

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.



## Solicitation Guidelines for Charitable Organizations

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## **General Information**

BEFORE your charitable organization can solicit funds, you MUST register with the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. (This does not include religious or educational institutions, government entities, or political contributions.)

Download the registration application (form DACS 10100) online at www.doacs.state.fl.us/onestop/forms/10100.pdf.

The registration fee is \$10 for organizations without paid officers. Otherwise, the registration fee varies.

You MUST renew your registration EVERY year. The renewal application will be mailed to you.



After registering your organization, you will receive a registration number. You must include this number on EVERY printed solicitation, written confirmation, receipt, or reminder of a contribution ALONG WITH the following phrase, in all capital letters:

"A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL
REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL
INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED
FROM THE DIVISION OF
CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING
TOLL-FREE (800) 435-7352 WITHIN
THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES
NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT,
APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION
BY THE STATE."

Contact Carol Miller at the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid if you have questions

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## Completing the Application

A complete application includes the application, the affidavit, and the registration fee.

Charitable organizations must complete questions 1-10, 12-24, and 26.

To complete questions 1-10, you will need:

- your organization's name, address and telephone number
- your organization's federal employer identification number
- date of establishment
- officers' names, addresses and telephone numbers
- information about any convictions involving officers or employees stealing money or property

To complete questions 12-24, you will need:

- to decide which officer(s) will be responsible for fundraising activities
- the treasurer's name and month/day of fiscal year end
- · IRS tax exemption letter
- information about professional solicitors or fundraising consultants, if applicable

"Solicitation" means asking for money or property to fund your organization. This does not include asking for money from members or applying for grants. To complete question 26, you will need 1 of the following forms:

- IRS Form 990 with Schedule
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- IRS Form 990-EZ
- Financial statement on pages
   12-13 of the application
   packet
- A budget ONLY IF your organization is in its first year

After completing the application, the treasurer must sign the affidavit under oath with a notary public.

