



Establishing and maintaining connections with organizations and individuals in other areas of Swedish America can be a wonderful way to support and enhance the work that you do locally. Our network of 300 organizations and over 50,000 individuals makes it easy to do that!

Your Swedish Council of America affiliate membership provides your organization with numerous benefits. Do not hesitate to contact the SCA office for more information about any of these benefits.

Access to SCA grants and awards:

➤ All affiliate organizations are eligible and encouraged to apply for our **annual SCA grants**. The SCA makes grants for projects that promote knowledge and understanding of Swedish-American culture, Swedish heritage, or the cultural ties between Sweden and North America. Throughout the SCA's 35-year history, we have awarded over \$650,000 in project support.

➤ Members of affiliate organizations are eligible to receive the SCA *Award of Merit*. It is a priority of the SCA to recognize individuals who work tirelessly in the preservation of Swedish heritage in North America.

A presence on the internet:

➤ Each affiliate organization is provided its own page on our website, www.swedishcouncil.org. Information about your organization can include a description, photograph, and details about your special events. This is a great way to help visitors to our site learn about your organization.

➤ We encourage affiliate organizations to let us know about their events, big and small, so that we can advertise them on the national events calendar on our website.

➤ Our website promotes our affiliate organizations through slideshows that highlight different themes within Swedish America. All affiliate organizations are encouraged to submit photos for inclusion.

SCA publications:

➤ *Sweden & America* focuses primarily on Swedish cultural interests in both North America and Sweden. Published four times a year, this magazine is available to affiliate organizations and their members at the rate of \$8 per year.

➤ Our monthly *eUPDATE* newsletter highlights the news from Swedish America as well as from Sweden. You can subscribe to our *eUPDATE* by visiting our website, or by sending your e-mail address to swedcoun@swedishcouncil.org. Please encourage the members of your organization to subscribe also.

Your Affiliate welcome packet includes:

➤ A copy of the SCA's most recent **Annual Report**. This will provide you with an understanding of the diverse membership within the SCA as well as our many programs and events.

➤ Complementary copies of the *American-Swedish Handbook* and other Swedish-related publications.

Additional benefit:

➤ Discounted subscription rate to Genline's **online genealogy research database**. Subscriptions can be purchased directly from Genline at www.genline.com. To receive the SCA member discount, enter your organization name in the member code box on the registration or purchase form.