

LLC vs Nonprofit

Choosing the Right Path for Your Purpose & Profit



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YOUR BUSINESS IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Everybody has a gift. Everybody has a talent. Everybody has something inside them that can create income or impact — but most people never recognize it.

Most people's first business is already in their house — sitting in their kitchen, in their hands, in their skills, or in their experience.

If you know how to bake, your oven is your first resource.

If you know how to braid hair, your living room is your first salon.

If you love children, your experience is your first childcare model.

Your gifts are the first seed — structure helps it grow.

SHORT-TERM VS LONG-TERM VISION

There are two levels of business: short-term and long-term.

Short-term (Start Now):

- Sell your product or skill
- Build a customer base
- Test ideas and learn
- Earn while you learn

Long-term (Build Structure):

- Form an LLC or Nonprofit
- Get your EIN
- Structure your finances
- Position for funding

Short-term gets you started. Long-term gets you established.

TURNING GIFTS INTO BUSINESSES

A business begins with a gift, a skill, or a solution.

Examples of gifts that become businesses:

- Cooking & Baking (meal prep, catering, baked goods)
- Hair & Beauty (braids, lashes, makeup, nails)
- Childcare & Youth (babysitting, mentoring, tutoring)
- Creativity & Art (custom shirts, graphic design, crafts)
- Teaching & Tutoring (academics, music, workshops)
- Cleaning & Organizing (homes, cars, offices)
- Fitness & Wellness (personal training, dance)
- Speaking & Ministry (coaching, empowerment, outreach)

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WHAT IS AN LLC?

An LLC (Limited Liability Company) separates your personal life from your business life.

Benefits of an LLC:

- Protects personal assets
- Builds business credibility
- Allows business banking
- Flexible tax options
- Eligible for certain funding

An LLC is for income, profit, and business growth.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE AN LLC?

Choose an LLC when your goal is to generate income.

Good for:

- Coaches & consultants
- Bakers & caterers
- Stylists & barbers
- Designers & photographers
- Tutors & trainers
- Online stores
- Cleaning services

If you sell something or charge for something, an LLC gives you structure and credibility.

WHAT IS A NONPROFIT?

A nonprofit serves a mission or community purpose.

Benefits of a Nonprofit:

- Built for community impact
- Can receive donations
- Can apply for grants
- Can partner with agencies
- Can pursue 501(c)(3) status

A nonprofit and a 501(c)(3) are not the same thing — nonprofit is formed at the state level, 501(c)(3) is federal tax exemption.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A NONPROFIT?

Choose a nonprofit when your mission is impact over personal profit.

Good for:

- Youth programs
- Community outreach
- Education & tutoring
- Faith-based programs
- Advocacy & awareness
- Mental health & support
- Arts & culture initiatives

If your focus is serving people, a nonprofit gives you structure to do it.

LLC VS NONPROFIT (COMPARISON)

| Category | LLC | Nonprofit |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Purpose | Profit | Mission/Impact |
| Goal | Income | Service |
| Ownership | Individuals | Board |
| Funding | Sales/Services | Grants/Donations |
| Tax | Business Taxed | May Seek 501c3 |
| Best For | Entrepreneurs | Community Programs |

COMMON MISTAKES & WHY HELP MATTERS

Common LLC mistakes:

- Mixing personal and business money
- No operating agreement
- Wrong classifications
- No business bank account

Common Nonprofit mistakes:

- Believing nonprofit = tax exempt
- No board or bylaws
- No conflict of interest policy
- Applying for grants without proper setup

Getting guidance makes the process faster, clearer, and more strategic.

NEXT STEPS & CONNECT WITH US

If you need help starting a profit-based business (LLC) or a mission-based organization (Nonprofit), we're here to support your vision.

We assist with:

- LLC Formation
- Nonprofit Formation
- EIN Registration
- Bylaws & Board Documents
- Structuring & Strategy

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Your gifts have purpose. Your vision deserves structure.

Let's build it together.