



Nonprofit Organization Tax Status Crib Sheet

A Collection of Resources and Tips

Council of Nonprofits Resources

The Council of Nonprofits is the most reliable, one stop center for accessing step by step instructions for filing your organization Tax-Exempt Status. See their complete process here:

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/howtostartanonprofit>

Iden Advancement Nonprofit Startup Process

Our staff completes the Nonprofit Tax Status process on behalf of your organization in three structured and simplified steps:

- 1) **Information Overview Meeting,**
- 2) **Information Request Deadline,**
- 3) **Submission & IRS Response.**

Contact Iden Advancement for more information: info@idenadvancement.com

Legal Zoom

Legal Zoom offers a Nonprofit Tax Status Application process, which walks you through the forms. Click here for more information.

StayExempt.org Workshop

From start up to maintenance, the workshops at "stayexempt.org" are helpful.

NOLO Workshop

A for-fee publication/ workshop from Nolo walks you through the process: [Starting and Building a Nonprofit](#) (3rd ed, 2009).

Fiscal Sponsors

Consider whether there is another organization with a similar mission, perhaps in another geographical area with a similar demographic, who might be willing to be a "[fiscal sponsor](#)" for your initiatives, while you

start up your organization. This means the fiscal sponsor would receive grants and donations on behalf of your start-up organization. Click the link above for more information.

State Specific Resources: Get Info For Your State

Resource Links for select states (when state info is available, it has been listed) are below:

- [State Associations](#) of nonprofits resources specific to starting a charitable nonprofit:
- [Alabama Association of Nonprofits](#)
- [Arkansas Coalition for Excellence](#)
- [California Association of Nonprofits](#)
- [Colorado Nonprofit Association](#)
- [Connecticut Association of Nonprofits](#)
- [Center for Nonprofit Advancement \(DC\)](#)
- [Donors Forum \(IL\)](#)
- [Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [Idaho Nonprofit Center](#)
- [Kentucky Nonprofit Network](#)
- [Maine Association of Nonprofits](#)
- [Maryland Nonprofits](#)
- [Michigan Nonprofit Association](#)
- [Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](#)
- [Montana Nonprofit Association](#)
- [New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits](#)
- [New York Council of Nonprofits](#)
- [Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York](#)
- [Center for Non-Profits \(NJ\)](#)
- [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits](#)
- [Nonprofit Association of Oregon - online guide](#) and [The Oregon Nonprofit Corporations Handbook](#)
- [Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [Utah Nonprofits Association](#)
- [Wisconsin Nonprofits Association](#)

Other State Specific Resources:

1. The Foundation Center provides State Specific Resources for [starting a nonprofit](#)
2. Harbor Business Compliance Provides [State-by-state board member/governance requirements when forming a nonprofit](#)
3. Harbor Business Compliance Provides info on the total paperwork, cost, and time needed to start a nonprofit organization by state. [Click on any state](#)

National Council on Nonprofits: Find your State Association

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/find-your-sa>

IRS resources

- IRS Exempt Organizations hotline: 877-829-5500
- [IRS Forms](#)



- IRS: [Applying for Tax Exemption, An Overview](#)
- IRS: [Lifecycle of an Exempt Organization](#)
- IRS booklet: *Applying for 501(c)(3) Status*: [Publication 4220](#) and an [online tutorial](#).
- IRS Nonprofit Startup Webinar: Learn how to start off right: [Starting off Right – What New 501\(c\)\(3\) Organizations Need to Know](#).
- IRS Regulations for various [life cycle stages of public charity](#)
- IRS [required provisions that must be included in the organizing documents](#) of a public charity in order to achieve tax-exempt status at the federal level.

All IRS Forms

All forms needed to file for Tax Exemption with the IRS:

- [Form SS-4](#): Federal Employer Identification Number ("EIN") (needed for IRS, bank, other)
- Application for Recognition: IRS [Form 1023](#)
- [Instructions for Form 1023: Package 102](#)
- Tax-Exempt Status for your organization: Get [Publication 557](#)
- Power of Attorney: IRS [Form 2848](#)
- "501 H" Election to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation: IRS [Form 5768](#): 501(h). Learn why the National Council of Nonprofits recommends that charitable nonprofits [file this form with the IRS](#).

Other Publications and Resources

- See more at: <http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/knowledge-center/how-start-nonprofit/where-find-assistance#sthash.15UQ7Z3T.dpuf>