

**Guide to Solicitation Registration Requirements by State**

The table below provides summary information by state on the registration and subsequent filing requirements for organizations that solicit funds in the U.S. The websites link to the state offices that enforce state statutes and each state has distinct requirements. However, the Unified Registration Statement (URS) may be used in lieu of individual state forms in those 36 states and the District of Columbia that have agreed to accept the URS. Some states exempt organizations from registration based on the number or amount of donations made annually from within the state, but the states may require an application for exemption. Reporting on compliance with state solicitation registration requirements is now also requested on the annually required IRS Form 990.

For additional details on state solicitation registration requirements, please utilize the Legal Tools by Jurisdiction on LawForChange ([www.lawforchange.org](http://www.lawforchange.org)) in the Fundraising section as well as the Fundraising Overview.

State	Registration and Annual Filing Requirements	Accepts the URS?	Required Supplementary Forms for URS	Fee
<b>Alabama</b>	Registration and Annual Renewal Required with Alabama Attorney General; May use URS instead of AL form <a href="http://www.ago.state.al.us/consumer_charities.cfm">www.ago.state.al.us/consumer_charities.cfm</a>	Yes		\$25
<b>Alaska</b>	Registration with the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Unit; May use URS instead of AK form <a href="http://www.law.alaska.gov/department/civil/consumer/charityreg.html">http://www.law.alaska.gov/department/civil/consumer/charityreg.html</a>	Yes		\$40
<b>Arizona</b>	Registration with Arizona Secretary of State, May use URS instead of AZ form <a href="http://www.azsos.gov/business_services/Charities/CharityForms.htm">http://www.azsos.gov/business_services/Charities/CharityForms.htm</a>	Yes		None
<b>Arkansas</b>	Registration and Annual Report filed with Attorney General <a href="http://ag.arkansas.gov/consumers_protection_charitable_registration.html">http://ag.arkansas.gov/consumers_protection_charitable_registration.html</a>	Yes	Irrevocable Consent for Service: Charitable Organization	None
<b>California</b>	Registration and Annual Financial Solicitation Report are filed with the California Attorney General; See Guide to the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 for annual filing requirements <a href="http://ag.ca.gov/charities/forms.php">http://ag.ca.gov/charities/forms.php</a>	Yes	Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report	Sliding scale; \$0 - \$300
<b>Colorado</b>	Requires registration with Colorado Secretary of State; Annual	No		\$10

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	registration renewal required <a href="http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities/charitable.htm">http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities/charitable.htm</a>			
<b>Connecticut</b>	Registration and annual report are filed with the Connecticut Attorney General <a href="http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/browse.asp?a=2074&amp;agNav=">http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/browse.asp?a=2074&amp;agNav=</a>	Yes		\$50
<b>Delaware</b>	No fundraising registration requirements; Delaware Attorney General requires a copy of annual IRS Form 990 <a href="http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers/protection/charities.shtml">http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers/protection/charities.shtml</a>	N/A		\$0
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Registration requires filing for a Basic Business License and Charitable Solicitation License (each lasts for 2 years) with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs <a href="http://dcra.dc.gov/DC/DCRA/For+Business/Apply+for+a+Business+License/General+Business+and+Charitable+Solicitation+License+Information">http://dcra.dc.gov/DC/DCRA/For+Business/Apply+for+a+Business+License/General+Business+and+Charitable+Solicitation+License+Information</a>	Yes	Basic Business Licensing Information and Application	\$70
<b>Florida</b>	File a Registration Application with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; annual report due on anniversary date of registration <a href="http://www.800helpfla.com/">http://www.800helpfla.com/</a>	No		Sliding scale; \$10 - \$400
<b>Georgia</b>	Registration and renewal registration are due to the Georgia Secretary of State; May file URS instead of GA form <a href="http://sos.georgia.gov/securities/charitable_organization.htm">http://sos.georgia.gov/securities/charitable_organization.htm</a>	Yes	Georgia Supplement to URS	\$35; \$20 renewal
<b>Hawaii</b>	One-time registration form and an annual financial report are filed with the Hawaii Attorney General <a href="http://hawaii.gov/ag/charities">http://hawaii.gov/ag/charities</a>	Yes		None
<b>Idaho</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Idaho <a href="http://www.ag.idaho.gov/index.html">http://www.ag.idaho.gov/index.html</a>	N/A		
<b>Illinois</b>	File registration form and annual form with the Illinois Attorney General; May use URS instead of IL form <a href="http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/charities/index.html">www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/charities/index.html</a>	Yes		\$15
<b>Indiana</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Indiana <a href="http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2379.htm">http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2379.htm</a>	N/A		
<b>Iowa</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Iowa <a href="http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.org/protecting_giving/index.ht">http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.org/protecting_giving/index.ht</a>	N/A		

