2027 NOMINATION FORM

Ranching Heritage Association Working Cowboy Award

The Ranching Heritage Association (RHA) Working Cowboy Award recognizes outstanding individuals who make a living primarily in the saddle caring for livestock and the land on a daily basis. The recipient must be skilled in all aspects of ranch work and respected by the ranch crew and ranching community.

Award Qualifications:

- Makes their living full-time as a cowboy
- Works primarily horseback
- Possesses the necessary skills to care for and raise stock humanely and efficiently
- Is a person of exemplary character, who rides for the brand and is an asset to his or her community and ranch

The Working Cowboy Award recipient is selected by a committee of ranching peers from nominations received. One recipient is chosen annually from this national pool. The winner is recognized at the National Golden Spur Award Honors event and presented with custom spurs and a $5,000 cash award.

Recent Recipients:
2026 – West Recipient: Kyle Best | Arizona
East Recipient: Arlon Baize | Texas
2025 – West Recipient: Jeff Billberry, Singleton Ranch | New Mexico
East Recipient: Tom Moorhouse, Moorhouse Ranch | Texas
2024 – Buzz Thorp, R.A. Brown Ranch | Texas
2023 – Jimbo Humphreys, Guitar Ranches | Texas
2022 – Wes O'Neal, Four Sixes Ranch | Texas
2020 – Joel Nelson, Anchor Ranch | Texas
2019 – Ed Ashurst, Ten X Ranch | Arizona
2018 – Boots O'Neal, Four Sixes Ranch | Texas

Nominations must be submitted by January 15, 2027. Please note, the completed nomination form includes *two letters of recommendation (minimum) and nominee's work history*.

Please complete and submit the following form:

For additional space, please attach on separate sheet.

1. Name of person being nominated

First and Last Name:

City:

State:

Current Employer:

2. Who is nominating this individual?

First and Last Name:

Phone:

Email:

3. Based on the award qualifications, please describe why this nominee should be considered for the RHA Working Cowboy Award.

4. Please list or describe the nominee's work history as it pertains to the Award qualifications. Include employers and work locations, if available.

5. Please list or describe community involvement, awards, or recognitions that illustrate the nominee's character and the respect garnered from their ranch and community.

6. Provide two letters of recommendation (minimum). *All letters of recommendation must be received by the nomination deadline for consideration.*

7. Feel welcome to include additional documentation in support of the nominee (not required). *All supporting documentation must be received by the nomination deadline for consideration.*

Deliver Nomination By Mail Or Email To:

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Visit goldenspurhonors.com for more information about the Working Cowboy Award and the National Golden Spur Award Honors, or to use the online nomination form.

Learn more about the Ranching Heritage Association and National Ranching Heritage Center at ranchingheritage.org.