

### **UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA**

**SQUARE DANCE – AMERICAN FOLK DANCE** 



# USDA's 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Exemption Program

### Presented by:

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## **Background**

- ❖ From 1981 2011: USDA was a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization
- ❖ 2009: Applied for 501(c)(3) based on educational materials and Youth Scholarship program.
- Initial application denied due to lack of dissolution clause.
- ❖ June 2010 Annual Meeting: USDA bylaws amended to include dissolution clause.

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### **Background**

- ❖ 2010: 501(c)(3) application resubmitted
  - IRS requested additional information
  - USDA sought legal counsel
- November 2011: IRS recognized the United Square Dancers of America as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

## **Background**

- ❖ June 2012: Board of Directors authorized USDA to pursue becoming 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Exemption Program Administrator
- **\*** 2012 2018:
  - Communicated with Affiliates about Group Exemption Program option
  - Identified affiliates interested in participating
- December 2018: Initial application submitted with three USDA Affiliates
- December 2019: IRS granted USDA Group Exemption Program Administrator status

## Benefits of Nonprofit Status

- ❖ Relieved from filing separate/individual 501(c)(3) non-profit status applications
- Exempt from Federal income tax.
- Relieved from paying state corporate income, franchise, and excise taxes.
- Eligible to receive private foundation grants.
- Qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devices, transfers, or gifts.

# Benefits of Nonprofit Status

- Eligible to receive corporate donations.
- Contributors can deduct donations from income taxes.
- Potential to rent dance facilities below-market rates.
- Eligible for lower postal rates on third class bulk mailings.
- Entitled to Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on Radio and Television.

# Benefits of Nonprofit Status

- USDA Affiliate Officers and Committee Chairs may deduct out-ofpocket expenses when serving the nonprofit entity.
- Designation is perpetual and needs to simply be renewed annually with USDA.
- ❖ 501(c)(3) status adds to organization's legitimacy and credibility.

# Who is Eligible

- USDA Direct Affiliates: State, Regional and Area Square Dance organizations that are members of USDA.
- USDA Associate Members: NEW!
  - Area Associations, Councils, and Clubs that are members of a direct USDA Affiliate may now become Associate Members of USDA
  - ❖ May also apply to USDA for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

### Qualifications / Requirements

- Groups must follow all IRS guidelines for 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status.
- Governing Documents must include:
  - Statement that they are organized exclusively for charitable, educational, purposes.
  - Agree to adhere to the USDA Bylaws and Standing Rules.
  - Agree to Subscribe to the USDA Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.
  - Include an appropriate Dissolution Clause

### **Procedures**

- Go to USDA website www.usda.org for instructions and forms.
- For organizations that are not currently USDA Affiliates, these forms include:
  - Application forms for Affiliate or Associate Member.
  - Procedures for conforming to the Group Exemption Program Application Procedures / Requirements.

### Application for Affiliate Membership

### **Application for Affiliate Membership** Representing dancers in \_\_ Hereby applies for Affiliate Membership in the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. (USDA). We are a State: Region: Area: organization. We represent \_\_\_\_\_\_% of the dancers in our state. Our voting members are: (check appropriate space/s) Individual Dancers Associations, Federations, Councils, etc. Clubs We represent: (give number in each space) \_\_\_ Individual dancers \_\_\_\_ Associations, Federations, Councils, etc. We are a non-profit organization: Yes No Pursuant to USDA Standing Rule No 4, we understand that we qualify for one of the following: (check applicable Directors \$100 \$ 75 \$ 50 Return completed Application for Affiliate Membership to the Vice President of the USDA Region from which application originated together with copies of the following applicant's documents: Resolution (USDA Form 002) Articles of Incorporation (if any) Constitution (if any) Bylaws and Standing Rules Check for Dues Map showing organizational boundaries Roster of Organization Officers and Delegates to USDA Board of Directors. (Include names, addresses, city, state, zip, area code, phone numbers & e-mail addresses)

