

Most states require you to register your organization if you solicit donations from their residents.

If you run a non-profit organization, you already know how to maintain your 501(c) designation with the IRS. State-level requirements are lesser-known, but no less important. Not only are you required to register your non-profit in your own state, but you must also be aware of the requirements from other states.

Many states also require registration if your organization collects substantial or ongoing donations from their residents, even if you aren't specifically targeting donors in that state.



If your non-profit organization...

- Receives donations from residents of other states
- Has people on its email, text, call, or mailing lists who live in other states
- Uses social media for fundraising campaigns
- Has a Donate Now button on its website
- Engages in crowdfunding
- Holds special events in other states
- Receives grants from entities outside your state

...then you will need to register your organization in multiple states.

In fact, you're required to register in each state in which you solicit or where your ongoing or substantial donors reside.

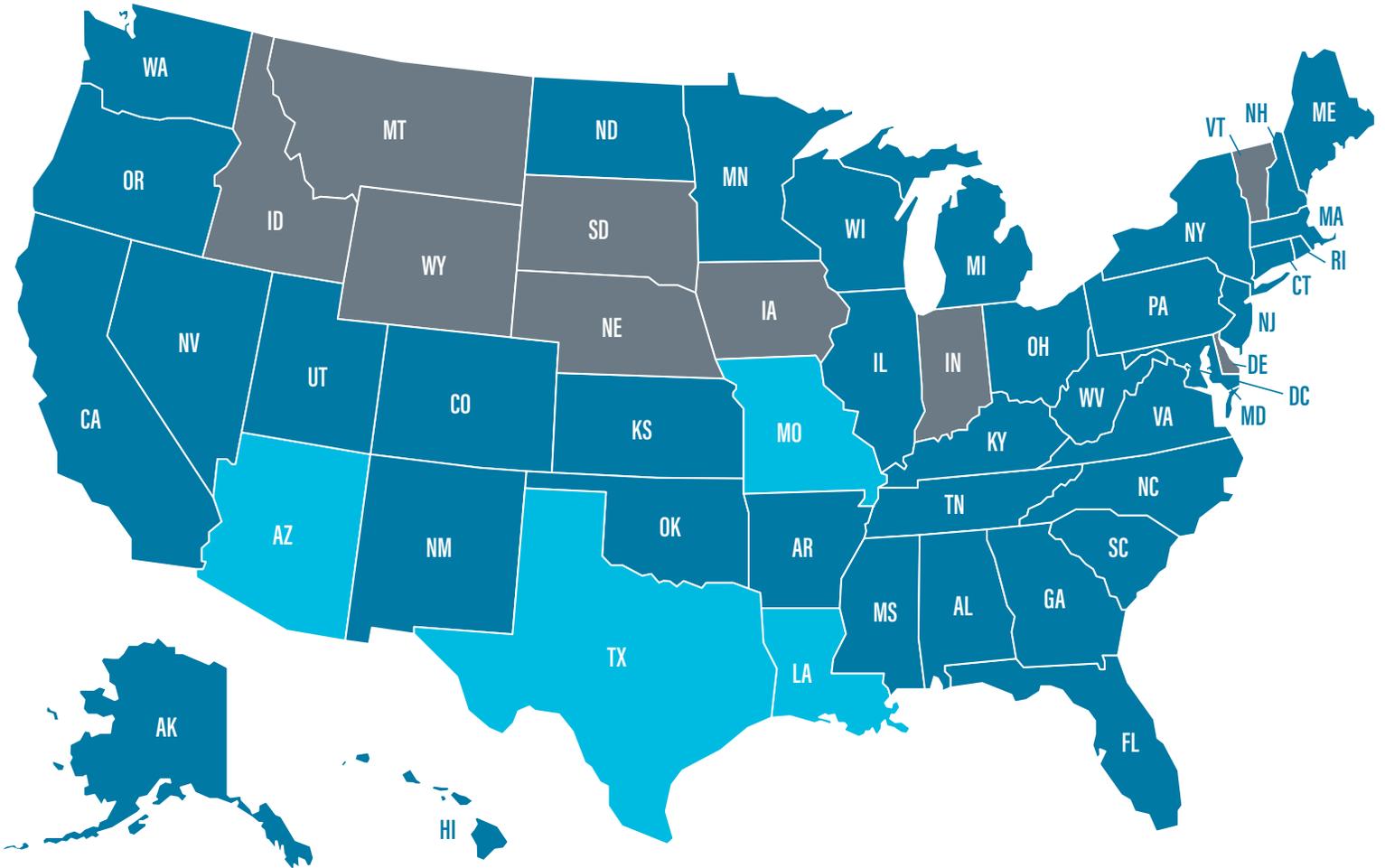
Each state has its own requirements, and figuring out how to meet all of those can be a big task. That's why we created this comprehensive guide to the registration requirements for each state. The information is current as of September 2019; please note that state regulatory agencies are able to change their requirements at any time.

