



# CALLERLAB

The International Association  
of Square Dance Callers

and  
**The CALLERLAB Foundation  
Scholarship Funds**

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**Information & Applications**

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This document provides information and an application for the various scholarships and Education Grants administered by CALLERLAB and the CALLERLAB Foundation.



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Subject: CALLERLAB and CALLERLAB Foundation Education Funds

CALLERLAB and The CALLERLAB Foundation believe that caller education is one of the most important aspects of the support they provide to square dancing.

The CALLERLAB Mission Statement reads:

“To foster the art of square dance calling, and improve caller skills.”

The CALLERLAB Foundation Mission Statement reads, in part:

“The mission of the CALLERLAB Foundation is to preserve and promote the folk art of American square dancing and related dance forms.”

Both organizations believe strongly that caller education through publication of caller training materials and documents, the CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach program, CALLERLAB convention interest/educational sessions, grant programs, and scholarship funds are vital to the furtherance of the goal of enhancing caller education and dancers' enjoyment and retention.

CALLERLAB and The Foundation manage grant and education funds which are intended to provide financial assistance to callers seeking to further their education through attendance at a recognized caller training school and who would not otherwise be able to attend. The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or be a school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum and at least 20 hours of presentations. **Those receiving a scholarship are required to submit a written brief, submitted within three months of attending the school, to summarize how the school impacted their growth as a caller.**

The attached material and application form provides information about the scholarship funds administered by CALLERLAB and the Foundation. There is a maximum lifetime award of three scholarships. Completed applications are to be returned to:

Scholarship Application Processing  
200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611

Requests for additional information may be submitted to the address above or:

Phone 1-785-783-3665

Email: [CALLERLAB@aol.com](mailto:CALLERLAB@aol.com)

Sincerely,

Dana Schirmer  
CALLERLAB Executive Director  
CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Secretary



# CALLERLAB and CALLERLAB Foundation Scholarship Application Form for Callers

(Revised September 1, 2019)



Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant (Caller) Dancing and Calling History

How long have you been square dancing? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been calling? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any other caller schools or clinics prior to this application? \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, please list those schools and/or clinics previously attended and give the dates(s) of attendance.)

Schools Attended

Date

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What caller school will you attend with the funds received from this scholarship?

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will attend (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ How Long is the School? \_\_\_\_\_ Day(s)

Name of CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Does tuition include room & board? YES:\_\_\_ NO:\_\_\_

Cost of school: Tuition - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Room & Board - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL Cost - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This Scholarship Award shall be based on financial need, current calling experience and your stated intentions. Please include a type written essay on a separate sheet to include your reasons for applying for this Scholarship. It is important that you also state your intentions regarding calling. If you have intentions of becoming a full time professional caller, please state. **MAKE SURE YOU SIGN YOUR NAME AT THE END OF YOUR ESSAY AND ALSO SIGN THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE: Those receiving scholarships must submit a written brief, submitted within three months of attending the school, to summarize how the school impacted their calling skills.** I pledge to contribute to the Foundation when I am financially able \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Address these two statements in your essay:

- I need this scholarship because...

- I intend to use my calling skills...

Have you received a scholarship from CALLERLAB before? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Number of awards: \_\_\_\_\_

**If this is your second award**, please have a caller coach provide a written statement that you are continuing to actively pursue square dance calling.

**If this is your third award**, a statement from an accredited caller coach further outlining your calling status and outlining the steps you are taking to contribute to the activity and further your knowledge of the craft. Also provide two references from two callers familiar with your calling career.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE THE SCHOOL BEGINS. IF ATTENDANCE IS CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP, THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED 30 DAYS BEFORE THE SCHOOL TO ALLOW THE FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS TIME TO CONSIDER.**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

*Mail application or request for information to:*

*CALLERLAB Foundation*

*(Attn: Scholarship Applications) 200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611*



**CALLERLAB and CALLERLAB Foundation**  
**Scholarship Application Form for Organizations**  
 (Revised September 1, 2019)



Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CALLERLAB Affiliate? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Information

Type Organization: Dancer: \_\_\_ Caller: \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_ Year organization was formed: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the organization sponsored other educational events prior to this application? \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, please list the three most recent events including the date)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please provide details for the event to be sponsored with the funds received from this application?