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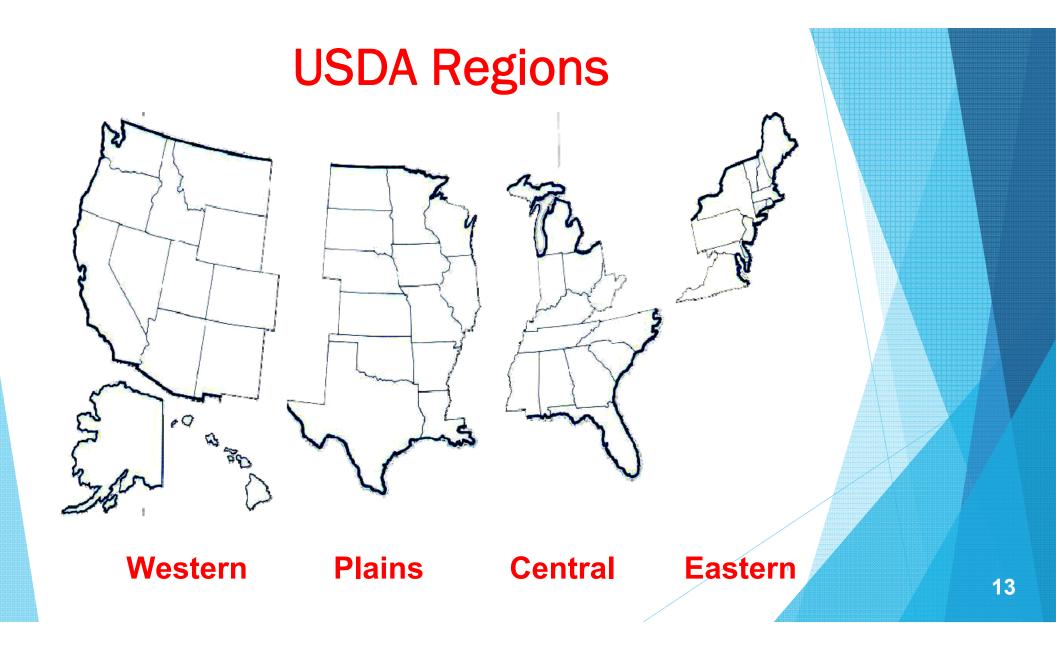
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### Application for Associate Membership

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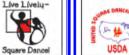


### **Group Exemption Program Application** Procedures / Requirements



501 (C)(3) Non-Profit **Group Exemption Program Application Procedures** / Requirements

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The United Square Dancers of America's 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program is available to Members of the USDA. To qualify for participation in the USDA 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program the applicant must agree to comply with the United Square Dancers of America's <u>Code of Conduct</u> as well as the USDA <u>Code of Ethics</u>.

This can be accomplished by a USDA Member by including the following verbiage in their Governing Documents:

The	
Name of Applicant Organization - LSDA Affiliate / Member Organization	
agrees to adhere to the United Square Dancers of America Bylaws and Standing Rules, and agrees to subscribe to t	the
United Square Dancers of America Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics	

This is actually little more than confirming the commitment that each USDA member entered into when they applied for membership in the United Square Dancers of America.

> UNITED SOUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

agrees to abide by the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. as

In addition, the applicant must be incorporated as a non-profit organization within the State of operation.

The applicant's organizational documents (Articles of Incorporation – as filed with the State where incorporated; Constitution – if any; Bylaws and Standing Rules) must contain specific dissolution language to insure that any funds distributed following dissolution be only for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Dissolution:

- "No part of the organization's assets or net earnings may inure to the benefit of any individual. This does not preclude the payment of reasonable amounts for goods or services provided to the organization.
- "Upon dissolution, the assets of the organization shall be distributed to another nonprofit organization that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- "The organization shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, except to the extent permitted by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, nor shall it participate to any extent in any political campaign for or against any candidate for public office."

USDA's Bylaws currently include the following Dissolution clause that was accepted by the IRS when the USDA was granted IRS 501 (c)(3) non-profit status in 2011.

#### DISSOLUTION

Upon majority vote of the Board of Directors to dissolve the Corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after pavin or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the benefit of the Corporation to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purpose similar to those set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine.

Any USDA Member Group desiring to participate in this USDA 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program may also utilize

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501 (C)(3) Non-Profit **Group Exemption Program Application Procedures** / Requirements



The applicant's organizational documents must also include the statement that they are organized exclusively for charitable educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Once all of the applicant's governing documents are in compliance with the IRS requirements - then the applicant must complete the United Square Dancers of America's 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program Application Form which will include the following information:

- Name of USDA Member Applicant:
- 2. Applicant's Employer Identification Number (EIN): (If Applicant does not currently have a Federal EIN, it may be obtained onli
- 3. Applicant is incorporated (check one) ☐ Yes or ☐ No / State of Incorporation
- 4. Applicant has an IRS 501 (c) status Determination (check one) Yes or No

If yes, please check one 501 (c)(3); 501 (c)(4); 501 (c)(7); Other

If you have such a ruling or determination letter, please enclose a copy of it when submitting the application form. 5. Contact Person: \_\_\_

- 6. Address: City:
- Applicant's Website:
- 8. It will be necessary to submit the following information with the completed Application Form
  - a. Letter to USDA Authorizing USDA to Include Affiliate / Member in the USDA Group Exemption Program
  - b. Group's Bylaws
  - c. Articles of Incorporation
  - d. Standing Rules
  - e. Constitution, (if any)
  - Financial Report showing total revenue and total expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- 9. Initial, one-time Application fee of \$100 payable to USDA United Square Dancers of America, Inc. Applicant must be a USDA Member in good standing with current year's annual dues paid in full.

  An annual processing fee of \$50 will need to be submitted each subsequent year with the Member's annual financial reports to maintain this 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption status. In addition, participants must file their annual Form 990-N or Form 990EZ directly with the IRS each year.
- 10. Signature of an authorized Officer of the Applicant attesting to the accuracy of the information submitted and stating that the Applicant wishes to participate in the USDA 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program.
- It is only necessary to submit this application form ONE TIME... when initially applying for group membership. In subsequent years, it is only necessary to submit the applicant's annual financial reports along with the annual \$50 processing

USDA Group Exemption Program Post Office Box 712918 San Diego, California 92171-2918 619-295-2635 com 501c3apply@usda.org

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Group Exemption Applicant Organization Letter Requesting to be Included

Applicant Organization Letterhead	
	Date
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC.	
Non-Profit Group Exemption Program	
Post Office Box 712918 San Diego, California 92171-2918	
San Diego, Camornia 92171-2916	
Attention: USDA Group Exemption Co-Administrators:	
This will serve to confirm that the	JSDA Affiliate / Member Organization
seeks to be included in the United Square Dancers of Ameri Profit Group Exemption Program.	
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Name of Applicant Organization - USDA Affiliate / Member Organizatio to abide by the United Square Dancers of America's Code of and comply with the USDA's Bylaws and Standing Rules, whiterms of affiliation between the	Ethics and Code of Conduct ich were among the original
United Square Dancer of America, and is reiterated within the	
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Respectfully,	
Signature of duly authorized Officer or Other Representative of the Applicate Organization	
Name of Applicant Organization - USDA Affiliate / Member Group	

### **Group Exemption Program Application**

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2.	Applicant's Employer Identificat		Identification Number)	
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5.	Our group regularly grosses (che	ck one) More than \$50,000 per	year Less than	\$50,000 per year.
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15. Please enclose the following infi List of your officers, with their	ormation with this form: official titles, addresses, phones and em	ails.	
President:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
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Vice President:			
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Non-Profit Group Exemption Program Tax Exemption Program. I verify that to the best of my knowled	Name of Applicant Once	Applying for Inclusio	on in the USDA Group
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	on, I affirm that our organization wishes to	be included in the	USDA 501(c)(3) Non-
I attest that to the best of my kn	owledge; the above information is cor	rect.	
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	name of Appropri. Organization - CODA Arts	ita / Harde Organisation	
Print Name:			
Title:	Dat	te:	
Please return with all enclosure	es to USDA - Post Office Box 71291 email to: jmaczko@san.rr.com		
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# Group Exemption Program Financial Certificate

