Each year the United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers’ organization – awards a merit-based scholarship(s) to a student(s) who has shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement. One of the application requirements is to be nominated for this scholarship by the president of the applicant’s USDA member affiliate organization. To simplify this procedure, this nomination form is to be used to provide that Affiliate nomination.

**USDA AFFILIATE PRESIDENT:** If requested to nominate an applicant, please complete and return this form either to the applicant so that they can include it with their application or send it directly back to the USDA Youth Chairman at the e-mail or snail mail address below prior to the February 1st deadline.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS - DON’T KNOW WHO YOUR AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE IS?** No problem. Use the attached list to find the USDA member Affiliate organization that represents your state or region. Then, contact the President of that organization and either provide them with this form or ask them to download it from the USDA website, www.usda.org, sign it and return it either to you for inclusion with your application or send it directly to the USDA Youth Chairman. Once you locate your Affiliate representative organization from the list, spend some time reviewing their website so that you can learn more about the state or regional organization that represents you.

**NEED MORE HELP?** Contact the USDA Vice President that represents your region.

- **CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT** – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia
  usda.central.region.vp@usda.org
- **EASTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT** – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia
  usda.eastern.region.vp@usda.org
- **PLAINS REGION VICE PRESIDENT** – Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin
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- **WESTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT** – Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming
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On behalf of the (Name of USDA Affiliate): .......................................................... I/We Proudly Nominate (Applicant’s Name): ..........................................................

From City: .......................................................... State: .......................................................... for the USDA Scholarship.

I/We certify that he/she is a member of (Club Name): .......................................................... Name(s) of USDA Affiliate President: ..........................................................

Signature: .......................................................... Date: ..........................................................

**CONTACT FOR MAILING ADDRESS OR EMAIL THIS NOMINATION FORM TO:** usda.youth.advisor@usda.org