

## PURPOSE

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers’ organization – awards merit-based scholarships to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including square dance, round dance, contra and clogging, and are members of an affiliated club.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The United Square Dancers of America Founders Memorial Youth Fund expects to award one or more Foundation Scholarships on the basis of merit to high school seniors or college freshmen who are active square, round, contra or clog dancers, and

- Have a record of volunteer service in square dancing, and/or school, sporting or other social organizations such as church, 4-H, FFA, scouting or similar groups.
- Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

## CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Each nominee must:

- Be an active square, round, contra or clogging dancer who is a member of an affiliated club;
- Be a high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education;
- Submit a Nomination Form signed by the President of the applicant’s USDA affiliate organization, and;
- Be committed to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

## NOMINATION DEADLINE

**The complete nomination package must be received by February 1.**

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

A committee will review all nominations and selects the recipient(s) on the basis of

- Extent and quality of service to square, round, contra or clog dancing
- Leadership record for all activities.

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

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The following items are required for each nominee:

- Completed application.
- Signed nomination form from USDA Affiliate Organization President (download form from USDA website)
- Three letters of recommendation – One from your local square dance club of which you are a member, plus two more which can come from representatives of square dance clubs, schools, church, social clubs or long time acquaintances.
- Applicant’s essay of approximately 500 words on the subject “*The impact square dancing has had on my life.*”
- If additional space is required additional pages can be attached.

## SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced in June each year at the Annual USDA Board of Directors meeting held in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention®.

## SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP

If you would like to support the scholarship program, please download a scholarship donation form from [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org).

Visit the USDA website, [www.usda.org/youth.htm](http://www.usda.org/youth.htm) to download:

- USDA Scholarship Application Form
- USDA Affiliate Nomination Form
- USDA Scholarship Donation Form

# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

## FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



A program of the United Square  
Dancers of America, Inc.



**Upsilon Sigma Delta**  
Youth Square Dancer of America

Greek Letters to be worn  
only by Youth Dancers

Developed by the Youth Advisory  
Committee and funded through donations to  
USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund

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**USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL  
YOUTH FUND  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

[www.usda.org/youth.htm](http://www.usda.org/youth.htm)



Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (inc. Area Code): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_

USDA Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long Have You Been Dancing: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional pages may be attached for any of the information requested below. Include local, regional, state, or national positions)

**Square, Round, Clogging, or Contra Dance Related Recognitions, Committee Positions, and/or Offices**

Position:	Date:	Organization:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Honors and Awards (inc. School, Social Clubs, Church, 4-H, Scouts or any other organization)**

Position:	Date:	Organization
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Officers and Positions (inc. School, Social Clubs, Church, 4-H, Scouts or any other volunteer organization)**

Position:	Date:	Organization
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Your Completed Application Packet Must Include:**

- (1) Completed application.
- (2) Signed nomination form from USDA Affiliate Organization President (download form from website)
- (3) Three letters of recommendation – One from your local affiliated dance club of which you are a member, plus two more which can come from representatives of square dance clubs, schools, church, social clubs or long time acquaintances.
- (4) Applicant's essay of approximately 500 words on the subject *"The impact square dancing has had on my life."*

**Questions?**

E-mail: [usda.youth.advisor@usda.org](mailto:usda.youth.advisor@usda.org)

**Email or Mail\* Completed Application to:  
USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund  
Scholarship**

**USDA Youth Advisor\***

*(\*If mailing application please contact Youth Advisor for mailing address)*