

Scottish Weekend Scholarship Policy

February 2016

Goals of Scottish Weekend Scholarships:

The goal of Scottish Weekend (SW) scholarships is to help those who need financial aid to attend SW. Scholarships are consistent with SW's Articles of Incorporation, which state that the weekend's purpose is "to promote, educate or encourage the art and music of Scottish Country Dancing."

Scholarship Fund

In keeping with the above goals, SW will establish and maintain a fund to be used to assist those with demonstrated need and commitment, as detailed below, to attend SW. Funds donated to the scholarship fund will remain in the fund until awarded. A Scholarship Committee will be responsible for administering and planning all aspects of the fund (detailed below).

Scholarship Applications

All scholarship applications will need to be submitted by August 1; no applications will be considered after that date. Scholarship awards should be announced by August 15 or before (if possible) to allow recipient time to make firm plans for SW attendance.

Four categories of applicant may apply for scholarships:

- Full-time academic students.
- New dancers who have attended SCD classes regularly for at least 6 months.
- Hardship cases: dancers with proven support of SW and current SCD involvement but whose circumstances make attendance at SW difficult
- Musicians who are learning SCD music techniques

All applicants will be required to submit the following documentation:

- A written statement detailing why they are applying for the financial aid (a section will be provided on the application form).
- A recommendation from the applicant's teacher indicating how long the applicant has been dancing, confirming that the applicant attends class regularly, and that the applicant would benefit from participating in SW (a form will be provided which the teacher will submit directly to the Committee). If the applicant is a musician, a note from the musician's teacher will be required to confirm that the musician takes regular lessons, has interest and potential in performing Scottish Country dance music, and would benefit from participating in SW.

Scholarship recipients should be willing to help with various small camp jobs during the weekend. They should expect to be contacted by Scottish Weekend's Volunteer Coordinator. Time preferences (morning/afternoon/evening) can be indicated on the application form.

Scholarship Committee:

The Scottish Weekend Operating Committee shall establish a Scholarship Committee composed of the registrar, chair, treasurer and 1-2 at large members. The Committee responsibilities include:

- review applications and award scholarships as soon as possible after July 1 each year (The Registrar will notify applicants of the Committee's decision);
- document and approve policies and procedures;
- set annual scholarship fundraising goals and percentage to be distributed;
- annually review policies and effects;
- market donation opportunities;
- prepare thank-you notes.

Distribution Policy:

The Scottish Weekend Scholarship Committee will distribute scholarship funds to accomplish the above goals, following the general allocation guidelines below:

- Full-time students: 35% of total scholarships awarded.
- New dancers: 40% of total scholarships awarded.
- Hardship: 20% of total scholarships awarded.
- Musicians: 5 % of total scholarships awarded

The above percentages are guidelines only and can be adjusted as needed.