Name of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ How Long is the Event? \_\_\_\_\_ Day(s)

Name of Primary speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Are there others on the staff? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Is staff being paid? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ If YES: What is TOTAL amount to be paid? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost to attend: Per Person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of facilities \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount from organization: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This Grant Award shall be based on financial need and purpose of event. Please include a type written or printed essay on a separate sheet to include your reasons for applying for this Scholarship/Grant. It is important that you also state the purpose of this event. **MAKE SURE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION SIGNS THE ESSAY AND THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE: Those receiving scholarships must submit a written brief, submitted within three months of attending the school, to summarize how the school impacted their calling skills.**

The Organization pledges to contribute to the Foundation when financially able \_\_\_\_\_ (signature).

Address these two statements in your essay:

- We request this Grant because
- The purpose of this Educational Event is

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

*Mail Application or requests for information to:*

*CALLERLAB Foundation*

*(Attn: Scholarship/Grants Applications)*

200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104

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## Merlin Seidel Memorial Scholarship Fund (Established April 15, 2016)



### Purpose of Fund:

In accordance with the wishes of the mother of Merlin Seidel, this scholarship fund is established in the memory of Merlin Seidel. Proceeds from this fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to newer or youth callers on a scholarship award basis.

### Fund Disbursements:

Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following priorities: Calling experience, previous training, need, and intentions.

Grants shall be awarded based on the following priorities: need, existing skills, training, intentions, and educational aspects of the event/school. Applicants will possess less than two years of calling experience or youth callers.

No award shall exceed \$250.

In the event that a husband/wife or other “team” of callers, both of whom are paying for the caller school, should apply, any award given the “team” shall not exceed \$500 in total.

The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or be a 40-hour school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered. Each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay must include: 1) brief history of dancing & calling experience, 2) history of past caller training, including list of schools, 3) statement of need: 4) and a statement of intention. Those callers who have been calling less than five years and have not yet attended a caller school shall be given priority in the selection process.

No single individual shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund. No husband/wife or other “team” shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund, considered jointly or separately. Applications by a caller or “team” who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

*Tax deductible Donations and Contributions can be mailed directly to:  
MERLIN SEIDEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND,  
c/o CALLERLAB Foundation,  
200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104,  
Topeka, KS 66611*



## Grand Square Incorporated (GSI) Education Fund



(Revised November 15, 2010)

### Purpose of Fund:

In compliance with the wishes and objectives of Grand Square Inc (GSI), proceeds from the Fund are intended for use by:

- 1) A deserving dancer who has indicated a desire to learn how to better serve square dancing,
- 2) A deserving caller who has a background of calling or dancing; and who has indicated a desire to learn to call or a desire to improve their calling, OR
- 3) A square dance organization which has indicated a desire to sponsor a seminar or clinic to provide training to dancers or callers to help them better serve square dancing

### Fund Disbursements:

Grants shall be awarded based on the following priorities: need, existing skills, training, intentions, and educational aspects of the event/school.

For an individual application, no single award will exceed \$250.

In the event that a husband/wife or other "team" should apply, both of whom are paying for the caller school, any award given the "team" shall not exceed \$500 in total.

If an organization should apply, any award given the organization shall normally not exceed \$500.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered. The application requires a statement of intention which each applicant must provide.

No single individual shall receive more than one grant from this Fund. No husband/wife or other "team" shall receive more than one grant award from this Fund, considered jointly or severally. Normally an organization shall not receive more than one grant from this Fund. Applications by a caller or "team" who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

*Tax deductible Donations and Contributions can be mailed directly to:*  
**THE GRAND SQUARE INCORPORATED EDUCATION FUND**  
*c/o CALLERLAB Foundation,*  
**200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611**



## Music Producers Committee Scholarship Fund (Established July 26, 2011)



### Purpose of Fund:

In compliance with the wishes and objectives of the Music Producers Committee, proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to callers on a scholarship award basis.

### Fund Disbursements:

Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following priorities: Calling experience, previous training, need, and intentions.

The Music Producers Committee donated funds to establish a scholarship fund for square dance caller education. Grants shall be awarded based on the following priorities: need, existing skills, training, intentions, and educational aspects of the event/school. Applicants will possess less than two years of calling experience.

No award shall exceed \$250.

In the event that a husband/wife or other "team" of callers, both of whom are paying for the caller school, should apply, any award given the "team" shall not exceed \$500 in total.

The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or be a 40-hour school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered.

Each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay must include: 1) brief history of dancing & calling experience, 2) history of past caller training, including list of schools, 3) statement of need: 4) and a statement of intention. Those callers who have been calling less than five years and have not yet attended a caller school shall be given priority in the selection process.

