

Celebrating CDSS Scholarships

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Thanks to the generous support of members and donors, this year CDSS offered over **\$46,600 in scholarship funds for our summer programs**. A total of 107 campers aged 15-74 from 24 U.S. States, Canada, and the U.K. were awarded CDSS scholarships in 2019!

If you would like to apply for scholarship assistance to attend a CDSS Camp next summer, please apply online at cdss.org/scholarships. Applications received by **March 23, 2020** will be processed first. Later applications will be considered as long as funds remain.

Group Affiliates Opportunity

Please consider joining CDSS in offering a matching scholarship in 2020. This one-on-one match from CDSS and your group can support an up-and-coming leader, musician, caller, dancer, or organizer from your community to attend a CDSS camp week, which will benefit your group in countless ways.

Donna Hunt, who helps to organize the PATMAD dances in Philadelphia, PA, shares below the positive impact this program has had in their community:

"We've been giving matching scholarships to members of our community since 2012. We help them to be immersed in the song and dance experience for a week, and then we sit back and watch them grow from the experience. Our participation in this scholarship program changes their lives and enriches our community in many ways..."

- ❖ One has been our PATMAD board president for 4 years
- ❖ One plays music, organizes special events, and manages the weekly dance
- ❖ One is now calling around our area and beyond and is on our sound crew
- ❖ One organizes some of our special theme events, helps to organize our weekly dances and another local dance community
- ❖ Three of our previous matching scholarship recipients are now actively calling in the Southwest, playing music and dancing in the Midwest, and helping to organize a dance and dance weekend in the Mid-Atlantic."

Matching scholarship info is online at cdss.org/match

CDSS Affiliates who offered matching scholarships in 2019:

Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance (MI)
CDSS of Pittsburgh (PA)
John C Campbell Folk School (NC)
Lenox Contra Dance (MA)
Louisville Country Dancers (KY)
Mat-Su Traditional Music and Family Dance (AK)
Nashville Country Dancers (TN)
Old Sod Folk Music Society of Ottawa (ON)
Philadelphia Area Traditional Music and Dance (PA)
Portland Intown Contra Dance (ME)
Scissortail Traditional Dance Society (OK)
Toronto Contra Dance (Toronto, ON)

New Generation Initiative Scholarships are offered collaboratively by CDSS and Pinewoods Camp. Qualifications: Ages 15-30, significant financial need, and coming to a CDSS week at Pinewoods Camp in Plymouth, MA for the first time (or returning for a significant reason). Talent and/or leadership initiative is helpful but not required. If you or anyone you know would be eligible for an NGI Scholarship, please email Linda Henry at linda@cdss.org.

New Photography Scholarships: We offered some new scholarships in 2019 to four talented photographers to help us document the magic of our camp programs. We're grateful for the excellent work they have produced, such as the photo below by Jennifer Wik at **Family Week Ogontz** and the photo on the back cover, taken by Deborah Payne at **Harmony of Song & Dance Week**.

