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**2025 NMHMA AWARDS SHOW GUIDELINES**  
**Please Read thoroughly before submitting your entry!**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES: December 11, 2025**

1. Artist/musician wishing to submit their materials must be a current New Mexico Hispano Music Association member and a present or past resident of New Mexico. The yearly fee for membership is \$75.00 and may be paid at the time of music entry, or check/money order may be sent separately. Checks or money orders must be made payable to New Mexico Hispano Music Association or you can register and submit payment online at [www.nmhma.org](http://www.nmhma.org). If for any reason your check should be returned, this will be grounds for immediate disqualification. There will be no refunds of membership or entry fee, even if disqualification should occur.
2. All materials submitted for the 2025 "34<sup>th</sup> Annual NMHMA Awards Ceremony" must have been released to the public in compact disc format, iTunes or digital format, between October 1, 2024 and December 7, 2025 and have not been submitted in a previous Award Show to be eligible. All submitted materials must contain significant Spanish lyrics for the exception of the Crossover Song of the year Category; see entry form for details. Nominees are required to submit six (6) non-returnable compact discs or USB drive for judging review. If you recorded a full length CD, we prefer you submit the CD, rather than a USB drive. Five (5) of which will be given to judges for review and one (1) will be kept by the Association to produce nominations and video sound bites, and additional Award Show production needs.
3. Entries from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual (last year's) NMHMA awards ceremony or any prior NMHMA Award Show(s) ceremony are not eligible this year. Songs entered can be remakes and/or originals. All materials must be of high production value and professionally recorded in a studio setting. In addition, original materials should be copyrighted. Any original materials submitted **without copyright**, will be disqualified. Please provide us a copy of your Copywriter Certificate if you are submitting for "Original Song of The Year and/or "Songwriter of The Year" Categories.
4. Please submit five (5) copies of typed lyric sheets with each entry(s). **Lyric sheets are required if you are submitting for the "Original Song" and "Songwriter" of The Year categories!** Failure to submit typewritten lyric sheets for at least these two categories will be grounds for disqualification. **NOTE:** Please verify all required information before submitting.
5. Please submit **six (6) condensed/summarized copies of biography of artist and/or group**, so that the judges will have some background about the artist or group. Also, email in Microsoft Word or a PDF file a copy of your bio to [president@nmhma.org](mailto:president@nmhma.org).

6. The solo artist or leader of each group must submit a signed affidavit. By signing the affidavit, the signer verifies that all information is true and correct. The signer will be responsible for any discrepancies that may be found by the NMHMA.
7. Band/Artist(s) are only allowed to submit songs they are directly responsible for producing, performing and distributing. It is up to you as a Band/Artist to submit your entries. NOTE: Please refer to submission checklist to confirm that all required information and materials are included with your entry. Please verify all required information before submitting.
8. Please provide Digital high resolution current artist/band professional promotional photo similar to those used in band and/or artist branding. This photo should be sent as jpeg files on data 'CD, flash drive or may be emailed to [president@nmhma.org](mailto:president@nmhma.org). In the event that you do not have digital photo, please include a current color professional, glossy photos of the artist or group. There must not be any lettering on the photographs. This picture will be used in the NMHMA Awards Ceremony program book and for the nomination video. Photograph materials will not be returned. No computer print outs of photos should be submitted. We need original photos & we prefer digital photos.
9. Five (5) judges will be selected to review each category. The judges will not have any affiliation with the board or with the contestants. An independent accountant will be appointed by the president of the NMHMA to tabulate the final scores.
10. You may enter a song in more than one category. Please consider the category criteria and make the appropriate selection. It is entirely at your discretion which categories you would like the panel of judges to rate your entries in. The entries will be reviewed for compliance and if any changes in category placement are required, the musician or band will be notified of any category changes. If any of your entries are disqualified you will be provided with a letter stipulating the reason for disqualification. Please note that we may call you during the judging process if our judges have any questions regarding any entry. We will call the telephone number that you provide on your entry form. Please provide us with a cell number. The Judging process will take place beginning on December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. **The Association reserves the right to exclude categories if the category does not receive at least 3 entries.**
11. Send your entry package including all required materials and documentation to NMHMA, P.O. Box 1785, Espanola, New Mexico, 87532.
12. If you would prefer to drop off your entry, you may do so at KDCE Radio Station in Espanola, New Mexico, during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

NOTICE: The absolute deadline for entries is **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** **WE MUST have** your entry forms **in our possession** by **December 11, 2025.** If you are going to mail them, make sure that you allow enough time for us to receive them by **December 11, 2025.** You may also send your entries via FedEx, UPS, or any other overnight courier as long as we receive them by **December 11, 2025.** In case you decide to send your entry overnight, please send them to the following physical address since most couriers do not ship to P.O. Box numbers. Our physical address is 403 West Pueblo Drive, Espanola, New Mexico 87532.

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NMHMA 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS SHOW ENTRY FORM

**SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song does not have to be an original song. Must receive substantial airplay. This song will be judged on popularity and performance.

