



National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

Membership General Criteria

Transparency and Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary governing board• Voluntary membership or constituencies• IRS letter of tax-exempted status• Annual Audits and/or published financial forms• Adherence to established fundraising practices (<i>such as those described by the Association of Fundraising Professionals</i>)• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in at least one National VOAD Committee• Provide representation at the National VOAD Conference• Promote and facilitate ongoing participation in VOAD Movement
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adhere to and promote the mission, principles, values, policies, and points of consensus of National VOAD

Tier One Member Eligibility

In addition to the General Criteria listed, Tier 1 organizations must the meet the following:

- Activated and or deployed to five Presidentially Declared Disasters within the last three years
- Current and actively participating Members of 10 State/Territory VOADs

Tier 1 Members must also meet one or more of the following:

- A total organizational budge in excess of \$15 million or
- A total number of staff and volunteers in excess of 2,500 or
- Proven disaster experience of at least 15 years

Tier Two Member Eligibility

In addition to the General Criteria listed, Tier 2 organizations must the 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

Tier 2 Members must also meet one or more of the following:

- A total organizational budge 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

Examples of potential Associate Members include:

- Academic Institutions
- Advocacy Organizations
- Coalitions or Networks
- Nonprofit Associations
- Organizations representing underserved populations
- Organizations that offer different capabilities than that of a Tier 2 National Member organization