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General Guidelines for Creating a Youth Shooting Team Organization

Organization Guidelines for Opening a MidwayUSA Foundation Endowment Account.

A youth shooting sports team that is a formal part of a larger non-profit “parent” organization that is already formally/legally organized should use the parent organization’s credentials when creating its MidwayUSA Foundation endowment account. Some examples of this are teams that are formally part of a high school or college (not just using their name), a 501(c)(3) organization, a sportsmen’s club, church, etc.

An independent youth shooting sports team entity that is not part of a larger non-profit parent organization, must create its own legal organization using the following guidelines:

A team must be organized and recognized within its respective state as a not-for-profit corporation. Since each state has different requirements for corporations and not-for-profit entities, it is difficult to provide a single standard. Once the team is set up as a not-for-profit corporation within its state, the team must apply for an IRS issued Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) using its state recognized not-for-profit corporation name. Keep in mind that being recognized by the state as a not-for-profit does not necessarily make the corporation tax exempt. After receiving the corporation’s FEIN and before any grants are received, a bank account should be set-up for the team using that FEIN as the tax responsible entity. All team business conducted with the MidwayUSA Foundation will be linked to the team organization’s FEIN.

Steps:

1. Develop team By-laws (See example on pages 2-4). Consider the non-profit options and requirements of your state when developing the team’s By-laws. Information from the By-laws may be required to complete the forms for steps 2 & 3. For instance, your team must have a unique corporate name within your state.
2. Complete the articles of incorporation forms for your state (*See state links on page 5*).
3. Apply to your state to be recognized as a not-for-profit corporation (*This may be combined with step 2 in your state*)
4. Once recognized by your state, apply to the IRS for your Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) (*See IRS link at the bottom of page 5*)
5. Set-up a team bank account using the not-for-profit corporation name and FEIN

If you have any questions about this information or are unsure about your team/organization and where it fits within these guidelines, please contact the MidwayUSA Foundation for assistance.

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MidwayUSA Foundation State Non-Profit Requirements

Due to our growth and, therefore, more stringent audit standards, the MidwayUSA Foundation is now requiring teams to register as an official non-profit corporation within their state in order to create a Team Endowment Account (*please refer to our General Guidelines for Creating a Youth Shooting Team Organization document*). This requirement will also extend to existing teams effective January 1, 2016. The non-profit requirement **does not** require a team to be tax exempt or a 501(c)(3). There are important differences between “state non-profit,” “federal tax exempt,” and a “501(c)(3),” so please review the following information.

The Difference between a Non-Profit Corporation & a 501(c) Organization

This information is based on an article by Sam Ashe-Edmunds, Demand Media

<http://smallbusiness.chron.com/difference-between-non-profit-corporation-501c3-59719.html>

Not all non-profits are tax-exempt [501(c) organizations], and not all tax-exempt organizations are charities. *A non-profit corporation is a state entity that does not come with a federal tax exemption. Not every non-profit organization needs to apply for federal tax-exempt status.*

State Non-Profit Corporation (*Required by MidwayUSA Foundation*)

The first step in becoming a non-profit organization begins with a state registration as a non-profit corporation. The entity can make a profit, but all of its profits must be put back into the corporation; no members may take profits from the organization. Individuals can be paid a salary, wages or contract fees, but they may not take profits the entity earns.

Each state has its own requirements for non-profit corporation status, and you can find the rules for your state by visiting the website of your Secretary of State. The process is usually simple, requiring paperwork you can file online and a small fee, often less than \$100. State non-profit incorporation **does not** come with federal tax-exempt status, but the organization can apply for and receive some tax relief at the state level, such as sales or income tax. Some state non-profit organizations never apply for federal tax-exempt status.

Federal Tax-Exempt Status

A 501(c)(3) may allow donors to take a tax deduction for contributions of goods, cash and other assets.

Summary

The MidwayUSA Foundation is requiring teams to be an official state non-profit corporation in order to create a Team Endowment Account. Filing for tax-exempt status or becoming a 501(c)(3) is **not** required. We recommend seeking competent tax and/or legal advice for additional information and assistance.



