

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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USDA MEMBERSHIP OFFERS MANY BENEFITS!

Is your state, regional, or local dance-related organization interested in being part of the largest square dance organization in the country? Would you like to participate in decision making at the national level? Are you interested in having access to an excellent and economical dancer insurance program, a wide library of free educational materials, a youth scholarship program, and much more? Would your organization be interested in obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status?

The United Square Dancers of America offers two categories of membership:

- **Affiliate Membership:** Statewide and regional square-dance related organizations may join USDA and represent dancers and clubs across a state or region for an annual fee of \$25 to \$100. Membership in USDA offers many benefits, from a voice in decision making at the
- **Associate Membership:** Local square-dance related associations or clubs that are members of a USDA Affiliate organization may apply for USDA Associate Member status. Once accepted for Associate Membership, these groups are eligible to participate in all USDA programs and activities; however Associate Members do not hold voting rights at the Annual Meeting. Of particular interest to Associate Members might be the opportunity to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the new USDA 501(c)(3) group exemption program.

For further information about USDA membership, go to <http://www.usda.org/member.htm>. Information on the 501(c)(3) group exemption program is available at <http://www.usda.org/USDA501c3Program.htm>.