

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation®

2026 Cultural Programs Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **January 31st, 2026**

Please complete, sign, and return this application to be considered for **Cultural Programs** at Crazy Horse Memorial. Upon review, the Cultural Programs Manager will notify you by February 14, 2026, through email or phone, of acceptance or non-acceptance to selected program(s) and by a formal letter of acceptance, upon which your signature on additional documents will be required.

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Please check all programs you are applying for and fully complete the specific section for each:

☐ Artist in Residence Fellowship (AIR) ☐ Living Treasures-Indian Arts Cultural Exchange ☐ Dance Performers ☐ Music Performers

Please indicate any accommodations needed due to allergies, medical, or physical limitations:

Please indicate the dates of Crazy Horse programs you have participated in previously:

Program _____	Dates _____
	(Month) (Year)
Program _____	Dates _____
	(Month) (Year)
Program _____	Dates _____
	(Month) (Year)
Program _____	Dates _____
	(Month) (Year)

Please specify shows/programs you have applied for or participated in, other than at Crazy Horse, and awards you have won:

Program/Show _____	Location _____	Dates _____
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Awards won: _____	Dates _____	
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Please list the names of other people who will be assisting or working with you at Crazy Horse Memorial, if chosen:

For questions please contact **Cultural Programs Manager at 605-673-4681, X 264**

Please return images and all applicable pages of signed application to:

runsafter.sheridan@crazyhorse.org or mail to

Sheridan Runs After, Cultural Programs Manager
12151 Ave of the Chiefs, Crazy Horse, SD 57730-8900

MUSIC - Native American Performers and Storytellers

What: Crazy Horse Memorial strives to provide our guests and community with high quality and exciting Native American performers/storytellers from across North America. Performances are to serve as a creative bridge and be a positive opportunity to share Native American culture with diverse groups of visitors from all different places, cultures, and walks of life. Please describe the type and content of your music performance. _____

Who: Any enrolled tribal member of the Indigenous peoples of North America. Performance groups and families are encouraged to apply, but groups will need to designate a head performer or main contact. The head performer must be at least 18 years or older as of the first day of the performances. Proof of enrollment of head performer must be included with application where applicable. Applicants must provide an audition video or link to video of a prior performance.

Additional Performers-Please include others who may be assisting you: To better support planning and preparation, list the names of additional performers/ group members in advance.

Additional Performer Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

When: Daily music performances are held Thursday, May 29, 2026, through Friday, September 5, 2026, at 12:30am, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, and 5:30pm.

- **Performers** (4 daily 30-minute performances at 12:30am, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, and 5:30pm).

Please circle preferred or available days of the week:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Please indicate dates when you would be available or interested in performing:

- **Special Events and Celebrations Performers** (one-hour performances) may be scheduled at various times for special events including but not limited to Blast Night Events; Rally Week; Labor Day; Native Americans Day, etc.

Please indicate below if you are interested in performing at special presentations and night performances:

☐ Yes, I am interested in additional Special Events ☐ No, I am not interested in additional Special Events

Where: Performances will be inside the Covered Porch. In case of inclement weather, performances may be relocated to another area at Crazy Horse Memorial if necessary to accommodate safety. Some special performances will be in THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA® or THE NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER®.

Meals & Housing: Performers will receive one buffet meal at the Laughing Water Restaurant on the days of performance only. Additional performers joining the contracted performer are allowed one buffet meal at Laughing Water Restaurant if they are participating in the performance or are serving in a managerial capacity. All guests of performers not acting in a support or management role are not provided meals.

Transportation: Performers are responsible for their own transportation to and from Crazy Horse Memorial for performances.

Compensation: Performers receive \$150 per performance, as specified on the Performance Schedule Agreement, and based on the number of performances, not the number of people in the group. Special Events Performer rates vary based on the length and type of performance or event, as negotiated in the signed Performance Schedule Agreement.

Guidelines:

- Performers are invited to share their cultural background by interacting with the public and demonstrating their artistic process.
- Performers are expected to arrive at least 30 minutes before performance times.
- Performers are expected to uphold a 50/50 split between performing music and speaking, respectively, for every performance.
- Content of performances should be positive, educational, entertaining, and appropriate for family audiences.
- Performers should exemplify a strong work ethic, a professional demeanor, and positive and appropriate communications.
- Performers are allowed to sell merchandise including but not limited to books, CDs, artwork, etc., **but must obtain advanced approval from the Cultural Programs Manager**. A current South Dakota Sales Tax License is also required.
- Soliciting of tips before, during, or after performances is **strictly prohibited** at Crazy Horse Memorial.

Cancellation: Accepted performers must notify the Cultural Programs Manager, **on or before March 28, 2026**, if they are unable to participate for any reason. Notification after the deadline or failure to appear at the Crazy Horse Memorial as scheduled, could disqualify applicants from applying for cultural programs for 2 years.

Please be prepared to submit the following documents if accepted (Due March 28, 2026):

- Biography (New Applicants only)
- Photo of Performer/Group (email jpegs preferred)
- Description/Proposal for Performance*
- Completed W-9 Form
- SD Tax License (Only if Selling Merchandise)
- Tribal ID (New Applicants only)
- Audio/Video Sample Links (New Applicants only)
- Proof of Liability Insurance