



## **CRAFT DISTILLERY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

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

Prospective Craft 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 their 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:**

- Governmental and regulatory affairs representation on industry issues
- Opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour®
- Participation as a voting member of the KDA Craft Distillery Advisory Group
- Communication with KDA members, including advocacy, event updates and listings
- Invitations to select member meetings, networking, social events, seminars and education
- Access to industry statistics, including economic and inventory research (which also must be provided by Craft distillers)
- 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))
- Other partnership opportunities as available



**Annual dues:** There are two levels of dues for Craft Distillery membership: Introductory and Established.

***Introductory*** level dues are for Craft distilleries that maintain an annual inventory of up to 1000 barrels (or barrel equivalent) of Kentucky distilled beverage spirits. Dues are \$750 per fiscal year (January-December) with a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$100.

***Established*** level dues are for Craft distilleries that maintain an annual inventory between 1000 and 10,000 barrels (or barrel equivalent) of Kentucky distilled beverage spirits. Dues are set by the barrel (or barrel equivalent) each year by the KDA Board at the KDA Annual Meeting in December. Minimum annual dues for Established members are \$3,000 per fiscal year (January-December). There is a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$500.

While the KDA maintains an open membership policy, a Craft 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 Craft Distillery's participation or membership for violation of these standards or the DISCUS code of ethics.