

Ralph Page Dance Weekend 2020 Scholarship Application

“The Essence of the Past Driving the Spirit of the Future”

The 32nd Annual Ralph Page Dance Weekend takes place **January 17-19, 2020**. Events are held in the Memorial Union Building (on the U.N.H. Campus), 83 Main Street Durham, NH 03824. Contras, squares, and music workshops come together for this annual celebration of the traditional music and dance of New England.

Our 32nd annual celebration features fabulous callers Will Mentor, Sue Rosen, and Bill Olson. The outstanding musicians include Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki, David Surette, and Sue Hunt; Julie Metcalf, Mark Roberts and Bruce Rosen. For more information: <http://ralphpage.neffa.org>

We are pleased to offer two caller and two musician scholarships to candidates interested in furthering their study of New England traditional contra dance music and calling. The ideal caller applicant has experienced success calling for local dances in their area. The ideal musician applicant is proficient on their chosen instrument and has gained some experience playing for dances.

Each scholarship covers:

- Admission for the entire weekend
- Lunch each day
- Free Friday Potluck with volunteers & staff before the weekend begins
- Option to purchase the Saturday evening banquet meal (Bringing your own food or eating locally is also a choice)
- Assistance seeking housing options if requested. Housing expenses incurred are NOT included. Local, no cost connections with other dancers is possible.

Expectations & experiences include:

- Attending workshops of interest
- Participating in the dancing itself, both contras and squares
- Connecting with other recipients and staff in advance- pre-planning of the Scholarship Showcase Dance.
- Arriving prepared for participation as a caller or musician in the 90-minute Sunday Scholarship Showcase Dance.
- Shadowing and/or accessing staff musicians & callers when appropriate opportunities arise.
- Providing a brief written self-reflection regarding the Ralph Page Dance Weekend experience by February 1, 2020.

Please fill out the following information clearly and completely. Thank you for your interest!

Applicant's Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Cell number:	Home number:
Email:	
Best way to contact you:	
Are you applying as a MUSICIAN or CALLER? (circle only one)	

On a separate page, please answer the following to help us know you better:

1. Describe your interest/involvement in New England contra/square dancing up to this point. (When did you start dancing, playing an instrument, calling, etc)
2. What do you hope to learn/gain by being a part of the Ralph Page Dance Weekend?

Please send the completed application before November 21, 2019 to:

Shari Shakti at armswideopen1@gmail.com (preferred) or mail to:

Shari at 4 Laurana Lane, Hadley, MA 01035. (Must be received by November 21st)

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