

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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USDA MEMBERSHIP OFFERS MANY BENEFITS!

Is your state, regional, or local square dance-related association 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 about the growth and development of our activity? Would you like to have access to an excellent 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?

Membership in USDA is open to any organized nonprofit square dance groups or other groups representing square, round, contra, clogging, line or heritage dancers that will subscribe to the By-Laws, Rules and Policies of the United Square Dancers of America. There are two categories of membership in USDA:

- **Affiliate Membership:** Statewide and regional square-dance related organizations may join USDA and represent dancers and clubs across a state or geographic region for an annual fee of \$25 to \$100. Affiliate membership in USDA offers many benefits including a voice in decision making about USDA programs and activities, eligibility for economical accident and group liability insurance, a scholarship program for youth involved in square dancing, access to educational and club leadership materials as well as the USDA News and monthly Beyond the Dance Floor webinars, and the option to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the USDA group exemption program.
- **Associate Membership:** Local square-dance related associations or clubs that are members of a USDA Affiliate organization may apply for 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 group exemption program.

For further information about USDA membership, go to <http://www.usda.org/member.htm>.