

# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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## USDA Supports Youth Dancers!

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers’ organization – is proud to support youth dancers and youth square dancing across the country.

USDA awards a \$2500 merit-based scholarship annually to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the square dance movement. The scholarship is open to any active square, round, contra or clogging dancer who is a high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education. **Completed scholarship applications are due on or before February 1 of each year.** The USDA Youth Scholarship program is primarily funded by generous donations from square dance organizations and individual dancers. Contributions are always welcome! USDA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization so donations are tax-deductible to individuals or businesses.

USDA also supports youth dancers through various activities at the annual National Square Dance Convention. In recent years, USDA has sponsored a pizza party for youth and donated gift cards which are given away during the convention through drawings in the youth dance hall. In addition, USDA encourages the use of the frog symbol to let youth dancers know they are welcome in a square and has adopted the Greek letters Upsilon Sigma Delta ( $\Upsilon\Sigma\Delta$ ) to represent Youth Square Dancers of America.



Further information on USDA Youth Programs and the Founder Memorial Youth Scholarship can be found on the USDA website at [www.usda.org/Youth.php](http://www.usda.org/Youth.php). Inquiries may also be directed to the USDA Youth Program Advisor Dan Reedy at [Youth@usda.org](mailto:Youth@usda.org).