

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY,
DELAWARE VALLEY BRANCH, LTD.

General

Purposes of Guidelines and Scholarships

These guidelines are intended to assist the Executive Committee in determining scholarship recipients and amounts, for both McNair/Buchanan Scholarships and Teacher Training Scholarships. The primary purpose of these scholarships is to further Scottish Country Dancing as a whole, and any questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines should be considered with that purpose, and the specific purposes of the different scholarships, in mind. The Branch's Executive Committee is authorized to amend further or make exception to the specific terms of these guidelines where they determine such action to be necessary to further this purpose or the specific purposes of the different scholarships. Scholarships are intended to help those who would otherwise be unable to attend or would otherwise experience financial hardship in attending the event or class in question; applications should be submitted accordingly. There may, from time to time, be other forms of scholarships available through the Branch; any guidelines regarding those other scholarships will be determined *ad hoc*, as appropriate, by the Executive Committee.

General Criteria

Applicants for McNair/Buchanan Scholarships or Teacher Training Scholarships are not required to be members of the RSCDS at the time of their application, but must be members in order to receive any scholarship awarded. Applicants must be active in the Delaware Valley Branch. In the case of the McNair/Buchanan Scholarships, the membership requirement may be waived for musicians meeting the activity requirement. Activity is constituted by regular attendance at classes and/or social events, and/or contribution of significant time and effort to help the Branch.

Funding

The amount of any scholarship will be determined by the Executive Committee in its discretion and may not exceed the cost to the applicant of the event or class in question. It is expected that the applicant will also contribute to the costs of attending the relevant event or class in an amount appropriate to the situation. Although the Executive Committee may increase or decrease the funding each year as described below, an annual scholarship budget of \$500 serves as a typical target.

For McNair/Buchanan Scholarships, the "maximum amount" for each scholarship will be set in the budget adopted by the Executive Committee, on advice of the Treasurer, and will depend on Branch financial condition. All McNair/Buchanan Scholarships awarded in a fiscal year will be subject to the same maximum amount.

For Teacher Training Scholarships, the maximum aggregate amount to be awarded in any fiscal year shall be determined by the Executive Committee, on advice of the Treasurer, and will depend on Branch financial condition. The amount of any Teacher Training Scholarship grant shall be determined based primarily on the applicant's financial situation and needs as relevant to the Class, as described in the application.

McNair/Buchanan Scholarship

PURPOSE: The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage special event attendance by new dancers and musicians, and to broaden their experience and viewpoints relative to Scottish country dance.

CRITERIA: This scholarship is awarded to help dancers or musicians attend their first Scottish Country Dance/Music camp, weekend, or workshop outside the Branch. Accordingly, McNair/Buchanan Scholarships will be granted for out-of-town events such as (a) teaching/social workshops/weekends, (b) dance camps (teaching/social), (c) musicians' camps, and (d) musicians' weekends, and applicants must not previously have attended any Scottish camps, weekends or workshops outside the Branch.

AVAILABILITY: Up to two (2) McNair/Buchanan Scholarships may be awarded each fiscal year.

PROCEDURE: Applications may be obtained from the Secretary of the Executive Committee or from the branch web site. Applications should be submitted to the Committee in a timely manner in order to give the Committee time to consider the application prior to the event payment deadline. The scholarship funding will be provided contingent on the applicant's acceptance to the event. A scholarship grant may be used to cover all or part of: the class fees, housing or board.

Teacher Training Scholarship:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage pursuit of preliminary passes and full teaching certifications from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society ("RSCDS"). It is the intention of the Branch that persons wishing to enroll in a preparatory course to sit for the RSCDS examinations for any Units of the Teaching Certification process (a "Class") may receive financial support to defray the costs of such a course, where necessary, appropriate, and available.

USE - CLASSES: Scholarship awards may be made for candidates to attend either a preparatory course in a concentrated program and residence setting (an "Away Class"), including but not limited to classes at the RSCDS Summer School at Saint Andrew's University, classes sponsored by the Teachers' Association, Canada, or a preparatory class in a non-residence setting sponsored by the Branch (a "Local Class"). In the event the Delaware Valley Branch is not sponsoring a Local Class in a fiscal year in which examinations are administered in the general geographical area of the Branch, a class sponsored by another branch may qualify as a Local Class, at the discretion of the Executive Committee with appropriate advice from the Teachers Committee.

USE - COSTS: The Executive Committee has recognized the following types of costs associated with a candidate's attending a Class: Tuition, fees, and required course materials. The Executive Committee has also recognized the following additional types of costs associated with a candidate's attending an Away Class: Housing and board. A scholarship grant may cover all or part of any of the foregoing expenses.

A scholarship grant may also cover costs of course materials that are advised but not required. An example of such materials is RSCDS Books in the case of Teaching Certificate candidates. Factors considered in awarding such a grant may include recommendation of the person(s) leading the Class, recommendation of the candidate's regular Branch teacher(s) and/or other Branch teachers, and Executive Committee assessment that the candidate's future use of such materials will be of benefit to the Branch.

CRITERIA: Applicants for Teacher Training Scholarships must be eligible candidates for teacher training and examination under RSCDS requirements. A person is eligible for one scholarship for each test.

AVAILABILITY: Ordinarily, only one scholarship to attend an Away Class may be made in a given fiscal year. However, the Executive Committee may determine to grant more than one award in a year, subject to the maximum grant amount for the year. Priority in awarding teacher training scholarships will be given to applications for Local Classes.

PROCEDURE: Applications may be obtained from the Secretary of the Executive Committee or from the branch web site. Applications for the Teacher Training Scholarships must be endorsed by a Teacher of the Branch. Applications for scholarships to be awarded in any fiscal year should be made in a timely manner in order to give the Committee time to consider the application prior to the event payment deadline. The scholarship funding will be provided contingent on the applicant's acceptance to attend the class

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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Please submit the completed application to the branch secretary.

1. Are you a member of the RSCDS? Through which branch?

2. **McNair/Buchanan only:**
 - (a) Will this be your first dancing weekend/workshop/camp (“event”) outside the Branch? Yes / No

 - (b) Briefly describe how you expect to benefit from attending this event.

3. **Teacher Training Scholarship only:**
 - (a) What is the price of the event or teacher training class? What will your total expenditure be? How much can you contribute towards these total costs?

 - (b) Did a teacher recommend that you attend this teacher training class? Who?

5. What Delaware Valley Branch class(es) or socials do you attend regularly?

6. If you have contributed time and effort to the Delaware Valley Branch, describe briefly here.

8. Have you applied for other scholarships to attend this event or teacher training class? If so, please describe them.

9. Please attach a flyer or brochure for the event or teacher training class, or provide a web site URL, if available. Otherwise, describe the event or class briefly and name the sponsoring organization and a contact person's name, email/ mailing address, and phone number.