

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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NEW USDA MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The United Square Dancers of America has created a new classification of USDA membership – Associate Members. 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.

To apply for USDA Associate Membership status, local organizations should complete the application available at <http://www.usda.org/member.htm>. Associate Members must agree to abide by the USDA Bylaws and Standing Rules as well as comply with the USDA Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. A list of the necessary documentation is included in the membership application. Annual dues for Associate Members are \$25.

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>.