

Square Dance Class Financial Assistance Guidelines

1. The club must be a current member in good standing of the Michigan Council of Square and Round Clubs.
2. A budget for the proposed class must accompany the request.
3. Details of how new students will be recruited is required.
4. Financial information shall be provided as to why the sponsoring club needs assistance
5. Assistance will be provided only for entry level Mainstream classes. Plus classes may be a separate class on the same night but assistance will be only for the time of the mainstream class.
6. If there is a building cost involved, information shall be provided about the cost of other locations that have been checked.
7. Club must have at least one dance per month during the dance season (September – May) with at most 2 tips per dance higher than mainstream. The remainder of the dance must be mainstream or below tips.
8. Dances must be advertised as mainstream indicating the number of tips above mainstream.
9. Dance must be called as advertised even if there are no mainstream only dancers present.
10. The club must agree to do items 7, 8, & 9 for the current year and the following year. Any club that feels they cannot meet this requirement needs to ask for an exemption explaining why they cannot meet the requirement and how they will change to meet the requirement before the end of the mainstream class.
11. A proposed outline of the class shall be submitted.
12. Money would be authorized per class for a given number of classes of a specified length according to class plan
13. The request for all money will be approved or denied by vote of the Council at a delegates meeting.
14. Moneys will be allocated to the club for groups of four classes and there must be at least four new dancers (someone that has not danced for at least five years) continuing to receive the next allocated amount. A request for the next allocation can then be submitted including the number of new students continuing. The request can be emailed to the council treasurer at Treasurer.MCSRDC@hotmail.com followed by a letter signed by the club president confirming that the requirements are met to continue receiving the money.
15. The financial support may be a grant or a loan as agreed between the council and the applicant club.
16. The financial support is for one lesson cycle. If an additional cycle of lessons need support, a report of the success of the previous lesson cycle shall be submitted along with a new request.