



# Friends of NRA Program Explaining the Differences

## **History of Friends of NRA**

Friends of NRA started in 1992 by some “friends” of the NRA from Columbia, Missouri who wanted to throw a fundraising party for the NRA. It was an exploratory idea to help build and promote the newly established NRA Foundation and to empower the grassroots base of NRA supporters looking for ways to support and promote NRA training and educational programs. This group of “friends” started meeting regularly and realized they needed a name for this inaugural event. Looking around the room of “friends,” one person spoke up and said, “this is a no brainer – call it, Friends of NRA.” That inaugural fundraising event was widely successful and kicked into high gear the following year with 21 field representatives and 189 events grossing \$2.7 million! Over a quarter of a century later, we’re embarking on the billion dollar mark due to a few “friends” and their fundraising vision for a stronger tomorrow.

*After More  
than 25 Years  
Friends of NRA  
Continue to  
TEACH FREEDOM  
to the next  
generation*

As gun owners, sportsmen, hunters and supporters of our Second Amendment rights, we must continue to be vigilant. Freedom is not free. We must protect it and honor those who protected it before us by making sure we continue to TEACH FREEDOM to those who follow in our footsteps. We’re proud of this remarkable movement and look forward to making the next 25 years of Friends of NRA events even more extraordinary than the first!

**Over 24,000  
Events**

**Over 4.5M  
Attendees**

**Over \$1B  
Funds Raised**

## **Friends of NRA**

The primary goal of the Friends of NRA program is fundraising for the future of the shooting sports while promoting fun and fellowship amongst gun owners. The majority of NRA Foundation funding is provided by the Friends of NRA program. Since 1992, Friends of NRA has held over 22,000 events, reached over 4.1 million attendees and raised over \$850 million for The NRA Foundation, the largest charity in support of the shooting sports. This is why your commitment to join your local Friends of NRA committee is so critical to, and valued by, the NRA. Every volunteer, every donor, every committee, every business, every state has a reason to call themselves a Friend of NRA. No funds raised through the Friends of NRA program are used for lobbying or political purposes

## **The NRA Foundation**

*The NRA Foundation is one of four 501(c)(3) public charities of the NRA. The NRA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the NRA and funds qualified non-political NRA programs. Established in 1992, The NRA Foundation has served the needs of freedom-loving Americans across this great nation by teaching freedom through programs that instill knowledge about our nation’s great history. The NRA Foundation builds partnerships with community leaders and provides grants that are instrumental in funding programs that support the shooting sports.*

**501(c)3  
Foundation  
Established  
1992**

## **NRA & NRA-ILA**

NRA is a 501(c)(4) membership association. The NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) is the lobbying arm of the NRA. Established in 1975, NRA-ILA is committed to preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. NRA-ILA handles all NRA political activities. Contributions to NRA and NRA-ILA are not tax deductible.

**Becoming a Friends of NRA Volunteer is one of the most critical, and most satisfying roles one can play in the fight for freedom.**