



Special Announcement from the Equality Indiana Educational Fund

August 26, 2024 – Last year on August 9, 2023, the Equality Indiana Educational Fund filed an application with the Internal Revenue Service to become a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

After nearly a full year of intense scrutiny by the IRS nonprofit specialists, including several back-and-forth questions and answers (and a lot of patience), on August 5th, 2024, the IRS officially recognized the Equality Indiana Educational Fund to be a **coveted, independent 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit organization**.

You can view our IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter attached to this statement.

Since beginning this determination process, the Board of Directors adopted governing bylaws and policies, and blazed a strategic path forward by drafting a 3-year strategic plan - all while being responsive to the IRS about our activities as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Those central activities include our nonpartisan civic education and voter engagement programs for the LGBTQIA+ community and its allies. The program's goals include creating a better-informed citizenry, so they feel empowered and energized to take proactive actions of uniting their Hoosier communities behind a common theme of inclusivity. The result means a safer and more welcoming Indiana for everyone as well as a more diverse and inclusive democracy.

A specific proactive activity we are working on is getting Hoosiers registered to vote before the Indiana voter registration deadline of midnight, Monday, October 7, 2024 (only 41 days away). We are partnering with **Vote.org**, the largest 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan voting registration and get-out-the-vote (GOTV) technology platform in America. We have integrated some of their technology tools within our website <EQUALITYINDIANA.ORG>. This partnership has helped boost our voter registration and engagement outcomes because it streamlines the voter registration sign-up process for Hoosier voters our registration teams have encountered.

Additionally, we are partnering with **Nonprofit VOTE**, another 501(c)(3), for their **National Voter Registration Day** on Tuesday, September 17th. This day is a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to celebrating our democracy. Since 2012, the holiday and its team of thousands of partners have worked to get over five million Americans registered to vote in time for their next trip to the ballot box.

The Equality Indiana Educational Fund is making plans to partner with Hoosier community organizations throughout Indiana to celebrate National Voter Registration Day so we can continue our effort to register Hoosier voters and empower them to vote in the fall elections.

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Accounting period ending:
June 30
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
June 11, 2024
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements