UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA OFFERS NEW BENEFIT FOR ITS AFFILIATES
USDA is Now an IRS 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Administrator

On December 23, 2019, the Internal Revenue Service recognized the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Administrator. This entitles Affiliates of the USDA to be granted 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status by submitting their application to the USDA Group Exemption Administrator rather than submitting their application to the IRS, thereby saving time and money.

Those USDA Affiliates who choose to apply for 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status will be afforded all the benefits of the IRS designation of Non-Profit status:

❖ Exempt from Federal income tax.
❖ Relieved from paying state corporate income, franchise, and excise taxes.
❖ Eligible to receive private foundation grants.
❖ Potential to be eligible to rent dance facilities below-market rates.
❖ Qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devices, transfers or gifts.
❖ Can offer individual and corporate donors a tax deduction for their charitable donations. The possibility of a tax deduction is often an incentive for taxpayers who itemize their income tax deductions.
❖ Eligible for lower postal rates on third class bulk mailings through the US Postal Service.
❖ Officers and Committee Chairs of the USDA Affiliates are entitled to deduct their out-of-pocket expenses when serving the non-profit entity. This applies to monetary or in-kind donations to the organization while serving to benefit the USDA Affiliate.
❖ Entitled to Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on Radio and Television.

This designation remains in effect as long as the Affiliate renews it annually with USDA and maintains USDA membership.

It has been stated that recognition as a 501(c)(3) organization adds to the organization’s legitimacy and makes it more credible in the eyes of the public and other entities.

USDA Affiliates may now apply to the United Square Dancers of America for 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status by confirming their membership agreement to comply with the USDA Code of Ethics and USDA Code of Conduct; submitting their Application with $100 Application Fee; a Letter Requesting to be Included in the USDA Group Exemption, copies of their Governing Documents (Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules); establishing their fiscal year to coincide with USDA (January 1st to December 31st); provide their Federal Employee Identification number (EIN); and a copy of their current IRS declaration letter. Subsequent to being approved by USDA as a Non-Profit organization, each Affiliate will simply continue to file their required form 990 with the IRS and submit to USDA the listing of their current Officers along with a $50 yearly processing fee and their annual financial reports.

More information and forms may be obtained by contacting:

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