

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation®

2027 Cultural Programs Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **January 31st, 2027**

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Cultural Programs at Crazy Horse Memorial®. We are honored by your desire to share your knowledge, artistry, and traditions with our visitors.

Please complete, sign, and return this application by January 31, 2027. Applications will be reviewed by the Cultural Programs Manager. Applicants will be notified by February 14, 2027, via email or telephone. Selected applicants will receive a formal Letter of Acceptance and program agreements requiring signatures.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Business Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ ZIP/Postal: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
Website/Social Media: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Accessibility & Accommodations

Please indicate any accommodations needed due to allergies, medical conditions, accessibility, or physical limitations.

Previous Participation at Crazy Horse Memorial®

Other Programs, Exhibitions & Performances

Awards & Recognition

Additional Participants

Questions?

Sheridan Runs After
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Submit Your Application

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DANCE - Native American Performers & 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 dance 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 performers 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 dance performances are held Monday, May 17, 2027, through Thursday, September 30, 2027, at 11:30AM, 1:30PM, and 3:30PM.

- **Performers** (3 daily 45-minute performances at 11:30AM, 1:30PM, and 3:30PM.)

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 Memorial Day; Night Events; Rally Week; 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 on the **outdoor main veranda stage**. 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 & Hotel: Performers will receive one buffet meal at the Laughing Water Restaurant on the days of performance only. Small water cups without the lid(s) and coffee are free. 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. (Sign in sheet at the front desk of restaurant, a discount rate is provided at the snack shop. 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 \$200 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 Performers 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 for a sound check.
- Performers are expected to uphold a 70/30 split between dancing 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, 2027,** 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, 2027):

- **Proof of Liability Insurance**
- Biography/ Copy of tribal ID (**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**)