



## **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.

All new KDA members must complete the Stave & Thief Society Executive Bourbon Steward Certification at Moonshine University in Louisville.

### **Benefits include:**

- Appointment of representative to the KDA Board with a voice in all Association and member issues (only Heritage members have a vote)
- Governmental and regulatory affairs representation on industry issues
- Opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® tour
- Appointment of member to all KDA advisory groups and committees
- Opportunity to participate in the annual Kentucky Bourbon Affair™ showcase
- Communication with KDA members, including advocacy, event updates and listings
- Invitations to all member meetings, networking, social events and seminars
- Access to industry statistics, including economic and inventory research
- Company information, logo and link on the KDA web site ([www.kybourbon.com](http://www.kybourbon.com))
- Brand visibility at all KDA events and tastings
- 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 2018 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.