



Square Dance Minnesota offers

- Achievement awards
- Live Lively awards
 - Septuagenarian awards
 - Octogenarian awards
 - Nonagenarian awards
 - Centennial awards
- “Most-Active Dancer” banner
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- Anniversary awards
- Traveler awards
- SDM badges, bars, & dangles
- Quarterly meetings & dances
- Grants for newcomer classes
- Banner program
- Insurance through USDA
- B51 workshops
- ABC dances
- Diplomas for new dancers



*Square Dance Minnesota, Inc.
is organized exclusively for
educational purposes within the
meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the
Internal Revenue Code and is classified
as a public charity.*

SDM's goals

~ To educate the public and generate public awareness so as to promote and perpetuate growth and acceptance of square dancing in all its heritage forms.

~ To conduct or sponsor educational workshops and classes to teach contemporary square, round or heritage dancing as well as dance techniques and to provide print and electronic resources.

~ To provide square dance education to the public and the dancers on a non-profit basis.

**SDM's effective date of IRS exemption
was July 24, 2014.**

**Donations to SDM are tax exempt
under section 170 of the IRS Code.**

For more information, visit
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WHAT CAN SDM DO FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION?



SQUARE DANCE MINNESOTA

SDM

a 501(c)(3)

helping you help others!

BENEFITS OF SDM MEMBERSHIP

• **Square dancing is fun.** The exhilaration of eight people dancing together in quick time for a common purpose is unparalleled. So much in life is serious; **modern square dancing is just fun!**

• **Square dancing is mentally stimulating.** People who start modern square dancing soon realize that it's a "thinking-person's activity." The interaction with the caller and the other dancers to complete a movement successfully **keeps the mind sharp, focused, and challenged.**

• **Square dancing is an escape from all the worries of the day.** Modern square dancing is the perfect respite from the anxieties that surround us all. You will find yourself dancing to **many different types of popular music**, including current rock, jazz, and country.

• **Square dancing is sociable.** Square dancing involves a social component that "independent" fitness endeavors do not. Participants are given the opportunity to develop strong social ties that contribute to their self-esteem and a positive outlook. **Many people have made life-long friends at square dances.**

• **Square dancing is good, moderate exercise.** In one evening of square dancing, a person can walk three to five miles, providing the right amount of movement for many people.

• **Square dancing is non-competitive.** Square dancers dance for the excitement of working through the sequences successfully. There are **no "winners/losers/champions,"** just people having fun!

• **Square dancing is inexpensive.** The cost of an evening of modern square dancing is less than just about any other form of outside entertainment.

• **Square dancing is an activity the whole family can enjoy.** Children old enough to follow instructions (usually 10 or older) can participate.



~ *Liability Insurance* ~

Group affiliates are eligible to participate in the USDA insurance program designed especially for members of your organization. It requires 100% membership by your group.

~ *Tax exempt status* ~

Group affiliates are eligible for federal nonprofit/tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.

~ *SDM Updates* ~

Updates are emailed to members.

~ *Membership badge with new slogo* ~



~ *SDM Email Tree* ~

Members receive current news, sometimes daily, sometimes weekly.

~ *SDM Website* ~

Members may submit their group news to the website for immediate publication.

~ *Financial Assistance* ~

Help will be available to groups applying for grants. When funds are available, SDM grants are for new classes and new callers.

~ *Marketing* ~

Directors will assist groups with marketing: signs, t-shirts, press releases, website listings, classes, or ABC opportunities.