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USDA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Youth dancers – did you know there is a scholarship opportunity just for you through the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship? This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a youth dancer who meets the following criteria:

- A high school senior or college freshman who plans to continue his/her education
- An active square, round, contra, or clogging dancer
- A record of volunteer service with square dancing
- Outstanding leadership potential and communication skills
- Committed to promotion and perpetuation of square dancing

Scholarship applicants must be sponsored by a USDA Affiliate Organization, and the application must be signed by the USDA Affiliate Organization President.

The application process includes submitting a completed application form, a 500 word personal essay, three letters of recommendation, and a signed nomination form from the USDA Affiliate Organization President. Scholarship forms as well as other information on USDA youth programs are available from the USDA website at <http://www.usda.org/youth.htm>.

The application deadline is February 1 of each year, with the scholarship recipient announced at the USDA Annual Board of Directors meeting in June.

Are you interested in supporting the USDA Youth Scholarship Program? The United Square Dancers of America is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the youth scholarship fund are tax-deductible. A donation form can be downloaded from the website above.

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