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The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program launches the Cherokee Speaker Archive Project.

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The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program “KPEP” was recently awarded a grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to document and record (audio or video) all Cherokee Speakers in every community. The purpose of this project is to conduct in-person interviews with all recordings preserved for future use by the community in the digital archive.

KPEP is developing a unified digital repository with the important goal of creating an inclusive archive. The inclusive archive will be accessible for all EBCI designated partners, programs, and most importantly all tribal members for the purpose of using any resources pertaining to past, present, and future language and/or any culturally significant assets and materials. (For more information about the digital archive, please visit: <https://ebcikpep.com>.)

COMPENSATION: Participants in the Cherokee Speaker Archive Project will be given a one-time compensation for their time.

INTERVIEWERS/TRANSCRIBERS: KPEP will contract Cherokee Speaker(s) who will conduct the interviews exclusively in Cherokee, and transcribers to convert audio recordings into digital text.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACT WORK

CHEROKEE SPEAKERS: Must have a high vocabulary, read and write in Cherokee syllabary, and understand semantical relationships in English.

TRANSCRIBERS: A four-year degree is preferred with the completion of a Cherokee language curriculum approved by KPEP; completed KPEP’s 2-year CLMAP program or completed the Dadiwonisi Program in good standing. Must have experience with up-to-date electronic media devices for recording sound and video and have excellent editing skills. Must have highly proficient computer skills.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH, 2023

Interested parties may email or call Bo Lossiah - email: bolossi@ebci-nsn.gov - Phone: 828.359.6408



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