If you would like to learn more about what charitable registration is, why it's important, and how to ensure you're staying compliant, view our webinar.

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Registration Requirements: State by State

Registration requirements vary by state. If you're based in, or soliciting donations from residents of, even just one of the light or dark blue states on the map below, you may be required to register.



 BROAD REGULATION

 NARROW REGULATION

 NO REGULATION



States with No or Minimal Registration Requirements

The following states have no registration requirements; states in blue have a requirement only in certain circumstances.



ARIZONA

Arizona only requires veteran groups to register.



DELAWARE



IDAHO



INDIANA



IOWA



LOUISIANA

Louisiana only requires registration if you're using a professional solicitor.



MISSOURI

Missouri exempts 501(c)(3), (c)(7), and (c)(8) organizations upon request. All other charitable organizations are required to register.



MONTANA



NEBRASKA



SOUTH DAKOTA



TEXAS

Texas only requires registration for veteran and public safety groups.



VERMONT



WYOMING

Registration Requirements by State



Online Filing
Access Available



ALABAMA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$25.00

Due Date

3 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

ago.alabama.gov/ConsumerLicense



ARKANSAS

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

arkansasag.gov/arkansas-lawyer/public-protection/column-one/charities



Online Filing
Access Available



COLORADO

State Initial Filing Fees

\$10.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$10.00

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$50,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

sos.state.co.us



Online Filing
Access Available



ALASKA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$40.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$40.00

Due Date

September 1

Exemption - Revenue

\$5,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

law.state.ak.us



Online Filing
Access Available



CALIFORNIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0 to \$300

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration; renewal filing fee based on total revenue

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$2 million

Website

oag.ca.gov/charities



Online Filing
Access Available



CONNECTICUT

State Initial Filing Fees

\$50.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$50.00

Due Date

11 months after FYE

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

portal.ct.gov/DCP/Charities/Charitable-Solicitation-Registration-Information

FYE = Fiscal Year End

Registration Requirements by State



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$412.50

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$412.50

Additional Information

Registration with the Corporations Division and Office of Tax and Revenue required

Due Date

Biennial on date of anniversary

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

mybusiness.dc.gov/#/dashboard



Online Filing
Access Available



GEORGIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$35.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$20.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

Biennial on date of anniversary

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$1 million

Website

sos.ga.gov/index.php/charities



ILLINOIS

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$15.00

Additional Information

Subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Audit Threshold

>\$300K in contributions

Website

ag.state.il.us



Online Filing
Access Available



FLORIDA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$10 to \$400

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$10 to \$400

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

Annual on date of anniversary

Exemption - Revenue

\$35,000

Audit Threshold

>\$1 million (if 990 prepared by NPO)

Website

freshfromflorida.com



Online Filing
Access Available



HAWAII

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$10 to \$600

Additional Information

Renewal filing fee based on total revenue

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K in contributions (not including government grants)

Website

hawaii.gov/ag/charities



KANSAS

State Initial Filing Fees

\$35.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$35.00

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$10,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K in contributions

