



16th Annual Ellensburg Cowboy Gathering  
**Application to Perform**

**\*\*DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINERS ONLY\*\***

Application Receipt Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## Contact Information

Artist/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

What are you interested in performing at the Gathering? Check all that apply.

- Cowboy Poetry     Storytelling  
 Western Music     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not applying to come as a solo poet or musician, list your group members here:

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What is your age range?

- Under 18             40-49             70-79  
 18-29               50-59             80 and over  
 30-39               60-69

Have you ever attended the Ellensburg Cowboy Gathering?

- Yes                     No

If yes, what was the most recent year you performed at the Gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

## About You

Tell us about your ties to ranching and/or cowboying, if any.

Remember that the Gathering's core focus is on the work and creativity of modern-day working ranchers and cowboys. How does your experiences relate to this goal? If you are not a current working rancher or cowboy, please use this space to answer how you feel you and/or your work is connected to the Gathering's focus. (Use an additional sheet, if needed.)

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**Short Bio (150 words or less)**

Tell us briefly about your art, your connection to ranching and/or cowboying, and your latest publication and/or album if applicable. Please include your hometown (if different than your mailing address.) *(Use an additional sheet, if needed.)*

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**About Your Work**

What are the common themes in your creative work or recitations?

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If applicable, please list your CDs, books or other relevant publications. Include dates of release.

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Do you have any exciting new material, ideas or projects in the works, or other talents that you would like to bring to the 2018 Gathering? Please tell us about them! *(Use an additional sheet, if needed.)*

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**Performance Samples**

Applications must include **3 samples** of your artistic work in performance. Please provide the following:

- **AUDIO RECORDINGS** (CD or MP3) of you performing 3 works that are representative of your repertoire.
  - Tracks must be labeled with the:  
Title, Author/Composer, Performer names, and instrumentation.
  - Where possible, use samples featuring the *lineup* with which you are applying.
  - MP3 tracks submitted by email are preferred.** Submit as attachments to:  
[info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com](mailto:info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com) with the subject line “[name of Artist/Group], SOTW20 Application Audio”. You may send multiple emails if necessary. Please note that you are doing so in the body of the email.
- **A WRITTEN VERSION** of the text for the same three selections, with author/composer noted.

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- **MULTIPLE GENRES:** Applicants in multiple genres (e.g. music AND poetry) must provide 3 samples of **EACH** category.
- **RETURNING PERFORMERS** if you have performed in at least one of the last three (3) Gatherings, you are not required to send in audio samples this year. However, it is to your benefit to send in audio samples every year. This way the selection committee hears the tracks picked by you that you think reflect your best and/or most recent work. We cannot keep up with everyone's latest work so keep in mind that new material might strengthen your application.

Some helpful hints:

- Audio samples sent by email **MUST** be in MP3 format.
- Works can be written by you or someone else. Please label accordingly.
- Short and succinct recordings are better. Aim for recordings under 3-5 minutes each.
- Make sure your sample represents your application. Solo applications should send solo recordings, not with a full band. Please be clear what you are applying to do.

## Submitting Your Application

You may send applications either electronically or by mail.

Electronic Applications: [info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com](mailto:info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com)

Mail-In Applications: Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering  
Attn: Artist Selection  
PO Box 553  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

## Questions

Please direct **QUESTIONS ONLY** to Entertainment Committee via email [sotw2005@outlook.com](mailto:sotw2005@outlook.com); for phone inquiries please call Amy McGuffin, President 509.607.1081.

- Please **DO NOT** send submission to this email address. Submit your application and/or audio electronically to : [info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com](mailto:info@ellensburgcowboygathering.com)
- Please plan ahead with your application process, as we become quite busy near the deadline. If you cannot meet the application date, please speak to Amy McGuffin, President about your intent to apply **BEFORE** January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- Application questions may take 3-5 days for replies. Applications decisions will be made by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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