

2025



**KENTUCKY  
DISTILLERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIP**



# SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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**Please attach a brief description of your company and all goods and services.**

**Mail:** Kentucky Distillers' Association  
Attn: Eric Gregory, President  
100 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Email:** [annie@kybourbon.com](mailto:annie@kybourbon.com) - Please include applicant website link and logo in .jpeg, .png, .ai, and .eps format.

For more information about the KDA, please call (502) 875-9351 or visit online:  
<https://kybourbon.com>  
<https://kybourbontrail.com>

For information about the Distilled Spirits Council Code, visit <https://www.distilledspirits.org>.

**Once your application is received, it will be sent to the KDA Membership Standards Advisory Panel for review. An invoice for membership dues will be sent once membership is official.**





# WELCOME

The Kentucky Distillers' Association was founded in 1880 to unite the Commonwealth's signature Bourbon and distilled spirits industry, promote our history and craftsmanship around the world and protect its enduring spirit from those who would do it harm.

Today, our venerable non-profit group encompasses the overwhelming majority of Kentucky's finest distilling companies, from legendary brands and renowned global icons to emerging distillers that are building the next generation of our timeless craft.

All have one common goal: to be part of a distilling family committed to securing the integrity of our industry and strengthening Kentucky's rightful place as the one, true and authentic home for Bourbon.

But to be clear: we're not just about Bourbon. Our members include brandy distilleries, moonshine companies and diverse brands such as rum, gin, vodka and single malt whiskies. All champion tradition and embrace innovation.

We have achieved much by working together. But we have more work to do to modernize Kentucky's archaic alcohol laws, level the playing field with the beer and wine sectors, and elevate and protect Kentucky's booming \$9 billion distilled spirits industry.

We've been waiting for you since 1880.

## Here is why you should join our ranks.

100 CAPITAL AVENUE  
FRANKFORT, KY 40601

# OUR ROOTS ARE DEEP.

Since 1880, the mission of the KDA has been to Passionately and Responsibly Unite, Promote, Protect & Elevate Kentucky's Signature Bourbon and Distilled Spirits Industry.

## INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIP

**KDA Industry Members represent persons or businesses that have a direct link to Kentucky's Bourbon and distilled spirits industry but are not engaged in the distilling or rectifying of alcohol. Entities engaged in the resource supply chain, consulting, construction or other support services are welcome. As a guardrail to protect against any claims or perceptions of tied house issues, wholesale and retail tiers are not eligible.**

## WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

The KDA recognizes the businesses and organizations that are vital for our Commonwealth's Bourbon and distilled spirits industry to grow sustainably and responsibly. Industry Membership in KDA allows industry leaders and partners to connect, join conversations on a variety of diverse issues, bring new ideas and perspectives to the table, and take advantage of the tremendous resources, networking and support that the KDA offers.

# MEMBER BENEFITS

## INDUSTRY PARTNER

**ANNUAL DUES: \$5,000**

- Logo and link on KDA website
- Opportunity to send one Industry Member Spotlight on member's business to KDA membership (distributed by KDA staff), plus social media spotlight
- Invitation to Annual Meeting
- **KDA Member discounts for:**
  - James B. Beam Institute Industry Conference
  - Career Fairs
- Receive KDA Quarterly Newsletter (The Proof Read) and weekly communications via Friday Roundup
  - Industry Members may share information to be reviewed by KDA for inclusion in Friday Roundup
- Opportunity to purchase Annual Membership Directory at \$500
- Technical & regulatory support and guidance
- Government Affairs updates

## INDUSTRY CHAMPION

**ANNUAL DUES: \$10,000**

In addition to Industry Partner benefits, Industry Champions will gain access to the following:

- Opportunity to nominate one representative to the Leadership Academy program with the opportunity to present during the October "Looking Ahead Day"
  - Entry Fee of \$750
- Early access to sponsor and/or purchase tickets to the following events:
  - KDA Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame®
  - KDA State Dinner & Reception
- Access to Annual Membership Directory
- Opportunity to attend Spring Board Meeting, Craft Meeting or Winter Board Meeting as a special guest subject matter expert via panel or 10 minute Member Address
- Record a 30-Minute Champion Chat, podcast-style conversation on Kentucky Bourbon YouTube







# INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

hereby applies to join the Kentucky Distillers' Association. While the KDA maintains an open membership policy, an Industry Member is considered a member in good standing by abiding by all applicable KDA bylaws, 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 Member's participation or membership for violation of these standards and/or the Distilled Spirits Council code of ethics.

*An individual, business or institution engaged as Kentucky licensed manufacturer, distiller or rectifier of distilled beverage spirits is not eligible for Industry Membership. As a guardrail to protect against any claims or perceptions of tied house issues, no wholesale or retail establishments are eligible for KDA membership.*

**Principal Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPANY PROFILE

**Street address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide information for the appropriate contact to receive KDA communications:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your connection to Kentucky's signature Bourbon and distilled spirits industry?**

**Have you or do you currently work with any KDA Member distilling companies?**

YES     NO

**If yes, please list KDA Members below (optional)**

**Applicant hereby states:**

- Applicant and/or company, organization or institution is not engaged as Kentucky licensed manufacturer, distiller or rectifier of distilled beverage spirits.
- Applicant and/or company, organization or institution is not in business as a wholesale or retail establishment.

**Applying for:**

- INDUSTRY PARTNER (\$5,000 ANNUAL DUES)**
- INDUSTRY CHAMPION (\$10,000 ANNUAL DUES)**

Applicant agrees to abide by the voluntary Distilled Spirits Council Code of Responsible Practices for Beverage Alcohol Advertising and Marketing, a nationally recognized model of effective self-regulation that ensures responsible marketing behavior by beverage alcohol and adjacent companies. The KDA expects and encourages all affiliated entities to show the same commitment to social responsibility that our members uphold globally.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

*KDA Chair*

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*KDA President*



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