



Continued Attendance Assistance Program

Each year, the IAGSDC hosts an annual convention at various cities throughout the United States and Canada. It is estimated that each attendee spends between \$1,500 and \$2,000 each year traveling to convention.

Thanks to a special donation from an anonymous donor, who has been a square dancer since 1988, the Continued Attendance Assistance Program has been created. This program was created to assist those dancers, who are in financial need, who have a desire to attend a convention subsequent to their first convention.

Each year, AJH will allocate a percentage of the funds available in this program to be disbursed to those in financial need. Square dancers who are in financial need should submit a request to their Club. The club will gather the requests and then submit one lump sum request to AJH for those requesting financial assistance. AJH will review all the requests and then disburse the funds back to the Club and the Club can disburse to those in need as they see fit. Depending on funding, the anticipated assistance for each dancer is between \$150 and \$250.

Program Requirements for the square dancer:

1. Any person that has successfully completed, at a minimum, Mainstream in accordance with Callerlab;
2. Has previously attended at least one IAGSDC convention;
3. Has a financial need;
4. The convention is located more than 500 miles from your home club;
5. Dancer makes a request to their Club for assistance.

Club Responsibilities:

1. Verify that the dancer has satisfied the program requirements above;
2. Gather all the requests and submit one request for all to AJH for consideration.
3. Requests should be submitted 6 months prior to convention. (January 31st for a July convention and November 30th for a May convention).

AJH Responsibilities:

1. AJH will review all the requests from all the clubs within 10 days from the above submission date.
2. AJH will issue a check to each club based upon the available allocation for that year.

Final Club Responsibilities:

The Club will receive the funds from AJH and disburse to their member(s) who had submitted a request to the club on or before the deadline and who will, in fact, attend the convention.

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