### 501 (C)(3) Non-Profit **Group Exemption Program Annual Report Financial Certificate** Name of USDA Group Affiliate / Member: Street Address: Website Address: Employer Identification Number (EIN): Our organization's name, mailing address, EIN, articles of incorporation, bylaws have changed since last year (any changes should be attached): Yes No Our organization is eligible to qualify for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of the Code: Yes No Our organization wishes to be included under USDA's group exemption for another year: Yes No An updated copy of the organizing documents are attached: Yes No. United Square Dancers of American, Inc., is authorized to include: in the Group Exemption Program. 1. Please enclose the following information with this form: List of your officers, with their official titles, addresses, phones and emails;

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501 (C)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program Annual Report Financial Certificate / Balance Sheet

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Employer Identification Number	er (EIN):	Neire of USDA Affiliate / Member Organization
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$	
Dance Admissions	\$	(Festivals / Conventions)
Programs	\$	
Fundraising	\$	
USDA Insurance	\$	
Other	\$	(Specify)
TOTAL INCOME		
EXPENSES		
Facility Rental	\$	
Program staff	\$	(Caller, Band, Performer; Include Travel, if any)
Publicity	\$	
<b>Equipment Purchase</b>	\$	(Non-Capitalized)
Depreciation	\$	(Attach Schedule)
Equipment Rental	\$	
Refreshments	\$	
Office Supplies	\$	(Expenses, Excluding Labor and Equipment)
USDA Insurance Premiu	ıms \$	- Andrew Control of the Control of t
Miscellaneous	\$	(Specify)
TOTAL EXPENS		
NET SURPLUS (or LO	SS)\$	(Remember to Include this Amount on the

Income and expenses may be broken down into activities such as Regular Dances, Weekend Events, Festivals, etc. These may be broken down further into specific events or locations, i.e. weekly Tuesday dances special Saturday dances, or other party night dances, etc.

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# Group Exemption Program Financial Certificate (cont)

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ASSETS	20 uiroc	agn December 31, 20
Cash	4	(Cash on Hand and in Bank)
Equipment	\$	(Capitalized)
Receivables	\$	(Money Owed to the Group, but not yet Received)
Other assets	\$	(Specify)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	
LIABILITIES		
Payables	\$	(Unpaid Bills)
Other liabilities	\$	(Such as Outstanding Loans; Specify)
TOTAL LIABILITIES GENERAL FUND	\$	
Net Balance From Last Year	\$	
Net Surplus /Loss From		
Current Year	\$	(from Net Profit/Loss line on Income/Expense Statement)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/		
LIABILITIES BALANCE	\$	
(General Fund balance and Liabilities Signature: Please read and sign the following statement I am a duly authorized Officer / Treasurer of	the USDA Grou	ip Affiliate / Member.
I attest that to the best of my knowledg Name of USDA Affiliate / Member:	e; the above	Name of USDA Affliate / Member Organisation
Signature:		
Print Name:		
Title:		Date:
Return completed forms to: Jim Maczko – Co-Administrator USDA Group Exemption Program Post Office Box 712918		Pat Inglis – Co-Administrat USDA Group Exemption Progra 1340 Oakengate Dri
San Diego, California 92171-2918 619-295-2635 imaczko@san.rr.com 501c3a		Stone Mountain, Georgia 3000 501c3renew@usda.org inollisp@bellsouth.net 404-294-02

### **Program Costs**

### **USDA Affiliate Members**

- Annual membership dues of \$25 \$100
- Initial application fee of \$100
- Annual renewal fee of \$50

### **USDA** Associate Members

- Annual membership dues of \$25
- Initial application fee of \$100
- Annual renewal fee of \$50

File annual financial reports with USDA File Form 990-N or 990-EZ annually with IRS

### **Future USDA Webinar Topics**

- December: USDA Youth Program and Youth Scholarship
- ▶ January: Do You Hear What I Hear: Getting the Word Out
- ► February: Promoting Square Dancing During the Most Challenging of Times with Mike Hogan
- ► March: USDA Educational Materials
- ► April: USDA at the National Convention
- ► May: USDA Handicapable Program
- ▶ June: USDA Specialty Programs and Honors

# THANK YOU! Q & A