the Chickasaw Nation

Chris Anoatubby
Governor

Department of Culture and Humanities / Literary Arts Division
1020 North Mississippi Avenue / Ada, OK 74820 / (580) 272-9326 / Email address: CulturalEnhancement@Chickasaw.net

2027 Chickasaw Nation Butterfly Art Contest Guidelines

The Chickasaw Nation Butterfly Art Contest invites female Chickasaw artists, who will be 14 to 18 years of age, on or before October 1, 2026, to submit original artwork of a butterfly. The winning butterfly will be used as the logo of the next Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference (DWCNC). Butterflies are symbolic of the beauty, inspiration and determination of Chickasaw women throughout history.

Eligibility: Female Chickasaw citizens, who will be 14 to 18 years of age on or before October 1, 2026. One entry per person. No artist can win two years in a row.

Artwork criteria: Artists may use paint, drawing materials or collage materials (no glitter). The actual image of the butterfly must be between 5 and 20 inches. Artwork must be submitted on pre-cut art paper, canvas or artboard that is proportional to the butterfly. Digitally illustrated and three-dimensional butterflies will not be accepted. Artwork that does not meet requirements will be excluded from judging. All artwork must be created entirely by the artist. AI-generated or AI-assisted elements are not permitted.

Judging criteria: Artwork will be judged on the use of color and form, how well the artwork conveys the femininity of Chickasaw women, creativity, neatness, logo suitability and overall composition. Artists should keep in mind the artwork is used on a small scale so details of the design could be lost. The main focus of the artwork should be the butterfly on a white background.

Copyright: Each artist retains the copyright of their original artwork.

Publication: By submitting a signed entry form, each artist gives the Chickasaw Nation permission to use the artist's name and photo; select information about the artist and their artwork to use in promotional materials; and permission and a license to publish, use, distribute and sell the artist's artwork.

Prizes, awards and compensation: The winning artist will receive a $500 cash award. The winning butterfly will be used as the logo of the next DWCNC; used on DWCNC promotional materials; printed on giveaway items to be used in relation to the DWCNC; and printed on giveaway items to encourage donations to the Chickasaw Foundation's Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Scholarship fund.

By submitting artwork in this contest, the artist grants the Chickasaw Nation the right to print the artist's artwork on items for retail sales, in which case the artist will receive a percentage of each item sold. Each artist is required to submit a W9 with their contest entry form.

No other compensation, payment or royalties will be awarded or paid to the artist.

Photos: By submitting artwork in this contest, the artist grants permission to the Chickasaw Nation to publish photo(s) of the artwork, the artist's name and/or the artist's photo in news media, educational materials, promotional materials or other publications, whether printed or electronically or digitally reproduced.

Deadlines: Artwork and completed entry forms must be submitted between November 2, 2026 and November 27, 2026.

Artwork can be dropped off at:
Cultural and Humanities Building
1020 North Mississippi Avenue
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Artwork can be mailed to:
Cultural Enhancement
Attn: Butterfly Art Contest
1020 North Mississippi Avenue
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Please mail in stiff packaging and label with "Do Not Bend".

Form no. 05017 CH-LA Rev. 9/2026

2027 Chickasaw Nation Butterfly Art Contest Entry

For detailed information about the contest, please refer to the contest guidelines on page 1. Completed entry forms and artwork must be submitted by November 27, 2026.

Complete the following: (Print clearly or type)

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Mailing address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Physical address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Phone no.: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Name of school: _____ Grade level: _____

I have read and will comply with all contest guidelines and permissions.

_____ _____
Artist signature Date

Parent/legal guardian:

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Birth date: _____ Phone no.: (____) _____
(Birth date is required for security purposes)

Email address: _____

_____ _____
Parent/legal guardian signature Date

For information or questions about this contest, contact the literary arts division at (580) 272-9326 or by email at CulturalEnhancement@Chickasaw.net.



For Office Use Only:

Date received: _____ Received by: _____ Entry no.: _____

Entered in CNIQ on: _____ Entered by: _____ Eligible: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Form no. 05017 CH-LA Rev. 9/2026