

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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USDA Specialty Programs

USDA offers many programs to support dancers, clubs, and associations across the country. Some are well-known such as the Dancer Insurance Program, Leadership and Education Materials, and the Youth Scholarship Program. But do you know about these other special programs that support and recognize dancers and dancing? Learn more about all USDA programs and services at www.usda.org.

- **Handicapable Program:** USDA is proud to support Handicapable dancers at the National Convention and at their US Handicapable Convention. Your donations help us continue to assist these fun, energetic dancers who are always willing to square up the minute the music starts!
- **USA Traveler Program:** Earn recognition for traveling and dancing across the 50 United States! You will get a special badge with bars awarded at 12, 24, 36, 48, and 50 states. Participants are awarded a free registration for an upcoming National Square Dance Convention at completion of 48 and 50 states!
- **Centennial Award Program:** We have dancers around the country who reach the age of 100 and are still active in the square or round dance activity. USDA offers a special certificate and pin to recognize these wonderful seniors, which is presented in person by a USDA Executive Committee member.
- **Discount Prescription, Hearing, and Vision Program:** The USDA Enhanced Benefits program offers discounts for prescriptions, hearing aid services, and vision care. The program is open to anyone – dancers and non-dancers!
- **Amazon Smile:** Amazon donates a portion of eligible purchases to support designated charitable organizations and USDA in on their list! Do your shopping and support USDA at the same time.

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