

CHEROKEE PHOENIX

Student Art Contest

- Submissions must incorporate a phoenix bird into the students' original artwork.
- Students must be in first through twelfth grades for the 2026-27 school year and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. One finalist will be selected from each grade level by the Cherokee Phoenix staff. The public will vote for its favorite art submission in the three categories: Elementary (1st-4th), Middle (5th-8th) and High School (9th-12th).
- Contest is open to all Cherokee Nation citizens who meet the grade level requirement. There is no residential requirement.
- Entries must be hand-done. No tracing, photography or computer-generated artwork.
- Entries may be submitted on paper, cardstock, poster board, etc.
- A release form signed by the student's parent/guardian must be submitted with the student's artwork. Release form can be found on the Cherokee Phoenix Student Art Contest section of the newspaper's website.
- Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Entries can be submitted in person at the Cherokee Phoenix office, mail or email at terris-howard@cherokee.org.
- One entry per student.
- Each grade-level finalist will receive a Cherokee Phoenix gift bag featuring Cherokee Phoenix merch and more.
- The Elementary School, Middle School and High School winners of the public vote will receive a \$250 prize and their designs on special edition Cherokee Phoenix promotional items.

In person - 215 S Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, OK 74464
Second Floor of the Cort Mall, downtown

By mail - Cherokee Phoenix
P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465



For information or to download the 2026 Student Art Contest packet with parental release, visit cherokeephoenix.org.

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Redraw the Cherokee Phoenix logo



*Must be a Cherokee Nation citizen in
grades 1-12 to participate.*

Deadline:
October 15, 2026 5pm CST

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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Assurances: I attest that:

1. My entry is solely my original creation and original work created specifically for the Cherokee Phoenix Student Art Contest.
2. The Cherokee Phoenix will not be held liable for any loss or damage to my work.
3. The Cherokee Phoenix retains the right to reproduce the work for publication in an anthology, collection of student works, or other media or promotional materials.

(Students who are under 18 years of age must have parent/guardian signature of Assurances)



Please attach a photo of the student's
Tribal Registration card, if available.



Student's Cherokee Nation Tribal Registration number: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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