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Sample Bylaws (without members)

The following bylaws are intended only as a model. They show some of the most general ways of writing bylaws. An organization has a great deal of latitude in shaping its bylaws, and does not need to follow this model. Keep in mind that the organization can and should amend its bylaws as often as necessary to keep up with changes to the organization. Organizations are free to reproduce all, or parts of the samples provided in this section.

BYLAWS of ABC NONPROFIT

Items highlighted in red type signify information specific to the organization. Other information provided in this sample may not be adequate for all types of nonprofits and are provided only as an example.

Article I must be included. For organizations not incorporated, state that the nonprofit is organized in compliance with the laws of the specific state.

The purpose statement must maintain the standards stated in IRS Publication 557 and give a brief description of the organization's goals to ensure approval of Federal tax exemptions.

ARTICLE I – NAME and PURPOSE

Section 1 – Name: The name of the organization shall be **ABC Nonprofit**. It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the **Specific State**.

Section 2 – Purpose: **ABC Nonprofit** is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and education purposes.

The purpose of this corporation is: **to conduct charitable and educational activities to support youth shooting sports programs which teach firearms safety, shooting and hunting outdoor skills.**

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership: Membership shall consist of the board of directors.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Board role, size, and compensation: The board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the association, and delegates' responsibility of day-to-day operations to the **staff and committees**. **The board shall have up to 20, but not fewer than 16 members**. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Section 2 – Terms: All board members shall serve **two-year terms**, but are eligible for re-election for up to **five consecutive terms**.

Section 3 – Meetings and notice: The board shall meet at **least quarterly**, at an agreed upon time and place. An official board meeting

The statutory limit for a board term in 10 years.

A board of directors must meet at least once during a fiscal year.



requires that each board member have written notice at least two weeks in advance.

Section 4 — Board elections: During the **last quarter of each** fiscal year of the corporation, the board of directors shall elect Directors to replace those whose terms will expire at the end of the fiscal year. This election shall take place during a regular meeting of the directors, called in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

Section 5 — Election procedures: New directors shall be elected by a majority of directors present at such a meeting, provided there is a quorum present. Directors so elected shall serve a term beginning on the first day of the next fiscal year.

Section 6 — Quorum: A quorum must be attended by at least forty percent of board members for business transactions to take place and motions to pass.

A quorum of directors for the purpose of conducting transactions, consisting of at least 1/3 of the directors.

Section 7 — Officers and Duties: There shall be four officers of the board, consisting of a chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

A board must consist of at least a chair/president and a treasurer. Other offices can be created as needed.

The chair shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the Executive Committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: vice-chair, secretary, treasurer. (Secretary / Treasurer may be the same person.)

The vice-chair shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board Meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of Minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

The treasurer shall make a report at each board meeting. The treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to board members and the public.

Section 8 — Vacancies: When a vacancy on the board exists mid-term,



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the secretary must receive nominations for new members from present board members two weeks in advance of a board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to board members with the regular board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular board member's term.

Section 9 — Resignation, termination, and absences: Resignation from the board must be in writing and received by the secretary. A board member shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences, more than two unexcused absences from board meetings in a year. A board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

Section 10 — Special meetings: Special meetings of the board shall be called upon the request of the chair, or one-third of the board. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the secretary to each board member at least two weeks in advance.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Committees are assigned by the board of directors to work on specific issues facing the organization.

Standing committees, such as an Executive Committee or Finance Committee, should be outlined in the bylaws, whereas ad hoc committees can be created for a time period set by the board of directors.

Section 1 — Committee formation: The board may create committees as needed. The board Chair appoints all committee chairs.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 — Amendments: These bylaws may be amended when necessary by two-thirds majority of the board of directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the secretary to be sent out with regular board announcements.

It is necessary for the bylaws to detail how they are to be amended. Because the bylaws are more detailed than the articles of incorporation, they should be updated and changed in accordance with the organization's growth and change.

