

Ben Johnson Memorial Award Nomination Application

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has a mission to preserve the history of rodeo. Since 1998, The Cowboy has been dedicated to honoring and memorializing the great performers in rodeo and its related professions through the Ben Johnson Memorial 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 prerequisite 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 Historical Society Board of Directors Committee reviews each nominee thoroughly and annually selects a slate of nominees. The Rodeo Committee Chairman and former Ben Johnson nominees vote by secret ballot to determine the nominee for the Ben Johnson Memorial Award, with the 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, applications may be resubmitted with updates and additional materials. **Nominations must be complete; incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Nomination Procedure:

Applications **must** include the following:

- Nomination letter (submit at least one and up to five letters 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 Information:

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Involvement in rodeo: _____

How many years has nominee been involved in rodeo? _____

Youth and/or community activity involvement: _____

Rodeo organizations/affiliation: _____

Rodeo/community involvement or honors: _____

Leadership achievements: _____

Character comments: _____

Contact Information for Submitter

Submission contact: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone number: (____) _____

Address, City, State & Zip: _____

Information provided above is accurate. Signature: _____

Return to:

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National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
1700 Northeast 63rd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
(405) 478-2250

***Nominations can also be made online at
nationalcowboymuseum.org/collections/awards/rodeo-hall-of-fame/nomination-form/***