

Dave Stryker

Send a Youth to England Memorial Scholarship

Established by Dave's family, friends and fellow Morris dancers and musicians, this scholarship assists one young Morris dancer and/or musician per year with a cash award of up to \$500 to travel to England with a Morris team for dancing and study.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Plan travel with a Morris team to England March 1 – December 31.
- Demonstrated need for financial assistance
- Goal of studying one or more specific Morris styles
- Under 27 years old
- An American or Canadian dancer/musician with at least 3 years experience
- Two references from members of the Morris community
- Preference given to East Coast dancer/musician who studied with Dave and is on an established team
- Applications due by June 1. Award announced by June 15. Mail applications to:

DS-SaYtE Memorial Scholarship
c/o Stew Stryker
502 Moonrise Hill
Windsor, VT 05089

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____ Age: _____
Email: _____
Amount Requested: _____
Purpose (travel, lodging, food): _____
Travel Date and Host Team: _____

Morris History

Years dancing Morris: _____ Current Team: _____
Years as musician with Morris: _____ Location: _____
Team Position/Office (if any): _____
Styles/Tradition(s) Danced: _____
Instrument(s) played (suitable for Morris dancing): _____

Employment/Financial Need

Current Employer/School: _____
Job Title or school year: _____
Briefly describe your financial situation: _____

England Study Plans - Please describe the style(s), music and/or techniques you plan to study on this trip. (Use separate sheet as needed)

References - Please list 2 current/former teammates willing to be a reference for you.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
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Justification - Please describe why you feel you should receive this scholarship. 250 words or less please. (Use separate sheet if preferred)

Connection to Dave Stryker - If you knew Dave personally, please describe your relationship. _____

About Dave

David McCauley Stryker Jr. may have carried no official or professional title, but for many in Greater Boston and beyond, he was unquestionably King of the May -- at least, of the annual May Day celebration that has been held in Cambridge, Mass., on the banks of the Charles River every May 1 for the past three decades. Dave Stryker died a little more than a month after May Day, on June 6, 2007, having battled cancer for the last year and a half.

Dave was a man who was truly larger than life. Dave’s singular dancing and personality were well known throughout the US, Canada and UK. Dave danced and played officially on at least 5 teams and unofficially on many more. He toured England numerous times, both with teams and solo, because he loved to study Morris dance and music at its source. He played numerous instruments of Morris, including: fiddle, accordion, concertina, banjo and guitar.

*For those interested in supporting the Dave Stryker Send a Youth to England Memorial Scholarship Fund, (not tax-deductible) contributions may be sent to:
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“Dance like it matters” — Dave Stryker