



California Youth Squares

Bringing Dance to California Youth
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TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO YOUTH SQUARE DANCERS

Two college scholarships are available for youth square dancers, and the deadlines for application are coming up soon!

United Square Dancers of America, Inc. (USDA), the national dancers organization, is offering a \$1000 college scholarship through their Founders Memorial Youth Fund. Deadline for application is February 1, 2007. This scholarship will be awarded to an active square dancer who is a high school senior or a college freshman planning to continue their education.

Candidates for the USDA Scholarship will be evaluated on their extent and quality of service to square dancing; leadership record; their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement; and future leadership potential and communication skills, their likelihood of "making a difference" in square dancing.

Applications can be downloaded from the USDA website, www.USDA.org, or from John & Alitia Becker, USDA Youth Chairmen, (318) 665-9085 or via e-mail at usda.youth.advisor@usda.org.

The California Square Dance Council, Inc.'s \$500 Scholarship will be presented April 14, 2007 at the California State Square Dance Convention. Under the guidance of the Council's Youth Advisory Committee, this award will be presented to a California youth dancer currently active in the modern square dance movement, which includes all forms of called, cued and prompted dance.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be a current active member of a dance club belonging to the California Square Dance Council, Inc., through one of its member affiliates. The student must have been a member of the dance club for a minimum of one (1) year prior to application. This scholarship will be awarded on merit to a youth dancer who has a record of volunteer service in the square dance movement, and has outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

To qualify for the California scholarship, students must be the equivalent of a high school senior or above who has not reached the age of 21 by May 1, 2007. He/she must be planning to continue their education at an accredited university, college, professional, vocational or technical school. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student, (12 units.)

Applications for the California scholarship may be downloaded from the Council's website, www.squaredance.org, or by calling Scholarship Chairmen David & Susan Cleek at (805) 473-8892 or Youth Advisory Committee Chair Bonnie Abramson at (916) 649-2714. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2007.

Funding for the California scholarship program, as well as other activities promoting youth square dancing, is coming through private donations and the sale of door prize tickets promoting the California State Square Dance Convention, April 13 - 15, 2007 at the Raincross Square Convention Center in Riverside. To learn more about how you can support our efforts, please contact Youth Advisory committee Chair Bonnie Abramson at (916) 649-2714 or via e-mail at CAYouthSqrs@aol.com.

California Square Dance Council, Inc., Youth Advisory Committee

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