CERTIFICATION

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the board of directors by a two-thirds majority vote on _____.

A copy of the original articles and bylaws should be filed for the organization's records.

Secretary

Date



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State	Non-Profit Formation Web Links (verified 2015-09-17)
Alabama	http://www.sos.alabama.gov/downloads/business/sosdf-5.pdf
Alaska	http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pub_corp/08-438.pdf
Arizona	http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Corporations/forms/starpas/formsSTPS/C011-Articles-of-Incorporation-Nonprofit.pdf
Arkansas	http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/BCS/Pages/corporations.aspx#c10
California	http://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/business-entities/forms/
Colorado	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business/helpFiles/ARTINC_NPC_HELP.html
Connecticut	http://www.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/commercialrecording/allforms/cert_of_inc_-_nonstock_corp.pdf
Delaware	https://corp.delaware.gov/Inc_Exempt.pdf
Wash DC	https://corp.dcr.dcr.gov/Account.aspx/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2f
Florida	http://form.sunbiz.org/pdf/cr2e006.pdf
Georgia	http://sos.ga.gov/corporations/acrobat/applications/Filing%20Procedure%20-%20Corporation.pdf
Hawaii	http://files.hawaii.gov/dcca/breg/registration/forms/dnp-1-pdf.pdf
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Illinois	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/nfp10210.pdf
Indiana	http://www.in.gov/sos/business/files/04162_fill-in.pdf
Iowa	https://sos.iowa.gov/nonprofits/forming.html
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Minnesota	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1089
Mississippi	http://eminutes.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/F0001.pdf
Missouri	http://s1.sos.mo.gov/business%5Ccorporations%5Cdefault.asp
Montana	http://sos.mt.gov/business/forms/Nonprofit/Domestic/54-Domestic_Nonprofit_Corporation_Articles_of_Incorporation.pdf
Nebraska	http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/corp_serv/corp_form.html
Nevada	http://nvsos.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=808
New Hampshire	http://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate/PDF/Form_NP-1_V-1.0.pdf
New Jersey	http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/nonprofitinfo.shtml
New Mexico	http://www.sos.state.nm.us/uploads/Files/Corporations/dnp.pdf
New York	http://www.dos.ny.gov/forms/corporations/1511-f-l_instructions_new.pdf
N Carolina	http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations/Forms.aspx?PItemId=5429733&Type=Nonprofit%20Corporation
N Dakota	http://www.nd.gov/efrms/Doc/sfn13003.pdf
Ohio	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/upload/business/forms/532.pdf
Oklahoma	http://www.sos.ok.gov/forms/FM0008.PDF
Oregon	http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Documents/business-registry-forms/np-articles.pdf
Pennsylvania	http://www.dos.pa.gov/BusinessCharities/Business/RegistrationForms/Pages/default.aspx#.VPDaJ-HaFWI
Rhode Island	http://sos.ri.gov/documents/business/forms/200.pdf
S Carolina	http://www.sos.sc.gov/forms/Non%20Profits/ArticlesofIncorporationNPDomestic.pdf
S Dakota	https://sdsos.gov/business-services/assets/nonprofitarticlesofincorporation20110101.pdf



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Texas	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/forms/202_boc.pdf
Utah	http://corporations.utah.gov/pdf/incnonprofit.pdf
Vermont	https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/462847/CORP-1_NONPROFIT.pdf
Virginia	http://www.sos.wv.gov/business-licensing/forms/documents/corporation/cd-1np.pdf
Washington	http://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/corps/NonProfitArticles2010.pdf
W Virginia	http://www.sos.wv.gov/business-licensing/forms/documents/corporation/cd-1np.pdf
Wisconsin	http://www.wdfr.org/_resources/indexed/site/corporations/dfr-corp-102.pdf
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Forms/Business/NP/NP-ArticlesIncorporation.pdf
IRS - Get EIN	http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-%26-Self-Employed/How-to-Apply-for-an-EIN
SBA - General Info	https://www.sba.gov/content/register-with-state-agencies