



Gay Callers Association Scholarship Application

The Gay Callers Association (GCA) Scholarship was established to assist those who wish to attend the annual GCA Caller School. The scholarship is funded directly from the GCA treasury, and may used only to attend the GCA Caller School.

In 2006 you can apply for a partial scholarship that will pay for tuition only. Or you can apply for a full scholarship which will give you an extra \$75 to help defray the costs of your room and meals during the school.

We hope that by awarding this scholarship, we will encourage and allow more members of the Gay and Lesbian Community, and those who call Square Dancing for the Community to take part in a callers school which offers a varied and unique curriculum. Beginners as well as more advanced students of the art of calling are encouraged to apply for the scholarship. No assumptions will be made about the sexual orientation of the applicants, and no preference will be given based on that or other biases. More than one person from a club may apply; each application will be evaluated on its own merit by an experienced panel of reviewers from the GCA.

This application must be postmarked and submitted to the GCA President no later than May 1, 2006.

Scholarship decisions will be announced privately to the applicants by e-mail, or US Postal mail.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Club: _____ IAGSDC™ Club or affiliate?: Yes / No / New*

**New means you're interested in starting a new gay club in your area.*

How many years have you been dancing? : _____

Have you already been awarded any amount of financial assistance to attend this school (from your club or any other source)? : Yes / No. If Yes: Amount \$ _____ Source: _____

Is your attendance at the upcoming GCA Caller School contingent on receiving this award? ___Yes ___No

I am requesting (circle one) a Partial / Full Scholarship.

Essay Questions: (Please attach your answer to these two essay-type questions in 250 words or less each)

1. What is your philosophy of square dancing? Why are you in it? What do you hope to get out of it? What interests you about calling? What do you hope to contribute as a caller?
2. Why do you want this scholarship?

Please answer these next questions in the space provided.

How many years have you been calling?: _____

Are you a member of any International Caller's Association?: Callerlab: _____ American Callers Assoc.: _____

Are you a member of your local Callers Association? (name please): _____

Are you a member of any other Callers Association? (name please): _____

Names and dates of any other Caller Schools or clinics you have attended (use reverse if necessary):

How many complete dances do you call per year?: _____

What Callerlab dance programs do you call regularly?: _____

How many classes have you taught? _____ Which programs? _____

Are you currently teaching a class? _____

Other Comments:

Signature

Date

Please feel free to use additional sheets of paper to complete any answers. Do NOT include any personal financial data. All applications are confidential and become the property of the Gay Callers Association.

IMPORTANT: Applicants are encouraged, but not required to include letters of recommendation. Experienced Callers should attach at least two letters of recommendation. These may be from your fellow dancers, experienced callers, officers of your local club, or anyone else who is involved in square dancing.

**Please send your completed application and registration form to:
GCA Scholarship • c/o Nick Martellacci • 230 Jay St #2C • Brooklyn, NY 11201**