

PURPOSE

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers organization – awards a merit-based scholarship to a student who has shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The United Square Dancers of America Founders Memorial Youth Fund expects to award one Foundation Scholarship on the basis of merit to a high school junior or senior who

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

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Each nominee must be

- An active square dancer
- A high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education
- Nominated by a USDA affiliate club or organization, and
- Committed to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

- Extent and quality of service to square dancing
- Leadership record

- Demonstrated dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement
- Future leadership potential and communication skills, likelihood of “making a difference” in square dancing.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will be comprised of the following members:

- USDA Founders
- USDA president
- Youth advisory committee chair
- Two members of the USDA Executive committee/board selected by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The following items are required for each nominee:

- A completed application,
- A letter of nomination from USDA affiliate club or organization
- Nominee’s essay of not more than 500 words on the topic “the impact square dancing has had on my life.”

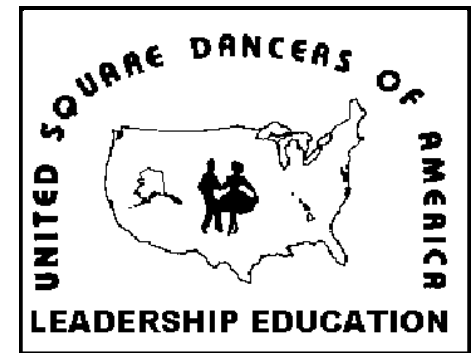
NOMINATION DEADLINE

The complete nomination package must be received by February 1 at the address specified on the application form.

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at the June Annual Board of Directors meeting at the National Square Dance Convention each year.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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<http://usda.org/affilwps.htm>

USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's name _____

Permanent address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Telephone _(____)_____ **E-mail address** _____

Grade in school _____ **Age** _____

High School _____ **College** _____

Honors and Awards

Officers and Positions

Square Dance Committee Positions and/or Offices

_____, _____, _____
USDA Affiliate Signature of USDA Affiliate President Date

Send (1) this signed application, (2) Letter of nomination from USDA affiliate club or organization, (3) additional letters of recommendation if desired, and (4) applicant's essay of 500 words or less on the subject "the impact square dancing has had on my life" to:

**USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund
Scholarship Applications
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