



## **CRAFT DISTILLERY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & 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.

**By signing and submitting this application, the applicant agrees to abide by the Distilled Spirits Council [Code of Responsible Practices for Beverage Alcohol Advertising and Marketing](#) and the laws and regulations that govern the standards of identity, aging, and labeling for distilled spirits as set forth in the KDA bylaws.**

### **Benefits include:**

- Governmental and regulatory affairs representation on industry issues
- Opportunity to participate as an elected Craft representative on KDA advisory groups and committees
- 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 educational forums
- Access to industry statistics, including economic and inventory research (which also must be provided by Craft distillers)
- Opportunity to participate in the KY Bourbon Affair showcase
- Invitation to the KDA Annual Meeting in December
- Company information, logo and link on the KDA web site ([www.kyhourbon.com](http://www.kyhourbon.com))
- Other partnership opportunities as available

**Annual dues:** There are two levels of dues for Craft Distillery membership: Introductory and Established. Annual dues are based on barrel inventory as of Dec. 31 the preceding year and are set each year by the KDA Board of Directors at the KDA Annual Meeting in December.

***Introductory*** level dues are for Craft distilleries that maintain an annual inventory of up to 1,000 barrels (or barrel equivalent) of Kentucky distilled beverage spirits. Introductory Craft Member dues for fiscal year 2020 are \$1,000 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. Established Craft Member dues for fiscal year 2020 are \$5,000. 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 Distilled Spirits Council code of ethics.