One song may be submitted for this category.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR**

Male soloist or member of a musical group. This song will be judged on your vocal ability. You may submit one song which most demonstrates your vocal ability. Limited to one submission per performer.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR**

Female soloist or member of a musical group. This song will be judged on your vocal ability. You may submit one song, which most demonstrates your vocal ability. Limited to one submission per performer.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

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**VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR**

Two individual artists with each contributing a noticeable and substantial amount of vocal effort. This should not be a song where both singers simply do harmony or a singer backing herself/himself up. This category will be judged on your vocal ability. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Provide names of both Artists)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**BILINGUAL SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song which incorporates both Spanish and English lyrics. Spanish as the primary language is required. The composition must contain a significant amount of Spanish lyrics

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**GOSPEL SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song must be a composition which was written to express either a personal or communal belief regarding spiritual life with a common theme of praise, worship or thanks to God.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**ORIGINAL SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song must be an original song. The song's popularity will be considered during the judging process. Please list the composer (s). You must submit lyrics and copyright certificate for this song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: \_\_\_\_\_

**SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR**

Musical Arrangement and lyrics must be original. Please list the song individually and list the composer(s). You must submit lyrics and copyright certificate for this song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUMENTAL SONG OF THE YEAR**

The song cannot contain any lyrics. Song does not have to be original. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**ALBUM OF THE YEAR**

The number of songs which receive airplay from the a CD will be considered in the judging process. You must enter a full-length CD / USB drive to be eligible. Compilation CDs are not eligible for this category. If you recorded a full length CD, we prefer you submit the CD, rather than a USB drive.

CD TITLE

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**PRODUCER OF THE YEAR**

You must enter one full length CD / USB drive for this category to be eligible. Please list the CD and producer.

CD Title

PRODUCED BY (Name of Producer (s))

**CONJUNTO/NORTENO SONG OF THE YEAR**

Use of traditional conjunto instrumentation including bajo sexto, accordion, drums, and bass. You may submit one song. Synthesized music arrangements are not eligible.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**MARIACHI SONG OF THE YEAR**

Conforming to traditional mariachi instrumentation and execution. Synthesized mariachi arrangements are not eligible. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**CROSSOVER SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song style can be Latino Pop, Country or Crossover Genre. Songs eligible for this category may come from an artist or group whose primary performance/ productions are that of traditional New Mexico Hispano Style and have also submitted materials in other NMHMA Music Categories. You may submit an all English song for this category only. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

**TEJANO FUSION SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song style can be any form of tejano or tex-mex music. Songs eligible for this category may come from an artist or group whose primary performance/productions are that of traditional New Mexico Hispano Style and have also submitted materials in other NMHMA Music Categories. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)



**CORRIDO OF THE YEAR**

Song's lyrics must tell a story in the traditional style of a Corrido. Song does not have to be an original song. Musical composition and arrangement will be considered during the judging process as well. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP):

**TRADITIONAL RANCHERA SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song must express the sound of a ranchera utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP):

**MARK IPIOTIS AWARD**

Recipient cannot be a musician. The nominee must have made considerable contributions to the New Mexico Hispano music industry and entertainment scene. Suggested nominees are Radio Owner's, DJ's or Program Directors along with Promoters and individuals whose work promotes NM Music.

PERSONS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**BAND OF THE YEAR**

Any band may be considered for this category. A current CD release is not required. The band should be a popular band throughout the various regions of the state. The band must be significantly popular and recognized throughout the New Mexico music scene.

NAME OF BAND:

**CUMBIA SONG OF THE YEAR**

Song must express the sound of a cumbia utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP):

**RIISING STAR/ARTIST/GROUP OF THE YEAR**

For this category you may enter one group or artist. Recording does not have to be your first recording, but you must have no more than three (3) years of professional recording/performance experience. Please enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP):

# New Mexico Hispano Music Association

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## NMHMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

BAND/ARTIST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

BAND LEADERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF BAND MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN PERFORMING AS ABOVE NAMED BAND OR ART \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECORDINGS \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, HOW MANY CD'S \_\_\_\_\_

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS **\$75.00** PER BAND/ARTIST AND THAT ENTITLES THE BANDLEADER TO ONE (1) VOTE. HOWEVER ALL MEMBERS IN THE BAND CAN REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR \$10.00 PER ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBERS AND EACH ADDITIONAL REGISTERED MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL VOTE. PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

\_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION FOR BANDLEADER OR SOLO ARTIST \$75.00

\_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION FOR ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBER(S) \$10.00 PER MEMBER

HOW MANY TOTAL MEMBER(S) ARE YOU REGISTERING INCLUDING YOURSELF \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE THERE IN YOUR BAND INCLUDING YOURSELF, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERING ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF YOUR BAND MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING SPACES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE NEW MEXICO HISPANO MUSIC ASSOCIATION!

\*\*\*Please note that membership dues are for **ONE Year** and must be **Renewed Annually**. Please make checks payable to the NMHMA. We Encourage You to register all members of Your band. As registered Members they are allowed to vote for the Award Show Nominees and during any General Membership Meetings.

**NEW this year**, You are now able to Pre-Order your T-Shirts & Program Books. The cost of T-Shirts is \$20 & The Cost of Program Books is \$10. They will be available upon check in at the Awards Show at Will Call Table.