Website

sos.kansas.gov

Registration Requirements by State



KENTUCKY

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0.00

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

ag.ky.gov/consumer-protection/charity/Pages/default.aspx



MARYLAND

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0 to \$300

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0 to \$300

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$5,000

Audit Threshold

>\$750K

Website

sos.maryland.gov/Charity/Pages/Registering-Charity.aspx



MICHIGAN

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

7 months after FYE

Audit Threshold

>\$525K in contributions

Website

michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82915_82919_80762---,00.html



Online Filing
Access Available



MAINE

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$25.00

Due Date

November 30

Exemption - Revenue

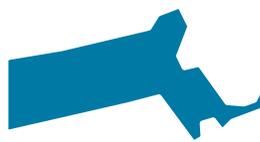
\$10,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/charitable/index.html



MASSACHUSETTS

State Initial Filing Fees

\$150.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$35 to \$2000

Additional Information

Subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration; renewal filing fee based on total revenue

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

mass.gov/ago/doing-business-in-massachusetts/public-charities-or-not-for-profits/



MINNESOTA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$25.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

6 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$750K

Website

ag.state.mn.us/Charity/Default.asp

Registration Requirements by State



Online Filing
Access Available



MISSISSIPPI

State Initial Filing Fees

\$50.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$50.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

sos.ms.gov/Charities/Pages/default.aspx



NEVADA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0.00

Due Date

Annual end of month of anniversary

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

nvsos.gov/sos/licensing/charitable-organizations



Online Filing
Access Available



NEW JERSEY

State Initial Filing Fees

\$30 to \$250

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$30 to \$250

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$10,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

state.nj.us/lps/ca/charity/charfrm.htm



MISSOURI

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$15.00

Due Date

75 days after FYE

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

ago.mo.gov/civil-division/consumer/check-a-charity



NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$75.00

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Audit Threshold

>\$1 million (for NH NPOs)

Website

doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/forms.htm



Online Filing
Access Available



NEW MEXICO

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0.00

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

secure.nmag.gov/coros/default.aspx

Registration Requirements by State



Online Filing
Access Available



NEW YORK

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$25.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$750K

Website

charitiesnys.com



Online Filing
Access Available



NORTH CAROLINA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0 to \$200

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0 to \$200

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

sosnc.gov/CSL



NORTH DAKOTA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$25.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$10.00

Additional Information

Registration as a foreign corporation is required

Due Date

September 1

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

nd.gov/sos/nonprofit



Online Filing
Access Available



OHIO

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0 to \$200

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$0 to \$200

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on amount raised in state during fiscal year; subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Charities



OKLAHOMA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15.00 or \$65.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$15.00 or \$65.00

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

Annual on date of anniversary

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

sos.ok.gov/charity/Default.aspx



OREGON

State Initial Filing Fees

\$0.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$20 to \$400

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Renewal filing fee based on total amount raised in state during fiscal year

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

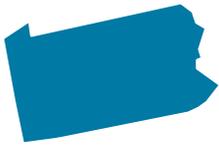
Audit Threshold

Optional

Website

doj.state.or.us/charigroup/index.shtml

Registration Requirements by State



PENNSYLVANIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15 to \$250

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$15 to \$250

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions; late fees may be imposed if solicited prior to registration

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$750K

Website

dos.pa.gov/BusinessCharities/Charities/RegistrationForms/Pages/default.aspx



Online Filing
Access Available



SOUTH CAROLINA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$50.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$50.00

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

scsos.com/Public_Charities



Online Filing
Access Available



UTAH

State Initial Filing Fees

\$75.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$75.00

Additional Information

May impose penalties for solicitation prior to registration

Due Date

Annual on date of anniversary quarter

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

consumerprotection.utah.gov



Online Filing
Access Available



RHODE ISLAND

State Initial Filing Fees

\$90.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$90.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

