



# 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 is to be used only for the GCA Caller School. No assumptions will be made about nor preferences given due to the sexual orientation of the applicants. More than one person from a club may apply; each application will be evaluated on its own merit by the GCA Executive Board.

You may request a partial scholarship (\$75 - to cover tuition only) or full scholarship (\$150 - tuition plus an extra \$75 to help cover food, room, or other school-related expenses.) Beyond this award no other expenses will be paid by the GCA, including lodging, travel, meals or incidentals during or related to attending Caller School.

Because you are applying for this scholarship we will assume a financial need on your part. **(Do NOT send any personal financial data.)** However, since we are not a limitless source of funds we must evaluate each applicant based on his/her explanation as to how this award will promote square dancing **specifically within the LGBT community** (e.g. start a new club, support an existing club - help teach lessons, new dancer workshops, outreach, etc.) Please provide as much detail as possible. *(Use additional sheets of paper if necessary to answer the two essay questions on the reverse.)* Along with your application, please include at least one letter of recommendation, preferably from a club officer\*. This letter serves two purposes: first, it is your club's acknowledgment of your intention to learn how to call; and second, it is your club's offer of *reasonable* support for your calling career. Finally, if you have received a scholarship in the past you must also submit a progress report outlining how the things you learned in the GCA school has helped your professional development

Your application must be postmarked no later than February 1, along with your completed registration form. Registrations received with scholarship applications will be subject to the usual deposit and tuition payment deadlines. Scholarship decisions will be announced privately to the applicants on March 1, by e-mail, phone, or the US Postal Service.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ IAGSDC™?: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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 \$\_\_\_ Amount Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your attendance at the upcoming GCA Caller School contingent on receiving this award? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I am requesting a \_\_\_ Full Scholarship / \_\_\_ Partial Scholarship.

*\*If you'll be using this scholarship and training to help start a new club, we'll accept a letter from a caller/mentor you've worked with, or a another square dancer. If you'll be helping start a new club AND you have no prior calling experience, this requirement may be waived.*

