian cell phone no.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork you are entering in the SEASAM Youth:  Jr. Youth (8-13 years of age)  Youth (14-17 years of age)

1. Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Division/category: \_\_\_\_\_ Date created: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price or NFS: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/materials: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Creative process: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Division/category: \_\_\_\_\_ Date created: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price or NFS: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/materials: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Creative process: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Division/category: \_\_\_\_\_ Date created: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price or NFS: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/materials: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Creative process: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Division/category: \_\_\_\_\_ Date created: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price or NFS: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/materials: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Creative process: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of First American citizenship with a federally recognized Southeastern Indian tribe must be submitted with your application or emailed to [FineArts@Chickasaw.net](mailto:FineArts@Chickasaw.net).

Application and artwork are due by September 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. CST.

Disclaimer: The Chickasaw Nation is not responsible for any media information resource regarding the SEASAM other than information found on our official website.

The undersigned hereby releases and agrees to hold harmless the Chickasaw Nation from any damage to the undersigned's property or any personal injury that they or their helpers may sustain while participating in the SEASAM. I understand that I will display and store my artwork at my own risk. I understand that a background check may be conducted, and I hereby consent to such background check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth artist signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/legal guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## 2026 SEASAM Youth Categories

*A maximum of four pieces of artwork are allowed, with no more than two entries in a division.*

### Two-Dimensional Art Division

**Painting** (Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor, Gouache, Tempera)

**Drawing** (Charcoal, Color pencil, Pastel, Scratchboard, Graphite, Pen and Ink, Markers, Conte')

**Printmaking** (Lithographs, Woodcuts/Linocuts, Etchings, Monoprints, Monotypes, Serigraph/Silkscreen)

**Photography** (Traditional film and digital images NOT rearranged or composed)

**Digital Arts** (Computer manipulated photography, computer generated art-AI generated art NOT accepted)

**Mixed Media** (Collage, Incorporation of two or more two-dimensional mediums)

### Three-Dimensional Art Division

**Sculpture** (Relief, Freestanding, Carved, Modeling, Assembled, Cast, Air-dried clay)

**Jewelry** (Utilizing stone, Shell or metal elements, Including beads, Findings)

**Pottery** (Earthenware, Figurines)

**Textiles** (Weaving, Embroidery, Dyeing, Sewing, Wearable or non-wearable)

**Diverse** (Incorporation of two or more three-dimensional art forms or with two-dimensional embellishments)

### Cultural Art Division

**Basketry** (Coiled, Twined, Woven mats)

**Beadwork/Quillwork** (Glass beads, Bracelets, Earrings, Medallions)

**Traditional Dress and Regalia** (Attire, Gorgets, Moccasins, Accoutrements)

**Diverse** (Instruments, Weaponry, Dolls, Incorporation of two or more cultural art forms)

### Prizes Awarded

Youth Best of Show: \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque

Youth Best of Division: \$500 and a commemorative plaque

Youth Honorable Mention Awards: \$200 and a commemorative medal

Jr. Youth Best of Show: \$400 and a commemorative plaque

Jr. Youth Best of Division: \$200 and a commemorative plaque

Jr. Youth Honorable Mention Awards: \$100 and a commemorative medal

Winners will be announced during the  
Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony,  
Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the  
Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma