

Articles of Incorporation Template



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

[FULL LEGAL NAME OF THE CORPORATION]

The undersigned, being of lawful age and desiring to form a nonprofit corporation under the nonprofit corporation laws of the state of *[state of incorporation]*, do hereby certify and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I – Name

The name of the corporation is *[Full Legal Name of the Corporation]* (the "Corporation").

Article II – Duration

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article III – Nonprofit Status

The Corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation. It shall have no authority to issue capital stock and shall be non-stock.

Article IV – Purposes

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and/or preventing cruelty to children or animals purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purpose(s) of the Corporation are:

[insert detailed, specific purpose here, e.g. to advance charitable community services, youth programs, and faith-based initiatives]

The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on:

- A. by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or
- B. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Article V – Non-Profit Nature and No Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members (if any), trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- A. by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or
- B. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Article VI – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VII – Registered Office and Agent

[State-specific: Insert registered office address and agent name/address as required by your state's form. If your state allows omission here, note: The initial registered office and agent shall be as set forth in the filing with the state.]

Article VIII – Incorporator(s)

The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) are:

[Name(s)]

[Address(es), City, State, ZIP Code]

Article IX – Initial Directors (Optional)

The initial board of directors shall consist of *[number]* persons, whose names and addresses are:

[Name(s)/Address(es)]

Article X – Other Provisions

[Add any additional provisions required by your state, e.g., no members, limitation on legislative activities, indemnification of directors, or reference to bylaws.]

Certificate of Adoption

We, the undersigned incorporator(s), certify that the above Articles of Incorporation were adopted on [Date] and constitute the complete Articles of Incorporation of *[Organization Name]*.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

[Name of Incorporator]

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

[Name of Incorporator]

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

[Name of Incorporator]

Instructions

Important Notes Before Using:

- This is a starting template — not legal advice. You must customize it to fit your organization’s specific mission, state laws, and any religious or educational requirements.
- Have it reviewed by an attorney or qualified nonprofit professional.
- Include this document as an attachment when filing Form 1023.

Customization Checklist for the User

- Replace all bracketed [text] with your organization’s specific information.
- Adjust numbers (board size, term length, meeting frequency) to match your needs and state law.
- If the organization is a church or faith-based, consider adding language about religious purposes and any special governance provisions.
- If the organization is a school, ensure alignment with any accreditation or state education requirements.
- Add any state-specific clauses required by your state’s nonprofit corporation act.

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