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<b>Kansas</b>	File Registration Statement for Solicitations and Annual Report with the Kansas Secretary of State <a href="http://www.kssos.org/business/business_charitable.html">http://www.kssos.org/business/business_charitable.html</a>	Yes		\$35
<b>Kentucky</b>	File URS and IRS Determination Letter with the Kentucky Attorney General; Annually file a copy of IRS Form 990 with Kentucky Attorney General <a href="http://www.ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection/charity/registration.htm">http://www.ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection/charity/registration.htm</a>	Yes		None
<b>Louisiana</b>	File the URS annually with the Louisiana Attorney General <a href="http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=3&amp;catID=0">http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=3&amp;catID=0</a>	Yes		\$25
<b>Maine</b>	File the Maine Charitable Organization Registration Form (or the URS) to the Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation annually <a href="http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/charitable/organization.htm">www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/charitable/organization.htm</a>	Yes	Maine State Specific Cover Page for Initial Registration, Maine State Specific Cover Page for Renewal Registration	\$50; \$25 renewal
<b>Maryland</b>	Register and annually file a copy of IRS Form 990 and Maryland Form COR-92 with the Charitable Organizations Division Office of the Secretary of State <a href="http://www.sos.state.md.us/Charity/CharityHome.aspx">http://www.sos.state.md.us/Charity/CharityHome.aspx</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$0 - \$200
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Register and annually file a PC form with the Massachusetts Division of Public Charities Office of the Attorney General <a href="http://www.mass.gov/ago/charities">www.mass.gov/ago/charities</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$35 - \$2,000
<b>Michigan</b>	File initial solicitation registration form and renewal solicitation form with the Michigan Department of Attorney General Charitable Trust Section <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/ag">www.michigan.gov/ag</a> and click on "Charities"	Yes		None
<b>Minnesota</b>	File a Registration Statement and an Annual Report with the Minnesota Attorney General; May substitute the URS for the MN form <a href="http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charities/">http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charities/</a>	Yes	Minnesota Supplement to URS	\$25
<b>Mississippi</b>	File the URS and financial report form (Form FS) with the Mississippi Secretary of State for registration and annually file	Yes	Supplement to URS	\$50

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	the URS <a href="http://www.sos.state.ms.us/regenf/charities/charities.asp">www.sos.state.ms.us/regenf/charities/charities.asp</a>			
<b>Missouri</b>	File an Initial Registration Statement and annually file a Charitable Organization Annual Report with the Missouri Attorney General <a href="http://ago.mo.gov/forms/forms.htm#charity">http://ago.mo.gov/forms/forms.htm#charity</a>	Yes		\$15
<b>Montana</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Montana <a href="http://doj.mt.gov/consumer/fornonprofit.asp">http://doj.mt.gov/consumer/fornonprofit.asp</a>	N/A		
<b>Nebraska</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Nebraska	N/A		
<b>Nevada</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Nevada	N/A		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	File a Form NHCT-1 with the New Hampshire Attorney General; Annually file a copy of the IRS Form 990 with the Attorney General <a href="http://doj.nh.gov/site-map/charities.htm">http://doj.nh.gov/site-map/charities.htm</a>	Yes		\$25; \$75 renewal
<b>New Jersey</b>	Register using a Form CRI-1501 or a Form CRI-200 or a URS with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs; Annually file a CRI-200 or CRI-300R and copy of IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ to the Division <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/ocp/charities.htm">www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/ocp/charities.htm</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$30-\$250
<b>New Mexico</b>	File the Registration Form with the New Mexico Attorney General; Annually file a copy of an IRS Form 990 and an Annual Report Form (depending on gross receipts) with the Attorney General <a href="http://www.nmag.gov/office/Divisions/Civ/charity">www.nmag.gov/office/Divisions/Civ/charity</a>	Yes		None
<b>New York</b>	File a Charities Registration Statement with the New York Attorney General; Annually file Form CHAR500 and a copy of the IRS Form 990 <a href="http://www.charitiesnys.com/">http://www.charitiesnys.com/</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$0 - \$25
<b>North Carolina</b>	File an application to register as a charitable organization with the North Carolina Secretary of State; Annually file an Annual Solicitation Renewal <a href="http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/csl/">http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/csl/</a>	Yes	Fundraising Disclosure Form	Sliding scale; \$0 - \$200
<b>North Dakota</b>	File a one-time Charitable Organization Registration Statement and annually file a report with the North Dakota Secretary of	Yes	Fundraising Disclosure Form	\$25; \$10 renewal

