

NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION OF THE USA

# NFO DISCOVERY GRANT

The purpose of the National Folk Dance Organization is to advance and preserve folk arts representing both national and local ethnic customs as they exist throughout the United States; to promote and encourage the exchange of folk dance and dance related folklore in the United States of America and abroad, and to effectively network those who support these objectives.

The NFO Discovery Grant is designed to help pay for travel expenses to educational folk-related events such as international festivals, camps, or conferences (\$500 maximum).

## Purposes

- Enrich and strengthen leadership and/or skills
- Network with professionals in the world of folk arts
- Exposure to new ideas, concepts, teaching practices, and activities
- Discover and experience lesser known resources
- Create new opportunities for collaboration
- Advance the mission of the National Folk Organization (NFO)

A limited number of grants will be awarded each year. Preference will be given to persons who can verify their intent to work as leaders in the field. Preference in funding will be shown to those willing to contribute a portion of the money required.

## IMPORTANT

- ✓ Official acceptance into the event for which you apply must be secured prior to receiving grant funding.
- ✓ The applicant must not attend the event as a paid instructor or vendor.
- ✓ The event must be completed before the end of the year wherein the grant is awarded or in a time period approved by the NFO Grants Committee.
- ✓ All proposals (with two letters of recommendation from recognized authorities in their respective fields of folk art) must be submitted to the NFO Grants Committee by May 1 for the period of July 1-December 31 of that year, and by November 1 for the period of January 1-December 31 of the following year. Grants will not be funded after the event has concluded.

## FINAL REPORT: GUIDELINES

All individuals receiving an award will be asked to submit a written report no later than 60 days following completion of the event. Each section of the report should be a detailed, in-depth paragraph (except sections 3 and 4).

1. Event description (original intent, expected outcomes, where it occurred, etc.)
2. Specific outcomes (how it benefits/influences your proposed goals, mentoring experiences, networking, teaching, etc.)
3. Detailed budget report (receipts, specific costs and other funds used)
4. Documentation of the event (include original programs, publicity materials, reports, etc.)

**Note:** 90% of the grant monies will be disbursed upon approval of the grant. The balance of the award will be paid upon receipt of the final report.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Secure acceptance into the event you wish to attend.
2. Fill out the *on-line application* and email to [adventurescontinue@yahoo.com](mailto:adventurescontinue@yahoo.com).
3. Secure two letters of recommendation and have those sent independently by email to [adventurescontinue@yahoo.com](mailto:adventurescontinue@yahoo.com).

**Note:** All material must be received by the application deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for the current granting period.  
Grant monies may not be used for financial investment or re-granting.  
Grant recipients are not contractors of, or employees of NFO.  
NFO cannot be held liable for any actions resulting from the use of this grant.  
Failure to utilize funds in accordance with the terms of this grant will result in the forfeiture of the grant.