Scholarship available but must be in before March 1 – see attached. Any Square Dancer wanting to apply should complete the information needed and submit it to the Scholarship Chairman by February 15.

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Article XVIII: Missouri Federation Memorial Scholarship

Section 1. This \$500 scholarship may be used at any accredited two- or four-year college, university, technical or trade school.

Section 2. The scholarship amount will be paid to the institution of the recipient's choice after the drop date of that institution.

Section 3. Any graduating high school senior or home-schooled senior residing in Missouri or an adjoining state is eligible to apply.

Section 4. Preference will be given to a member of a club of the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. or their family.

Section 5. The application process is as follows:

A: The completed application must be postmarked and mailed to the scholarship chairperson on or before March 1 of the application year.

B: The completed application must also include a high school transcript and two Scholarship rating forms completed by the applicant's high school facility.

C: If the applicant is home-schooled, the completed application must include a high school transcript and two Scholarship rating forms completed by non-relatives.

Section 6. A scholarship chairperson shall be appointed by the president of the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. The scholarship chairperson shall select two additional committee members, with no two members from the same district, to select the scholarship recipient.

Also available through the Missouri Federation are license plates – see attached. It is also in the handbook and at <u>www.License.SquareDanceMissouri.com</u>

SQUARE DANCE LICENSE PLATE - see NW District Handbook

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Join the growing number of square dancers with tags on the road. Let everyone know you are proud to be a square dancer. Cruise down the highway sporting your red, white and blue square dance logo license plate.

Check out the complete set of instructions at: www.License.SquareDanceMissouri.com. For more information contact:

Catherine McLemore, 3351 E. Seminole St, Springfield, MO 65804 Phone: 417.689.8984. Email: <u>hogwildcat@sbcglobal.net</u>

TRAVEL MISSOURI A PROGRAM OF THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

The **TRAVEL MISSOURI** program is designed to promote visitation by dancers to the other seven districts within the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs AND attendance at the State Festival. Attendance at other district square and round dance activities cultivates goodwill and friendship among dancers and districts throughout the state. Sharing the **FUN** with dancers in other districts is what the **TRAVEL MISSOURI** program is all about.

All square dances and round dances are **TRAVEL MISSOURI** dances. Any promotion or advertisement of these dances via flyers, newsletters or the Federation's publication, the DOIN'S is an open invitation to all dancers. There are no dues to pay, no meetings to attend, or no timetable is required. The only requirement is that dancers attend dances wherever and whenever possible.

Participants receive no awards, trophies, or plaques for their accomplishments. After visiting all seven districts and the state Festival however, your rewards are many. Besides becoming acquainted with other dancers and creating new friends from all over the state, one gains the experience of dancing to the finest callers Missouri has to offer. In addition, traveling to a dance provides the opportunity to get more familiar with Missouri and enjoy the many tourist attractions located in all parts of our state.



As mentioned before, participation in the **TRAVEL MISSOURI** program costs nothing; however, the participant may at their discretion purchase a bar and earned dangles from the Program Manager for \$8.00. After the first year, the cost is \$6.00 for a set of dangles. You will need a **TRAVEL MISSOURI** card, which may be obtained from the Program Manager, District Presidents, Club Representatives or print from the Internet.

Each time a participant visits another district he/she may have their card signed by the host club. To receive your dangles, a signed card is sent to the Program Manager and the dangles and a new card will be sent to you. The **TRAVEL MISSOURI** bar with dangles from each of the Districts and the State Festival are designed as an incentive and fun badge for the dancer to wear and show that he/she is a participant in the program, as well as to show visits to other districts. Each dangle is engraved with the initials of the various districts. There is no particular order in collecting the dangles or arranging them on the bar. The **TRAVEL MISSOURI** bar may be worn at any square or round dance, whether it is a club dance or a visitation dance. Wear it to promote the **TRAVEL MISSOURI** program.

Many participating dancers do not stop visiting when their **TRAVEL MISSOURI** bar is filled. After visiting all seven districts and the State Festival dance two times, they may add an additional dangle to the badge signifying the number of times they have made the rounds. After visiting all eight five times, the participant has then earned a **GOLD TRAVEL MISSOURI** bar to replace the blue bar.

Travel Missouri Name(s)	Please Include Your Return Address
Attended the following Travel Missouri designated dance	Address
On (Date)	City
In TheDistrict	State ZIP
Host Club Signature	E-Mail
Send to: Debbie Moffitt, 29792 State Hwy AX, Macon, MO 63552-3010	

(1-8-24 – After talking to Debbie, some of the rules are going to be reviewed and clarified. Probably nothing will change as to how the program works, but be aware and check the MO website for the most updated information on this program. EWeber)

LET'S TOOT OUR HORN A PROJECT OF THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

This award is to promote publication of square and round dance club activities in local and state media; to increase participation in district and state functions; to improve public relations with non-members and to encourage clubs to set and attain goals they can be proud of.

The first year a "Horn" is presented to each club qualifying to be pinned to their club banner. A bar is awarded for each completed year after the first. Horn or bar awards are presented to each club completing requirements.

During the program year, January 1 through December 31, a club must complete at least six items out of the twelve proposed items. The first two are required and must be two of the six.

REQUIRED:

- 1. Place at least three items in a local media during the year that reaches all the public and mentions square dancing. This can include local or regional newspapers, radio stations, television station, billboards, or any announcement that reaches the public. This does not include articles in local church papers or postings in grocery stores.
- 2. Have at least one square (8 dancers) at your home District Dance.

Plus complete a minimum of 4 items from the following:

- 1. Place at least four (4) articles or ads in the Doin's.
- 2. Perform three philanthropic activity during the year (i.e. benefit dance, conducting a fund raiser for needy persons or organization, providing a scholarship of some kind to someone, assisting in a food pantry collection, be part of an adopt-a-family for a holiday, or bell ringing for the Salvation Army, etc.)
- 3. Visit a public or private organization in the local community and conduct a square dance for their entertainment and to promote square dancing.
- 4. Participate as a club in a community event such as a fall festival, national holiday celebration, or any other type of city, county or local event. This can include helping in the necessary set-up, working in a booth, taking part in a parade, or making a club contribution to the event.
- 5. Have at least one square (8 dancers) at Missouri State Festival
- 6. Place an ad of any size in the State Festival Book
- 7. Host a Missouri Federation State Board meeting
- 8. Have a current District officer or State officer or delegate from club membership
- 9. Conduct a complete set of lessons
- 10. Visit at another districts' District Dance with at least one square (8 dancers)

<u>Reporting is to be done to the Promotions Chairman as soon as the project is completed (no later than February 1 of the year following) within the guidelines of January 1 through December 31 of the current year. The reporting form is located at:</u>

www.Toot.SquareDanceMissouri.com

A listing of all clubs that complete the current year will be printed in the Doin's.

LET'S ALL BE A "HORN BLOWER"

Send completed application form to: Deadline: February 1 of the following year Fred and Carolyn Goucher, 1105 E 267th Street. Cleveland, MO 64734-9143

C Cell: 816.510.7696. Email: FGoucher@gmail.com