Annual on date of anniversary

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/charitable



Online Filing
Access Available



TENNESSEE

State Initial Filing Fees

\$50.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$80 to \$240

Additional Information

Renewal filing fee based on total revenue

Due Date

6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$30,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

sos.tn.gov/charitable



VIRGINIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$130 to \$425

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$30 to \$325

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$5,000 (3 years)

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

vdacs.virginia.gov/food-charitable-solicitation.shtml

Registration Requirements by State



WASHINGTON

State Initial Filing Fees

\$60.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$40.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Due Date

4 ½ months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$50,000

Audit Threshold

n/a

Website

secstate.wa.gov/charities



WEST VIRGINIA

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15 or \$50

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$15 or \$50

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Filing fee based on total contributions

Due Date

Annual on date of anniversary

Exemption - Revenue

\$25,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K

Website

sos.wv.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx



Online Filing
Access Available



WISCONSIN

State Initial Filing Fees

\$15.00

State Renewal Filing Fees

\$54.00

Solicitation Disclosure Requirements

Yes

Additional Information

Subject to back filings if solicited prior to registration

Due Date

Renewal due August 1; financials due 6 months after FYE

Exemption - Revenue

\$5,000

Audit Threshold

>\$500K in contributions

Website

wdfi.org/CharitableOrganizations/default.htm

NOTES

- States with audit thresholds may have other financial statement requirements for charities that fall below the threshold.
- The exemption revenue refers to the charity's total revenue, not just the amount raised in that particular state.



Additional Disclosure Statements by State

ARKANSAS

Every charitable organization that solicits in Arkansas, and uses an Arkansas address, including a return address, but does not maintain and staff an office at that address must disclose in writing immediately proximate to the address located in the state both (1) the address of the charitable organization's actual headquarters and (2) the fact

that the address is that of a mail drop box or located in a mail-handling facility. The following language may be used: *"The headquarters of this organization is located at (insert the address of the non-Arkansas headquarters). The Arkansas address is that of a (insert either "mail drop box" or "mail-handling facility") located in the state."*

CALIFORNIA

Any printed solicitation material must be presented in at least 10-point type and must include the following:

1. The name and address of the combined campaign, each organization, or fund on behalf of which all or any part of the money collected will be utilized for charitable purposes.
2. If there is no organization or fund, the manner in which the money collected will be utilized for charitable purposes.
3. The non-tax-exempt status of the organization or fund, if the organization or fund for which the money or funds are being solicited does not have a charitable tax exemption under both federal and state law.
4. The percentage of the total gift or purchase price which may be deducted as a charitable contribution under both federal and state law. If no portion is so deductible the card shall state that "This contribution is not tax deductible."
5. If the organization making the solicitation represents any nongovernmental organization by any name which includes, but is not limited to, the term "officer," "peace officer," "police," "law enforcement," "reserve officer," "deputy," "California Highway Patrol," "Highway Patrol," "deputy sheriff," "firefighter," or "fire marshall," which would reasonably be understood to

- imply that the organization is composed of law enforcement or firefighting personnel, the solicitor shall give the total number of members in the organization and the number of members working or living within the county where the solicitation is being made, and if the solicitation is for advertising, the statewide circulation of the publication in which the solicited ad will appear.
6. If the organization making the solicitation represents any nongovernmental organization by any name which includes, but is not limited to, the term "veteran" or "veterans," which would reasonably be understood to imply that the organization is composed of veterans, the solicitor shall give the total number of members in the organization and the number of members working or living within the county where the solicitation is being made. This paragraph does not apply to federally chartered or state incorporated veterans' organizations with 200 or more dues paying members or to a thrift store operated or controlled by a federally chartered or state incorporated veterans' organization. This paragraph does not apply to any state incorporated community-based organization that provides direct services to veterans and their families and qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

FLORIDA

“A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.”

GEORGIA

All solicitations must disclose the name and location of the paid solicitor and solicitor agent, if any, as well as the name and location of the charitable organization. Upon request, the charity must send a description of the charitable program and financial statements.

