

# HARDANGER FIDDLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## Harold K. Sersland Young Dancer Scholarship

Each year the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America (HFAA) awards one scholarship to a young dancer to attend the HFAA's Annual Workshop. The annual workshops feature couple dances from different regions in Southern Norway that are done to music played on the Hardanger fiddle. Attendees do not need to come to the workshop with a partner: we change partners often and men and women are encouraged to learn the roles of leader and follower. Further information about the HFAA can be found on the web at <http://www.hfaa.org>.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

- ◆ Applicants need not be familiar with Norwegian folk dance, but must have some previous experience dancing in either a classical or folk tradition.
- ◆ Applicants must be under age 30 as of December 31 of the year the scholarship is awarded.
- ◆ HFAA membership is not required for application.
- ◆ Scholarships are for the entire registration fee for full time attendance at the Annual Workshop and will be applied directly toward HFAA Annual Workshop registration fees. The registration fee includes all classes and lectures, all scheduled meals and coffee breaks and admittance to the evening concerts and dance parties.
- ◆ In addition, this scholarship includes \$150 to cover additional expenses not included in the workshop registration fee, such as travel costs, accommodations, or other personal expenses.
- ◆ Scholarships include a one-year membership in the HFAA, which includes a year's subscription to the HFAA's quarterly publication, *Sound Post*, and discounts on HFAA merchandise purchases (strings, CDs, etc.).
- ◆ This scholarship is awarded for *dance* instruction only at the HFAA Annual Workshop. Recipients agree to participate in all dance instruction and not plan on taking hardingfele classes. Recipients may also participate in mini-classes such as singing or seljefløyte that do not compete with dance classes.
- ◆ Award is contingent upon full-time attendance at the Annual Workshop. Scholarship applications from those wishing to attend the Annual Workshop on a part-time basis will not be accepted. Winners are asked to attend the Saturday night dinner to receive their award certificate.
- ◆ If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be asked to write a brief article for the HFAA quarterly journal, *Sound Post*, within the next year.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please refer to the HFAA Harold K. Sersland Young Dancer Scholarship Application on the second page of this announcement for specific instructions. Please complete, assemble and clearly label with your name, address, telephone number and email address the following:

- ◆ HFAA Harold K. Sersland Young Dancer Scholarship Application (second page of this announcement)
- ◆ Dance Experience
- ◆ Personal Statement
- ◆ Letter of Reference

Applications may be submitted either as paper documents via regular mail, or electronically as a pdf attachment to an email.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** If submitted electronically via email, the application must have a "Sent" timestamp no later than 11:59 PM on April 15; if a hard copy, it must be postmarked no later than April 15.

### SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

If electronically via email: [youngdancer@hfaa.org](mailto:youngdancer@hfaa.org)

If hard copy via regular mail:

HFAA Sersland Scholarship Committee  
c/o Maggie Gerty  
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Burlington, VT 05401

