

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Orange County Branch
Scholarship Guidelines

The Branch has established a scholarship fund to encourage the development of Scottish Country Dancing teachers, dancers, and musicians in Orange County, and to provide opportunities for Southern California Scottish Country Dancing dancers to experience high quality live music both as listeners and as dancers.

Objectives:

- 1) To further the cause of Scottish Country Dancing in Orange County by encouraging the development of Scottish Country Dancing teachers and the development of dancing skills
- 2) To provide an opportunity for promising instrumentalists to hone their musical skills in the interests of Scottish Country Dancing in Southern California

Criteria:

- 1) To be eligible for a dance scholarship, the applicant must be a current member of the Orange County Branch and be presently attending class regularly for at least one year. Preference will be given to applicants interested in pursuing teacher training.
- 2) To be eligible for a musician scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Southern California, have demonstrated an interest in playing Scottish Country Dancing music, and should play an instrument relevant to Scottish Country Dancing, such as accordion, fiddle, keyboard, piano, recorder, etc.

Procedures:

- 1) Announcements of the availability of scholarship funds will appear in every issue of the Orange County Branch newsletter, *The Ceilidh*
- 2) Application forms will be available at all dance classes, on the Branch website (www.rscds-oc.org) or by contacting the Branch Secretary at 8361 Castilian Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92646
- 3) Applications will be reviewed by the Branch Committee of Management
- 4) Applicants must provide information on how the funds will be used and will need to provide documentation of attendance
- 5) Requests must be received at least 30 days before the funds are needed
- 6) Awards will be limited to a total of \$500 a year
- 7) Requests and awards will be confidential
- 8) The Committee of Management should be flexible where certain exceptions may have to be taken into consideration
- 9) Scholarships will be granted without attention to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, nationality, ancestry, age, or place of origin.

The dance scholarship is in honor of Orange County Branch founding member and long-time dancer Dorothy Craik.

The musician scholarship is in honor of Andrew Rankine, a noted accordionist, composer and renowned Scottish Country Dancing band leader.