

# Resources For Starting A Nonprofit

## START HERE

### [How Do I Start a Nonprofit Organization?](#)

Use this article from the Foundation Center's Grantspace website as a portal to starting your nonprofit. It outlines every step of the process with links to further information, samples, and advice. The website also includes free online training and a knowledge base of articles on a wide range of nonprofit topics.

### [Starting a Nonprofit?](#)

Review the guide, "How to Start a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit" from the N.C. Center for Nonprofits. The Center is a statewide network of member organizations that advocates for the nonprofit sector and provides information and training to member organizations.

## TAKE STEPS TO BECOME A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

### [N.C. Secretary of State, Corporations Division](#)

The website contains general information and forms you will need, including the "Articles of Incorporation" form. You can also search for corporation names. For assistance, call 919-814-5400.

### [U.S. Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\): Charities & Nonprofits](#)

The IRS website provides comprehensive information and forms related to taxes for nonprofits. For assistance, call the IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities customer account services at 877-829-5500.

- [Obtaining an Employer Identification Number \(EIN\) for an exempt organization](#)
- [Applying for tax exempt status with the IRS](#)

### [North Carolina Department of Revenue](#)

The website includes the publication, "[State Taxation and Nonprofit Organizations](#)", which are guidelines and tax requirements for nonprofit organizations in North Carolina. Call 877-252-3052 for more information.

## GET ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION

### [Forsyth County Public Library Nonprofit Resource Center \(NRC\)](#)

The Nonprofit Resource Center, located on the third floor of Central Library, offers research materials and programs on a wide variety of topics of interest to the nonprofit sector. Through a partnership with the Foundation Center in New York, the library offers free access to [Foundation Directory Online \(FDO\)](#), a powerful research tool for grantseeking. FDO is available for use only in the Central Library building. Call 336-703-3020 to make an appointment for an orientation.

### [HandsOn Northwest N.C.](#)

HandsOn Northwest N.C. builds and strengthens the capacity of area nonprofits to fulfill their missions and enhance the vitality of the community. To find more information on classes and events call 336-724-2866.

### [Wake Forest University Community Law & Business Clinic](#)

Law students from Wake Forest University School of Law provide pro-bono legal and consultancy services to nonprofits. These second and third year law students are under the close supervision of experienced and licensed North Carolina attorneys. The service is available during the academic year. The office is located in Worrell 2302 (east wing) on the campus of Wake Forest University. To register, call 336-758-4950.

### [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits](#)

The North Carolina Center for Nonprofits is a statewide network of member organizations. The Center advocates for the nonprofit sector and provides information and training to member organizations. The Center publishes "Common Ground", a monthly magazine for the sector. Call 919-790-1555 for assistance and additional information.

## FIND SAMPLES OF BYLAWS

- [What are nonprofit bylaws? Where can I find samples?](#) (from the Foundation Center website): Scroll down the webpage to find links to information on, and samples of, bylaws.
- [How to Start a 501\(c\)\(3\) Nonprofit](#): Select the link to the booklet. Pages 13-20 include information on the mission statement and bylaws.
- [Gale Legal Forms](#): Select the GALE Cengage button, scroll down to Gale Legal Forms, login with your library card number, and search “bylaws” as a keyword. Choose a fillable form.

## SEARCH FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

As an alternative to starting your own nonprofit, you may want to partner with an already existing organization. Use this list to find other nonprofit organizations that already do what you want to do.

[GuideStar](#): Search by state, city, type of organization, and keywords.

[N.C. Secretary of State List of Nonprofit Corporations by N.C. Counties](#): Choose the county, select all, and copy & paste into a spreadsheet.

[IRS Exempt Organizations Business Master File](#) : Select the state, download the .csv file, and import into a spreadsheet.

[IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check Search](#): Click on the search button and search by name and/or location.

[N.C. Center for Nonprofits: Directory of Members](#)

[NC211 Community Resources from United Way](#)



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