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	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/sos/nonprofit/">http://www.nd.gov/sos/nonprofit/</a>			
<b>Ohio</b>	File a CFR-1 and an IRS Determination Letter with the Ohio Attorney General; Before soliciting, additionally file a Charitable Organization Registration Statement with the Attorney General; Annually file a Financial Report and the Registration Statement or a URS <a href="http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Charities.aspx/?from=nav">http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Charities.aspx/?from=nav</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$0 - \$200
<b>Oklahoma</b>	File an Initial Registration Statement and a Registration Renewal annually with the Oklahoma Secretary of State <a href="https://www.sos.ok.gov/business/forms.aspx">https://www.sos.ok.gov/business/forms.aspx</a>	No		\$15
<b>Oregon</b>	File a Form RF-C with the Oregon Department of Justice to register; Annually file an Annual Report for Nonprofit Corporations with the Department (may substitute any Oregon forms with the URS) <a href="http://www.doj.state.or.us/charigroup/howto.shtml">http://www.doj.state.or.us/charigroup/howto.shtml</a>	Yes		None
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Initially and annually file a Form BCO-10 with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations <a href="http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau_of_charitable_organizations/12444">http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau_of_charitable_organizations/12444</a>	Yes		Sliding scale; \$15 - \$250
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Registration only required for Charitable Trusts (file Registration and Annual Report with the Rhode Island Attorney General) <a href="http://www.riag.state.ri.us/civil/charitabletrust/index.php">http://www.riag.state.ri.us/civil/charitabletrust/index.php</a>	Yes		\$50
<b>South Carolina</b>	File an application to register with the South Carolina Secretary of State (may use the URS instead of the SC form); File an Annual Solicitation Renewal <a href="http://www.scsos.com/Public_Charities">http://www.scsos.com/Public_Charities</a>	Yes		\$50
<b>South Dakota</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in South Dakota	N/A		
<b>Tennessee</b>	File an Application for Registration with the Tennessee Department of State Charitable Solicitations; Annually file a Charitable Organization Registration Renewal with the Department <a href="http://state.tn.us/sos/charity/co-info.htm">http://state.tn.us/sos/charity/co-info.htm</a>	Yes	Tennessee Supplement to URS; Summary of Financial Activities	\$50; Sliding scale for renewal \$100 - \$300

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<b>Texas</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Texas, with exceptions for organizations that solicit for law enforcement, public safety or veterans causes <a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml</a>	N/A		
<b>Utah</b>	File a Charitable Organization Permit Application Form (or the URS) with the Department of Commerce Division of Consumer Protection; Annually file a Charitable Organization Permit Application Form (Renewal) or the URS and an Annual Report with the Department <a href="http://consumerprotection.utah.gov/registrations/charities.html">http://consumerprotection.utah.gov/registrations/charities.html</a>	Yes	Utah Supplement to URS, Utah Financial Report/Statement of Functional Expenses	\$100
<b>Vermont</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Vermont; exception for professional fundraisers who must register and file an annual form <a href="http://www.atg.state.vt.us/issues/consumer-protection/charities.php">http://www.atg.state.vt.us/issues/consumer-protection/charities.php</a>	N/A		
<b>Virginia</b>	File Form 102 or the URS with the Virginia Department of Consumer Services to register and annually file a report with the Department <a href="http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/registrations.shtml">http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/registrations.shtml</a>	Yes		\$100 initial surcharge; sliding scale \$30 - \$325
<b>Washington</b>	Register with the Washington Secretary of State Charities Program (may use the URS) and annually file a renewal application <a href="http://www.sos.wa.gov/charities/charities.aspx">http://www.sos.wa.gov/charities/charities.aspx</a>	Yes	Washington URS Addendum	\$60, renewal \$40
<b>West Virginia</b>	File a Registration Statement for Charitable Organizations and an annual renewal with the West Virginia Secretary of State Charities Division <a href="http://www.sos.wv.gov/business-licensing/charities/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.sos.wv.gov/business-licensing/charities/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes	West Virginia Supplement to URS	Sliding scale; \$15 - \$50
<b>Wisconsin</b>	File a Wisconsin form (varies based on amount raised and geographic scope of solicitation) with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing; Annually file a Charitable Organization Annual Financial Report or a copy of the IRS Form 990 with Wisconsin Form 1952 to the Department <a href="http://165.189.60.145/profession.asp?profid=85&amp;locid=0">http://165.189.60.145/profession.asp?profid=85&amp;locid=0</a>	Yes	Wisconsin Supplement to Financial Report on Form Other than 308	\$15; renewal \$15

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<b>Wyoming</b>	No registration requirements prior to fundraising in Wyoming	N/A		
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For additional information on the Unified Registration Statement, please visit: <http://www.multistatefiling.org/index.html>

There are a number of organizations that, for a fee, provide an alternative to a tax exempt organization having to file in multiple states. Examples of such organizations that offer this service are GlobalGiving and Network for Good.

### **Additional Resources**

- National Association of State Charity Officials, <http://www.nasconet.org>
- Internal Revenue Service, <http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=123045,00.html>
- American Institute of Philanthropy, <http://www.charitywatch.com>
- Charity Navigator, <http://www.charitynavigator.org>
- GuideStar, <http://www2.guidestar.org>