



Band Submission Guidelines for the 2025 Bowers Bluegrass Festival

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The Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association hosts an annual Bluegrass Music Festival every August, at the Bower's Mansion Regional Park. The dates of the 39th Annual Bowers Bluegrass Festival are Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24, 2025.

Opportunities to perform at this event fall into several categories

- Local Bands within the Reno/Carson City/Sparks/Truckee area
 - Four Bands will be selected, \$250 per band
- Regional Bands: Bands within the greater area of northern California, Nevada, Oregon (fee negotiated)
- National Touring Bands: Nationally known professional touring bands (fee negotiated)

Deadlines for applications

- National Touring Bands will be selected by the NNBA Board prior to October 31, 2023.
- Regional Bands may submit applications until December 31, 2024
 - Selections will be finalized by mid-January, 2025
- Local Bands may submit applications until March 15, 2025
 - Selections will be finalized by end of March

Application Requirement for All Categories

Ours is a Bluegrass Festival, however we are open to ensembles that authentically represent other strands of Bluegrass-inspired music on acoustic instruments (e.g. Progressive Bluegrass, Old Time, etc.).

Our Selection Process

Artists are required to submit a “One Sheet” in pdf format, sent to info@nnba.org

The One Sheet must consist of a 1-page document that includes the following information:

- One high resolution photo showing the artist(s) that are applying to perform
 - Photo should show the personnel, instrumentation and performance attire of the band
- Links to what you consider to be your best one or two videos (either live or studio)
- Links to website and/or social media sites
- List (or link to a list) of recent public performances and scheduled upcoming performances
- Band resume – may include individual member resumes and/or whole group resume; include all contact info.

National and Regional Touring Bands will be selected by the NNBA Board of Directors by mid January, 2025.

FOR LOCAL BAND SELECTION

The One Sheets are reviewed by a Committee consisting of NNBA Members that are NOT members of any of the applicant bands. This committee meets for one session, reviews the applications, discusses, and makes recommendations to the Board. The Board makes final decisions, based on the recommendations of the committee by the end of March, 2025.