LOUISIANA

Police and firefighter groups are subject to substantial disclosure requirements. Learn more at ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx/291?catId=0.

MARYLAND

“A copy of the current financial statement of [name of charity] is available by writing [address where requests should be directed] or by calling (XXX) XXX-XXXX. Documents and information submitted under

the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis MD 21401, (410) 974-5534.”

MICHIGAN

The attorney general encourages charities to display their registration number on all solicitations, but disclosure is not required by statute.

MINNESOTA

The following information must be clearly disclosed in any written charitable solicitation:

1. The name and location by city and state of each charitable organization on behalf of which the solicitation is made;
2. The tax deductibility of the contribution; and
3. A description of the charitable program for which the solicitation campaign is being carried out; and, if different, a description of the programs and activities of the organization on whose behalf the solicitation campaign is being carried out.





MISSISSIPPI

“The official registration and financial information of the organization may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State’s office by calling 888-236-6167. Registration by the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement by the Secretary of State.”

NEW JERSEY

Every printed solicitation, written confirmation, receipt or written reminder shall include the following statement, which shall be conspicuously printed: *“Information filed with the attorney general concerning this charitable solicitation and the percentage of contributions received by the charity during the last reporting period that were dedicated to the charitable purpose may be obtained from the attorney general of the State of New Jersey by calling 973-504-6215 and is available on the internet at state.nj.us/lps/ca/charfrm.htm. Registration with the attorney general does not imply endorsement.”*

NEW YORK

Include a statement indicating that a copy of the latest annual report may be obtained, upon request, from the organization or from the New York State Attorney General’s Charities Bureau. The statement

must include the addresses of the organization and the Charities Bureau (Charities Bureau, 28 Liberty Street, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10005).

NORTH CAROLINA

Every charitable organization or sponsor that is required to obtain a license under G.S. 131F-5 shall conspicuously display in type of a minimum size nine points, the following statement on every printed solicitation, written confirmation, receipt, or reminder of a contribution: *“Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing*

Branch at [telephone number]. The license is not an endorsement by the State.” The statement shall be made conspicuous by use of one or more of the following: underlining, a border, or bold type. When the solicitation consists of more than one piece, the statement shall be displayed prominently in the solicitation materials, but not necessarily on every page.

OHIO

Include the name and address of the charity. If it’s not a 501(c)(3) organization, include the charitable purpose of the appeal.



OREGON

Any written statement made in connection with a solicitation of contributions that the person or organization conducting the solicitation is registered or has filed, will file or is required to file any report with the Attorney General, or any statement of similar import, shall be immediately followed by a statement of equal prominence that such registration or report in no way constitutes or implies any endorsement, sanction or approval of the solicitation, its purposes, the manner in which it is conducted or the person or organization conducting it, by the Attorney General or any other governmental agency or officer. O.R.S. § 128.891(2)

Every charitable organization that solicits in Oregon,

and uses an Oregon address, including a return address, but does not maintain and staff an office at that address must disclose in writing immediately proximate to the address located in the state both (1) the address of the charitable organization's actual headquarters and (2) the fact that the address is that of a mail drop box or located in a mail-handling facility.

The following language may be used: *"The headquarters of this organization is located at (insert the address of the non-Oregon headquarters). The Oregon address is that of a (insert either "mail drop box" or "mail-handling facility") located in the state."*
O.R.S. § 128.893

PENNSYLVANIA

"The official registration and financial information of (insert the legal name of the charity as registered with the department) may be obtained from the

Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement."

RHODE ISLAND

Any written solicitation used by or on behalf of any charitable organization must provide a description of the programs and activities for which it has expended or will expend contributions it receives from the solicitation or must include a statement that, upon written request to a specified person at the charitable organization, a person may obtain such a description from the charitable organization. In addition, any written solicitation must state in clear and unambiguous language whether or not contributions are deductible for federal income tax

purposes in accordance with applicable law. These requirements must be satisfied by written notice to the donor or prospective donor. This written notice requirement will be deemed satisfied if made once during the solicitation process, including at the time of confirmation of receipt of any contribution.

