



National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

Membership General Criteria

Transparency and Accountability

- Voluntary governing board
- Voluntary membership or constituencies
- IRS letter of tax-exempt status
- Most recent audited financial statement and/or published financial forms, i.e. IRS Form 990
- Adherence to established fundraising practices (*such as those described by the Association of Fundraising Professionals*)
- Submit timely and accurate situational reporting, recovery, and or ongoing activity data for National VOAD to share with Members and Partners
- Submit programmatic and/or annual activity reports as requested
- Pay annual dues

Services Provisions

- Have clearly defined functions, programs, and/or direct services with a focus on one or more phases of the disaster continuum that are national in scope

Participation

- Participation in at least one National VOAD Committee
- Provide representation at the National VOAD Conference
- Promote and facilitate ongoing participation in VOAD Movement

Standards

- Adhere to and promote the mission, principles, values, policies, and points of consensus of National VOAD

National Member Eligibility

In addition to the General Criteria listed, organizations must meet the following:

- Activated and or deployed to three Presidentially Declared Disasters within the last three years
- Current and actively participating Members of 5 State/Territory VOADs
- A total organizational budget of at least \$1 million OR a total number of staff and volunteers in excess of 300

Associate Member Eligibility

In addition to the General Criteria listed, Associate organizations must meet the following:

- Collaborative desire to grow and strengthen the VOAD movement
- Proven national disaster mission and capacity
- Have had an IRS tax-exempt status for at least two years prior to membership application
- Hold membership, as an active and participating member of one State VOAD for at least one year

Examples of potential Associate Members include:

- Academic Institutions
- Advocacy Organizations
- Coalitions or Networks
- Nonprofit Associations
- Organizations representing underserved populations
- International organizations expanding domestic programming