**United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma**

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**John Hair Cultural Center & Museum**

**2025 Tradition Keeper Nomination Form**

*(Two 2024 Tradition Keepers will be chosen: one woman and one man, if qualified man and woman are nominated. Qualifications are given below. The winners will receive an Award of $250.00 each.)*

A nominee must be at least 35 years old and an exclusive UKB member for at least 5 years. Please provide the following information for the person you are nominating:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee must be exclusive UKB member. Enrollment will be verified. UKB Roll Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide information to be included in bio:*

What traditional skill does the nominee practice?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How long has nominee been practicing the traditional skill, talent, art, etc. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who taught him/her the traditional skill?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are they continuing to pass down their traditional knowledge?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If they are, tell us how: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What community or district is the nominee from?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You must talk to your nominee and ask if they are willing to share or teach their traditional skills to other tribal members and the public? Is he/she willing to come to TK meetings and participate in TK Activities? Circle: Yes or No. (You must ask the nominee to verify this answer.) Did the person verify the answer? Circle: Yes or No

Your Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***You must provide a recent photo of the nominee and a photo of the traditional item***

If selected as the 2024 UKB Tradition Keeper, will the nominee give as a gift one example of their traditional work (if applicable) to the UKB John Hair Cultural Center & Museum collection? Circle: Yes or No. (You must ask the nominee to verify this answer.) Did the nominee verify this answer? Circle: Yes or No

**Mail completed form to:** UKB John Hair Museum, Attn: Ernestine Berry, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465. **Or drop off at:** UKB Community Services Building, 18300 West Keetoowah Circle or the John Hair Cultural Center & Museum, 18280 West Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, OK, 74464.

DEADLINE for Nominations**:** On or before Friday, September 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to include all requested information and the photos. Late or incomplete entries will not be considered.