If any charitable organization solicits contributions for another organization, or states in a solicitation that it has made contributions to another organization, and that other organization is not its

“affiliate” as defined in § 5-53.1-4 of the Rhode Island Solicitation by Charitable Organizations Act (SCOA), the written solicitation must include a statement that the contributions have been made, if applicable, and that a list of all organizations which have received contributions from the soliciting organization during the most recently completed fiscal year of the charitable organization for which information is required to be filed in accordance with § 5-53.1-2 of the SCOA may be obtained from that organization.

A United Way, federated fund or incorporated community appeal, by or through which a donation is merely transferred to another organization selected by the donor, does not need to include the donor selected transferee organizations in the list. These requirements must be satisfied by a written notice to the donor or prospective donor. This written notice requirement will be deemed satisfied if made once during the solicitation process, including at the time of confirmation of receipt of any contribution.

VIRGINIA

Disclose that financial statements are available from the State Division of Consumer Affairs.

WASHINGTON

A commercial fundraiser shall clearly and conspicuously disclose at the point of solicitation: the name of the individual making the solicitation; the name of the entity for which the fundraiser is an agent or employee and the name and city of the charitable organization for which the solicitation is being conducted; and if requested by the solicitee,

the published number in the office of the secretary for the donor to obtain additional financial disclosure information on file with the secretary (1-800-332-4483). The disclosure must be made during an oral solicitation of a contribution, and at the same time at which a written request for a contribution is made.

WEST VIRGINIA

"West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement." The disclosure statement must be

conspicuously displayed on any written or printed solicitation. Where the solicitation consists of more than one piece, the disclosure statement must be displayed on a prominent part of the solicitation materials.

WISCONSIN

Include the name of the charitable organization, as it appears on file with the department, on whose behalf the solicitation is being made; a clear description of the primary charitable purpose for which the solicitation is made; that the contribution is not tax-deductible, if this disclosure is applicable; the name of the professional fund-raiser, as it appears on file with the department, and that the solicitation is being conducted by a professional fund-raiser who is being paid for his, her, or its services; if the individual

acting on behalf of the professional fund-raiser identifies himself or herself by name, the individual's legal name; upon request by a person from whom a charitable contribution is sought, the percentage of the contribution that will be paid to the charitable organization as a result of the person's contribution. If the professional fund-raiser does not receive a percentage of the contribution, the professional fund-raiser shall disclose the dollar amount it was to or will receive.

Registering Your Charity



1. STRATEGIZE

We don't recommend a blanket approach of registering in every state for every single non-profit. It's particularly critical for small and/or new non-profits to understand the requirements and stay compliant without taxing your resources. We offer a risk analysis by state to help you determine where you can apply for exemptions, rely on the Charleston Principles, or exclude certain states from your fundraising appeals to reduce your filing burden.



2. REGISTER

Depending on how many states you have on your list, registering can become a very time-consuming process because there is no one standard application across every state. Some are simple; others are complex, which is what leads many non-profit executives to seek outside help. We have efficiencies in place for covering each state's requirements.



3. MANAGE

Deadlines and approvals vary on a state-by-state basis. Some states' requirements are tied to information on your tax return, and so depending on the time of year, we sometimes need to file extensions to delay filing until the tax return is completed.



4. RENEW

Each state has annual deadlines for submitting information, and it's not unheard of for states to change their requirements. Managing compliance is critical. You may be able to complete your initial state registrations on your own, but if you have a lot of states, the ongoing deadlines and compliance can become overwhelming. We offer ongoing management services to help keep track of deadlines and keep your charity in compliance.



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We specialize in creating a registration strategy that makes sense for your unique non-profit needs. Our compliance manager has over 20 years of experience in state registrations, from the very simple to the very complicated. We're a law firm that is dedicated to representing non-profit organizations across the country.

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