



**2023 AYA Walk App
Te Ata Trail Art Contest Entry Form and Guidelines
Submissions accepted between August 1 and August 15, 2023***

Aya Walk App Te Ata Trail Art Contest invites Chickasaw artists, school grades 5 through 12, to submit original artwork designed around a map of Te Ata's trail in the AYA Walk App. The winning artworks will be used in the AYA Walk App and for promotional materials related to the Te Ata walking partner. In many of Te Ata's letters, she wrote often of many types of animals. This appreciation of nature is being carried over into the app and will be the focus of the contest. The contest is the responsibility of the AYA Walk App and Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Creative Arts.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a Chickasaw citizen
2. Must be in school grades 5 through 12 during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Artwork Criteria:

1. One entry per person.
2. Artwork must be submitted between August 1 - 15, 2023.
3. Artists will create a design around two key elements:
 - a. Animals and characters from one of Te Ata's stories.
 - b. The map of her trail route from the AYA Walk App.

Design:

1. Artists must use the exact outline map of Te Ata's trail route and Chickasaw Nation boundaries from the app and incorporate animals/characters from the designated story.
2. Artists do not have to include the AYA logo in the top right corner or the legend in the bottom left corner if for example, they choose to trace or transfer the map onto art paper.
3. Artists may depict their designs outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.
4. Artists must incorporate their designs with the map lines (i.e., Chickasaw Nation boundary lines and Te Ata's trail route), but especially Te Ata's trail route.
5. Artists may depict a scene from their designated story, as long as animals/characters from the story are included.
6. Grades 5 through 8 will depict animals from the story, "How Rabbit and Owl Don't Get Along."
7. Grades 9 through 12 will depict animals from the story, "How Day and Night Came to Be."
8. The trail map and the stories are available at www.ayawalk.com.

Media:

1. Drawing: charcoal, colored pencil, graphite, and pastel.
2. Painting: acrylic, oil, and watercolor.
3. Graphic arts: printmaking, pen/ink, and markers.
4. Digital arts: computer-generated art (AI-generated art not accepted), computer-manipulated photography.
5. Diverse: collage, mixed-media, and printmaking.

* The contest entry form and all necessary documents are made available on June 24, 2023.

Preparing to Submit:

The artwork should not be signed when submitted. It may be signed after judging has been completed before works are displayed.

Artwork must be submitted ready-to-view, on pre-cut art paper, canvas, or art board that is 8.5 x 11 and in landscape orientation. Artwork that does not meet requirements will be excluded from judging.

Use:

Winning pieces will be featured on the AYA Walk App.

Judging Guidelines:

1. Two age group categories will be used for judging, with one winner from each category.
 - a. Grades 5 - 8
 - b. Grades 9 - 12
2. Artists should keep in mind the artwork is used on a small scale and so details of the design could be lost. The main focus of the artwork should be Te Ata's trail route, the animal(s), character(s), and nature from the designated story, and incorporating the design with the trail. A limited background should also be considered.
3. Judges will consider the following:
 - a. Originality: not copies, formulated by one's own mind.
 - b. Technical skills: the ability to manipulate one's craft.
 - c. Design: composition and arrangement of the elements within the artwork which best capture the spirit of Te Ata.
 - d. Digitizability: must be able to convert well as a digital image version for use in the app.
4. Judging will take place on August 16, 2023, by Chickasaw Nation employees that work closely with art, AYA Walk App staff, and a representative from Te Ata's family.

Prizes and Awards:

The winning artist from each age group will receive a \$75 gift card and a winner's certificate. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on September 30, 2023. No compensation, payment, or royalties will be awarded to the artist.

Copyright:

By submitting a signed entry form, artists give the Chickasaw Nation the right to select and prepare information about the contest, its artist, and artwork for promotion, unless otherwise requested. Furthermore, by signing the entry form, the winning artist gives the Chickasaw Nation permission or a license to publish, use, and distribute their artwork, and permission to use their name and photograph. The winning artist retains the copyright of their original artwork.

Artwork Display:

All entries will be displayed at the Annual Meeting in Tishomingo. If artwork is not a standard frame size, any excessive background will be removed for framing. Artists may request that artwork not be displayed, and the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Creative Arts reserves the right to not display any artwork for any reason.

Deadlines:

Artwork and completed entry forms must be submitted between August 1 - 15, 2023. Entry forms can be emailed to AYA@Chickasaw.net. Artwork can be delivered in person or mailed to:

**Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities
Attn.: Creative Arts – Te Ata Trail Art Contest
201 North Broadway Avenue
Ada, Oklahoma 74820**

If mailing artwork, please mail it in stiff packaging and label it with "Do Not Bend."

AYA Walk App Te Ata Trail Art Contest Entry Form

Please refer to the contest guidelines for detailed information about this contest. Completed entry forms and artwork must be submitted between August 1 - 15, 2023.

Artist Information:

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Mailing address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Physical address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Birth date: _____ Age: _____

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

Email address: _____

School name: _____ Grade level: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Information: (required, if the artist is under 18)

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

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

Email address: _____

By submitting artwork in this contest, the artist grants permission to the Chickasaw Nation to publish photo(s) of artwork, the artist's name, and/or photo in news media, educational materials, promotional materials, or other publications, whether printed or electronically and/or digitally reproduced. No compensation, payment, or royalties, other than prizes, awards, or honors are bestowed to any artist by the Chickasaw Nation for use of this contest's artwork. Each artist retains individual copyright of their original artwork. All artwork becomes the property of the Chickasaw Nation once submitted. The Chickasaw Nation is not responsible for damage, theft, or other loss of the artwork once submitted.

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

Artist signature _____ Date _____

Parent/legal guardian signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

For information or questions about this contest, contact Wyas Parker at (580) 436-3980 ext. 83855 or by email at AYA@Chickasaw.net.

For Office Use Only:

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

Date processed: _____ Processed by: _____ Eligible: Yes No