

SECTION TEN

THE O.T.E.A. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

10.01 Frequency and Amount of Award

- i) The total amount of the annual award may be determined, from time to time, by the Executive Committee of the OFDA and this amount will be entered into the Minutes of the AGM each year.

The award will be composed of the interest on the principal, but if the accrued annual interest is less than the designated award amount, a top-up may be drawn from the principal.

- ii) Up to 100% of the interest available, or up to 100% of the maximum amount determined by the OFDA Executive, will be awarded.

The Selection Committee may exercise their discretion when deciding award amounts, based on factors such as whether required travel is local or overseas/whether the individual is recipient of other funds etc.

- iii) Multiple scholarships may be awarded to eligible individuals, if the sum total of the requests is not more than the total amount stipulated to be available.

The Selection Committee may exercise their discretion in determining the amount to be awarded to each of multiple recipients. For instance, preference may be shown to someone who has no other scholarships, if more than one person applies in a given year.

- iv) Applications are to be submitted prior to May 31 or such other date as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine by resolution.

- v) The announcement of the award will be made at the following annual meeting, and is to be used by May 31 of the next year or such other date as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine by resolution.

- vi) Money will be provided, as the applicant requires it. Any monies unused as a result of cancellation of plans must be returned to the Fund.

10.2 Composition of Selection Committee

- i) OFDA President or one member of the Steering Committee.
- ii) Two persons will be appointed annually by the Directors of the OFDA Executive Committee.
- iii) The members of the committee will be residents of Ontario, and must be able to attend all meetings or make themselves otherwise available as needed.

10.3 Selection Process

- i) A consultant, if required, will be chosen for each application (out of a list of people who have agreed to make themselves available to advise the selection committee as needed), based on the relevance of his/her field of expertise to the applicant's area of study. The consultant will interview the applicant and then send a report and recommendation to the selection committee. The consultant(s) need not attend any committee meetings.
- ii) The final decision will be made by a majority vote of the three members of the committee.

10.4 Qualifications of Applicant

An applicant must:

- i) be at least 18 years of age.
- ii) have been and remain a member of OFDA in good standing for at least two years; or become a member in good standing for at least two years after receiving the award.
- iii) be a person interested in the folk arts (not necessarily a dancer or a teacher).
- iv) submit a completed application form along with a budget and resume, with information pertaining to the submission only, including names and addresses of references who could be contacted.

10.5 Criteria for Project Requirements

- i) Any folk-related activity (including local courses), will be eligible.
- ii) As part of his/her application the applicant will specify what the gain will be for himself/herself and the folk dance community.
- iii) The application will also include known costs associated with the project, and a proposed timetable to include length of time required to complete the project.

10.6 Follow-up Requirements

- i) A written report must be submitted on completion of the project.
- ii) Item 10.05 (iii) will specify the format any additional presentations would take.