

California Square Dance Council, Inc. Youth Dancer Scholarship Program

Purpose

The California Square Dance Council, Inc. – a statewide dancers organization – will award at least \$750 in merit-based educational scholarship to a student(s) who has shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

General Guidelines

The California Square Dance Council, Inc., expects to award at least one (1) Educational Scholarship on the basis of merit to a youth dancer who:

- I Has a record of volunteer service in square dancing, and
- II Has outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

Conditions of Eligibility

Each nominee must:

- I Be an active member for at least one (1) year in a club belonging to the California Square Dance Council, Inc. through one of its member affiliates;
- II Be the equivalent of a high school senior or above who has **not** reached the age of 21 by May 1st of the year of application;
- III Be planning to continue their education at an accredited university, college, professional, vocational or technical school;
- IV Be committed to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including all of the called, cued and prompted dance forms;
- V Fulfill entrance requirements of the school of his/her choice;
- VI Enroll as a full-time student (min. 12 units), or part-time student (min. 6 units).

Nomination Procedures

The following items are required for each nominee:

- I A completed application
- II Three (3) letters of nomination/recommendation that meet the following criteria:
 - a. At least one of these letters must be from a Council affiliate member club where the applicant is a current, active member, testifying to the applicant's involvement in the club's activities. Individual must have been an active member of said club for a minimum of one (1) year.
 - b. No two letters may come from the same individual, family or club.
- III Applicant's essay of no less than 500 words describing *"How the square dance movement has contributed to my life."*

Application Deadline

The complete application package must be **postmarked by April 1**, or **received via e-mail by April 1**, at the address specified on the application form.

Selection Procedures

A committee examines all nominations and selects the recipient. Recipient is selected on the basis of:

- I Extent and quality of service to the square dance movement;
- II Leadership record;
- III Demonstrated dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the square dance movement;
- IV Future leadership potential and communication skills;
- V Likelihood of "making a difference" in the square dance movement.

Payment of Scholarship

The Scholarship will be made by the California Square Dance Council Inc., to the student and the school of his/her choice upon the confirmation of enrollment.

For More Information Contact: C.S.D.C. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE / SCHOLARSHIP
Steve Riley, Chair – (209) 740-9918
e-mail: cayouth@squaredance.org / www.squaredance.org

Attention Youth Dancers, Parents & Counselors:

Each year the California Square Dance Council, Inc., through its Youth Advisory Committee, will make available at least one Seven hundred and Fifty dollar (\$750.00) scholarship to a youth dancer currently active in the modern square dance movement, which includes all forms of called, cued and prompted dance.

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.

Please feel free to duplicate the application as needed. Additional copies are available on the California Square Dance Council, Inc.'s website, **www.squaredance.org**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION, POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1st or RECEIVED VIA E-MAIL BY APRIL 1st.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Steve Riley

Steve Riley, Chair
California Square Dance Council, Inc. Youth Advisory Committee

**California Square Dance Council, Inc.
Scholarship Application**

Applicant's Name: _____ Application Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____ Birthday: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code & Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current School: _____ City/State: _____

School student is planning to attend: _____

City/State: _____

Membership History in Clubs That Are Part of the Total Square Dance Movement (include dates of membership)

Square Dance Committee Positions and/or Offices

Honors and Awards (i.e., School, Church, Square Dance, 4-H, Scouts, etc.)

School and Community/Club Offices and Positions (Other than Square Dance Groups)

Essay: On a separate sheet include your typewritten essay of no less than 500 words describing "How the Square Dance Movement has Contributed to My Life."

APPLICATION AND ESSAY: Please complete the application and accompanying essay using **BLACK INK**. Handwritten, typewritten or computer-generated documents are all acceptable. Send completed application, essay and letters of recommendation to:

California Square Dance Council, Inc.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
Youth Scholarship Committee
c/o Steve Riley
1479 Timber Lane
Manteca, CA 95833

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