



## **PROOF DISTILLERY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

**Who is eligible?** The Proof level membership in KDA is open to licensed distillers in Kentucky that maintain an inventory between 10,000 barrels (or barrel equivalent) and 24,999 barrels of distilled beverage spirits each year. KDA Heritage members, or their individual distilleries, are not eligible.

Prospective Proof members are encouraged to seek sponsorship by at least one member in good standing of the Kentucky Distillers' Association Board of Directors. All applicants must provide a signed agreement of the DISCUS Code of Responsible Practices for Beverage Alcohol Advertising and Marketing that is included in the membership application and agree to abide by laws and regulations that govern standards of identity and aging and labeling requirements as set forth in the bylaws.

### **Benefits include:**

- Opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® tour ([www.kybourbontrail.com](http://www.kybourbontrail.com))
- Access to industry statistics, including economic and inventory research (which also must be provided by Proof distillers)
- Opportunity to attend meetings as a non-voting member of the KDA Board of Directors
- Opportunity to participate as non-voting members of KDA advisory groups as determined by the Board of Directors
- Governmental and regulatory affairs representation on industry issues
- Opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Bourbon Affair™ showcase
- Communication with KDA members, including advocacy, event updates and listings
- Invitation to the KDA Annual Meeting in December
- Company information, logo and link on the KDA web site ([www.kybourbon.com](http://www.kybourbon.com))
- Invitations to select member meetings, networking, social events and seminars
- Other partnership opportunities as available



**Annual dues:** Dues are set each year by the KDA Board of Directors at the KDA Annual Meeting in December. Dues for fiscal year 2015 are \$1 per barrel and may be paid in quarterly installments.

There is a one-time initiation fee of \$1 multiplied by two times the applicant's barrel inventory. This initiation fee shall be credited towards the membership fee required for a Heritage member if and when the Proof distillery reaches the minimum standards at that level.

While the KDA maintains an open membership policy, a Proof Distillery is considered a member in good standing by abiding by all applicable KDA By-laws, federal, state and local laws and ordinances, and by paying annual dues. The KDA Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall have the right and power to revoke, suspend or censure any Proof Distillery's participation or membership for violation of these standards or the DISCUS code of ethics.