No single individual shall receive more than one scholarship award from this fund. No husband/wife or other "team" shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund, considered jointly or separately. Applications by a caller or "team" who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

*Tax deductible Donations and Contributions can be mailed directly to:*  
**MUSIC PRODUCERS COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND,**  
*c/o CALLERLAB Foundation,*  
200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104  
Topeka, KS 66611



## Michael Jacobs Memorial Scholarship Fund (Established January 1, 2012)



### Purpose of Fund:

In compliance with the wishes and objectives of the Wyman family and the Marjorie Wyman Charitable Annuity Trust, this scholarship fund is established in the memory of Michael Jacobs. Proceeds will be used exclusively for disbursement to newer callers on a scholarship award basis.

### Fund Disbursements:

Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following priorities: Calling experience, previous training, need, and intentions.

The Wyman family donated funds to establish a memorial scholarship fund in the name of the Michael Jacobs Memorial Scholarship for square dance caller education. Grants shall be awarded based on the following priorities: need, existing skills, training, intentions, and educational aspects of the event/school. Applicants will possess less than two years of calling experience.

No award shall exceed \$250.

In the event that a husband/wife or other "team" of callers, both of whom are paying for the caller school, should apply, any award given the "team" shall not exceed \$500 in total.

The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or be a 40-hour school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered.

Each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay must include: 1) brief history of dancing & calling experience, 2) history of past caller training, including list of schools, 3) statement of need: 4) and a statement of intention. Those callers who have been calling less than five years and have not yet attended a caller school shall be given priority in the selection process.

No single individual shall receive more than one scholarship award from this fund. No husband/wife or other "team" shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund, considered jointly or separately. Applications by a caller or "team" who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

*Tax deductible Donations and Contributions may be mailed directly to:*  
**MICHAEL JACOBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND,**  
*c/o CALLERLAB Foundation,*  
200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104  
Topeka, KS 66611





## Tim Marriner Memorial Scholarship Fund (Established October 17, 2016)



### Purpose of Fund:

This scholarship fund is established in the memory of Tim Marriner. Proceeds will be used exclusively for disbursement to newer callers on a scholarship award basis.

### Fund Disbursements:

Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following priorities: Calling experience, previous training, need, and intentions.

Grants shall be awarded based on the following priorities: need, existing skills, training, intentions, and educational aspects of the event/school. Applicants will possess less than two years of calling experience or a youth caller.

No award shall exceed \$250.

In the event that a husband/wife or other “team” of callers, both of whom are paying for the caller school, should apply, any award given the “team” shall not exceed \$500 in total.

The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or be a 40-hour school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered.

Each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay must include: 1) brief history of dancing & calling experience, 2) history of past caller training, including list of schools, 3) statement of need: 4) and a statement of intention. Those callers who have been calling less than five years and have not yet attended a caller school shall be given priority in the selection process.

No single individual shall receive more than one scholarship award from this fund. No husband/wife or other “team” shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund, considered jointly or separately. Applications by a caller or “team” who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

*Tax deductible Donations and Contributions may be mailed directly to:*  
**TIM MARRINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND,**  
*c/o CALLERLAB Foundation,*  
200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 104  
Topeka, KS 66611



# GENERAL Scholarship Fund

(Revised March 2, 2019)



## Purpose of Fund:

Proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to callers on a scholarship award basis.

## Fund Disbursements:

Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following priorities: Calling experience, previous training, need, and intentions.

Any caller or aspiring caller may apply. In the event no newer callers have applied, an experienced caller can receive an award after consideration of all other factors listed above.

No award shall exceed \$250 for schools of forty hours and \$150 for schools of 20 to 39 hours.

In the event that a husband/wife or other “team” of callers, both of whom are paying for the caller school, should apply, any award given the “team” shall not exceed \$500 in total.

The school to be attended must include at least one CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach on the staff and the school must offer either 1) the full 40 hours CALLERLAB Caller School Curriculum, or 2) be a 40-hour school focused on specific topics within the Curriculum, or 3) be a school of no less than 20 hours focused on specific topics with the Curriculum.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application form in its present or later amended form. Applications will be accepted at the CALLERLAB Home Office prior to the start of the school to be attended. Applications received after the school will not be considered.

Each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay must include: 1) brief history of dancing & calling experience, 2) history of past caller training, including list of schools, 3) statement of need: 4) and a statement of intention. Those callers who have been calling less than five years and have not yet attended a caller school shall be given priority in the selection process.

No single individual shall receive more than one scholarship award from this fund. No husband/wife or other “team” shall receive more than one scholarship award from this Fund, considered jointly or separately. Applications by a caller or “team” who has received another scholarship through CALLERLAB or the CALLERLAB Foundation will not be considered nor approved within a 24 month period of the approved grant/scholarship.

The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors shall review each application and may award additional grants as deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

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