



## INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANTS

**Please read carefully for 2023 only!**

**If you already submitted your MCC application online, thank you!**

Due to implementation of the One Stop database system for charities,

**CHARITIES MAY SUBMIT THE MCC APP by EMAIL THIS YEAR ONLY.**

**ONLINE MCC APPS WILL RESUME FOR THE 2024 CAMPAIGN.**

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY E-MAIL AT [mcc.applications@maryland.gov](mailto:mcc.applications@maryland.gov)**

**SUBJECT LINE: ORGANIZATION'S NAME**

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2023**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

1. Please type all information.
2. Except for Items 1, 2, and 3, the following documentation must accompany all applications. **If Items 1, 2, and 3 were submitted prior** to the Maryland Charity Campaign, to the Charity Division, **do not** resubmit them.
3. ALL information listed below is required for consideration of acceptance into the 2022 MCC, unless otherwise noted.

**All applicants must be in good standing with the office of the Secretary of State.**

**No deficient or late applications will be accepted.**

CHECK OFF	ITEMS TO BE E-MAILED
	1. A copy of IRS determination letter designating your organization as 501(c) (3) agency ( <b>not</b> required if on file and if your registration with our office is current).
	2. A copy of Articles of Incorporation or other organizing instrument ( <b>not</b> required if on file and if your registration with our office is current).
	3. A copy of valid by-laws ( <b>not</b> required if on file and if your registration with our office is current).
	4. A statement indicating how the money was spent if you participated in the 2021 Maryland Charity Campaign.
	5. A copy of the organization's current operating budget for 2023, <b>signed by CEO or ED.</b>

	<p>6. A <b>signed copy</b> of IRS Form 990 or Form COF-85 for the most recently completed fiscal year <u>or</u> a duplicate copy of the IRS Form 990, which is a part of a current registration on file with the Office of the Secretary of State. <u>If your organization completes the IRS Form 990-EZ, please submit the COF-85 in lieu of the IRS Form 990-EZ.</u> (Post card admissions or 990 EZ will <b>NOT</b> be accepted)</p>
	<p>7. A description of services provided for two (2) preceding calendar years to Maryland residents <u>OR</u> If your organization provides services to persons in other countries, a description of services and <b>proof</b> of financial support received from Maryland residents within the past five (5) years.</p>
	<p>8. If the sum of management and fund-raising expenses exceeds twenty-five (25%) percent of total revenue, <b>a statement must be included</b> justifying the expenses in addition to a detailed plan to reduce expenses to twenty-five (25%) percent in the near future.</p>

If the charity's IRS Form 990 reports direct public support and corporate and foundation grants in excess of \$25,000, the organization **must** register with the Charitable Organizations Division of the Office of the Secretary of State or be exempt under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act. If the charitable organization received less than \$25,000 in direct public support and corporate and foundation grants, the organization must complete the Exempt Organization Fund-Raising Notice annually. The forms to register as a charitable organization may be obtained by contacting the Charity Division or on the Office of the Secretary of State's home page located at <http://sos.maryland.gov/Charity/Pages/default.aspx>

**Please note:** Charities are listed in the MCC directory by the name and address in which they are registered with the Office of the Secretary of State. Local chapters affiliated with a national office **cannot** use their local contact information unless they have a separate 501(c) (3), EIN#, and **apply** separately.

An automated email response will be sent upon receipt of the application.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU SUBMIT MORE THAN 1 APPLICATION A DAY, ONLY 1 AUTOMATED RESPONSE WILL BE SENT\*\*\*** The automated response **DOES NOT INDICATE** acceptance or approval into the campaign.

If a document is missing or additional information is needed, you will be contacted at the email address from which the application was received. Only the documents **below need to be emailed to complete the application unless otherwise requested.** An email will be sent indicating approval or denial after the application materials are reviewed.

You must be registered with the Office of the Secretary of State for two complete years prior, before acceptance is considered for the campaign.

**THIS APPLICATION IS FOR THE 2023 CAMPAIGN ONLY!**

**E-MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO:** [mcc.applications@maryland.gov](mailto:mcc.applications@maryland.gov)

- **Signed, completed application**
- **Signed current operating budget**
- **Signed current 990 or COF 85 in place of a 990EZ**

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