Ben Johnson Memorial Award
Nomination Application

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has a mission to preserve the history of rodeo. Since 1998, The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has been dedicated to honoring and memorializing the great performers in rodeo and its related professions through the Ben Johnson Award. This annual award is presented to a living person who has been involved in the rodeo industry for a number of years and has contributed to the growth and betterment of pro-rodeo. Involvement with youth and/or community activities also is a pre-requisite for the honor. The recipient must be someone who, like Ben Johnson, creates a positive image for rodeo and the Western lifestyle. Induction into this prestigious hall of fame is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on an honoree.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Rodeo Committee reviews each nominee thoroughly and annually selects a slate of nominees. The Rodeo Committee Chairman and former Ben Johnson nominee’s vote by secret ballot to determine the nominee for the Ben Johnson Memorial Award, with induction ceremony being held each fall during the NCWHM Rodeo weekend.

Applications must be received at the National Cowboy Museum by December 31 to be considered for the coming year’s nomination slate. Use additional pages as needed. Applications will be held and considered for three years. After this time, the application will be returned to the submitter. Returned applications may be re-submitted with updates and additional materials. Nominations must be complete; incomplete applications will be returned and not considered.

Nomination Procedure
Applications must include the following:
• Nomination Letter (submit at least one letter of recommendation)
• Detailed biography, including rodeo accomplishments and community youth/involvement
• Completed Nomination Application; be as detailed as possible
• A minimum of two photographs (these will be scanned and returned)
• Nominee must be at least 50 years of age

Nominee Information

Nominee: ________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City/Town/Zip: _____________________________________________________________
Phone Number: (___________)____________________________________________________
E-mail: _________________________________________________________________________
Occupation: _____________________________________________________________________
Involvement in Rodeo: ___________________________________________________________________
How many years has Nominee been involved in Rodeo?
____________________________________________________________________________________

Youth and /or Community Activity Involvement:
____________________________________________________________________________________
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Rodeo Organizations/Affiliation: _________________________________________________________

Rodeo/ Community involvement or honors:
____________________________________________________________________________________
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Leadership Achievements/Rodeo Affiliation:
____________________________________________________________________________________
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Character Comments:
____________________________________________________________________________________
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Contact Information for Submitter

Submission Contact: ___________________________________________________________________
Relationship to Nominee: __________________________________________________________________
E-mail Address: _________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________________________________________________
Address, City, State & Zip: ______________________________________________________________

Information provided above is accurate, Signature: ____________________________________________

Return to:  Ben Johnson Award  
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum  
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