How many T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

How many Program Books \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

# SWORN AFFIDAVIT

## NEW MEXICO HISPANIO MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HISPANO MUSIC AWARDS SHOW

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby swear that all information and music entries are correct and true on  
(Print Name Here)

Behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Band Name/Artist Name).

I take full responsibility for any discrepancies that may be found by the New Mexico Hispano Music Association. I understand that if discrepancies are found in the information that I have submitted, the penalty will be disqualification. I understand that if disqualification occurs, the membership fee is non-refundable. However, I do have the right to request written documentation from the New Mexico Hispano Music Association as to the reason(s) for my disqualification, should it occur. I will not hold the association responsible and/or liable for my disqualification.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby swear that all materials submitted by me to the New Mexico Hispano  
(Print Name Here)

Music Association's Award Show have been released to the public in Compact Disc or digital format between the dates of October 1, 2024 and December 7, 2025 and have never before been submitted in a prior New Mexico Hispano Music Association's Award Show.

### **Disclosure Statement**

I hereby acknowledge that materials in the form of recorded music which appears on my submitted Compact Disc / USB drive, images in the form of promotional photos and all other materials submitted to the New Mexico Hispano Music Association will be used for the purpose of producing the NMHMA Annual Awards Show Nominations Video, Award Show Program Book. By signing this document I hereby grant permission to the NMHMA and its Board of Directors to use my materials. I also release the NMHMA and its Board of Directors of any and all claims of compensation which result from the sale of the Program Book, and/or any other materials used for promotion by the NMHMA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Signed**

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type Your Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public**

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_





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## **NMHMA Performance Criteria**

The primary goal of the NMHMA is to promote New Mexico Music and its talented musicians and performers. Each year the annual awards show provides an opportunity for our members to showcase their talent in front of an audience of over 1700 New Mexico Music fans.

The selection process for each year's awards show is determined by the NMHMA board of directors. Stringent criteria have been set in place to ensure that NMHMA members are well represented. Before each year's awards show, the NMHMA board meets to review and select the talent for our awards show in a fair and impartial manner. Each band and/or performer is invited to participate in the awards show based on the following criteria:

- NMHMA membership, participation and support of the association and attendance at NMHMA Events such as our annual picnic, award show etc. are considered key elements.
- Bands and/or Artists with submissions for the current awards show receive priority in order to Promote their current CD release. Please note that we cannot accommodate everyone that has a new submission for the award show.
- Number of appearances in past shows is considered. The NMHMA strives to include and showcase ALL of its members as often as possible and allow opportunities for new and upcoming talent.
- Successful groups with a tremendous fan base and following are a must in order for the NMHMA to successfully promote the awards show and maintain its reputation as being New Mexico's Premier Awards Show.
- Cooperation with NMHMA staff and adhering to performance guidelines is critical. If the group and/or artist goes over the allotted time of 4-5 minutes, is unhappy with placement in line up or feels awards selection is biased, the NMHMA reserves the right to exclude groups/artists from future events.
- The NMHMA strives to showcase artists and groups during the awards show by utilizing premier production elements such as sound and lighting. In turn, we kindly ask that you and your group dress accordingly to reflect your professionalism as a New Mexico Music artist.

## NMHMA CHECKLIST

Please check off each box to ensure that you received everything and did not forget anything. You should mail this Check List back with your completed entry forms.

PLEASE GIVE US A TELEPHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ AND CELL# \_\_\_\_\_

### DID THE FOLLOWING PACKET CONTAIN?

- ☐ **PRESIDENT'S LETTER (You should have received 2 pages)**
- ☐ **34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARD SHOW GUIDELINES (You should have recieved 2 pages)**
- ☐ **ENTRY FORMS (You should have received 4 pages)**
- ☐ **SWORN AFFIDAVIT / DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (You should have received 1 page)**
- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (You should have received 1 page)**
- ☐ **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (You should have received 1 page)**

### DID YOU MAIL BACK TO US THE FOLLOWING?

**CD'S / USB drive - (YOU SHOULD MAIL 6 IN TOTAL)**

- ☐ **PHOTOS - (YOU SHOULD MAIL A DATA CD / USB drive WITH YOUR PHOTOS AND ALSO EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS)**
- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP DUES - (YOU SHOULD MAIL YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES) You may Also pay your membership dues online at [www.nmhma.org](http://www.nmhma.org)**
- ☐ **COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS (YOU SHOULD MAIL 4 PAGES IN TOTAL)**
- ☐ **LYRICS - (YOU SHOULD MAIL A SET OF 5 LYRICS FOR EACH SONG) if you submitted for Original & Songwriter Categories.**
- ☐ **BIOGRAPHY (YOU SHOULD MAIL 6 COPIES OF BIOGRAPHIES and also email it to [president@nmhma.org](mailto:president@nmhma.org)**
- ☐ **SWORN AFFADAVIT/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (YOU SHOULD MAIL 1 PAGE)**
- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (YOU SHOULD MAIL 1 PAGE)**
- ☐ **COPYWRITER CERTIFICATE if you are submitting for Original and/or Songwriter Category.**