

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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What is USDA?

United States Department of Agriculture? Useful Signs for Departure and Arrival? Unusual Sights Downtown and Around? No, we are the **United Square Dancers of America** – founded in 1981 by dancers and organized for the square, round, contra, clogging, line and heritage dance communities. USDA aims to support and promote square dancing (and the related dance forms) through both national-level activity and through providing resources to state and regional levels.

Membership is open to any organized nonprofit square dance group or other groups representing square, round, contra, clogging, line or heritage dancers that will subscribe to the bylaws, rules and policies of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. In states which do not have a statewide organization, or when the state organization elects not to join USDA, area or regional organizations may join USDA. Applications for membership in USDA are available from any of the USDA officers or on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.org/member.htm>. Benefits of USDA membership include:

- Participation in a national organization dedicated to supporting, promoting, and communicating about square dancing and its related dance forms.
- Having a voice in decisions that are made at the national level relative to the continued development and growth of the square dance activity.
- Sharing experiences and ideas with like-minded dancers in other regions and states.
- Ready access to a range of free educational and promotional materials that promote and perpetuate the dance activity.
- Access to economical dancer accident and group liability insurance coverage.

For further information about the United Square Dancers of America, visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.org/> or contact Sally Bennett-Schmidt, Information Officer, at Info@usda.org.