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2025-2026 "Keepers of the Flame" Storytelling Program Application

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Birth date: _____ T-shirt size: _____ Applying for: ☐ Level 1 ☐ Level 2

Mailing address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Physical address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Home phone no.: (____) _____ Cell phone no.: (____) _____

Do you receive text messages? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email address: _____

Affiliation: (Please check all that apply.)

☐ Chickasaw citizen ☐ Chickasaw Nation employee Employee ID no.: _____

Department: _____ Division/facility: _____

Immediate supervisor: _____ Job title: _____

Emergency contact:

Name and relationship: _____ Phone no.: (____) _____

Scope:

The "Keepers of the Flame" Storytelling Program is designed to train individuals, 18 years of age and older, the ancient tradition of Chickasaw oral storytelling.

(initials) **Classes and presentations:** The "Keepers of the Flame" Storytelling Program participants present at a variety of venues and locations throughout the scheduled course. This is to gain performance experience with a live audience and to share what they have learned with family and friends.

(initials) **Attendance commitment:** By signing this document, I am committing to: (level 1) be in class in person, on time for the full duration of the class for all the scheduled classes, as well as attend shadowing opportunities and present at six live audience events OR (level 2) present stories alongside a storytelling mentor at eight live audience events for the 2025-2026 program to the best of my abilities and understand that failing to do so may result in my removal from the class and/or presentations.

(initials) **Clothing/attire:** The "Keepers of the Flame" Storytelling Program participants are responsible for shoes, regalia and other items needed for presentation participation.

(initials) **Background check:** The "Keepers of the Flame" Storytelling Program participants must consent to and be able to pass a background check.

(initials) **Chickasaw citizen priority:** I understand that the “Keepers of the Flame” Storytelling Program is first and foremost designed for Chickasaw citizens and they will be given priority when setting enrollment.

**Applications can be submitted via email or in person at the arts and humanities building.
Deadline for submission is October 4, 2025.**

Participant signature

Date

For additional information, please contact the “Keepers of the Flame” Storytelling Program at (580) 272-5520 or email Storytelling@Chickasaw.net.

“Keepers of the Flame” (KOTF) Storytelling Program classes and schedule:

Month/date	Time	Class title
October		
Saturday, 10/25/2025	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
Tuesday, 10/28/2025	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	Orientation/overview of KOTF 2025/2026 Program
November		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 11/18/2025	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 11/22/2025	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
December		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 12/02/2025	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Tuesday, 12/16/2025	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 12/27/2025	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
January		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 1/06/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Tuesday, 1/20/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 1/24/2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
February		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 2/03/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Tuesday, 2/17/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 2/28/2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
March		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 3/03/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Tuesday, 3/17/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 3/28/2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
April		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 4/07/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Tuesday, 4/21/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 4/25/2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle
May		
Various days/times		Assigned shadowing as scheduled on event calendar
Tuesday, 5/05/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	KOTF training class
Saturday, 5/16/2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST	Awards ceremony/Hapononka’ Story Sharing Circle