

# CHAR500

NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations  
www.CharitiesNYS.com

Send with fee and attachments to:  
NYS Office of the Attorney General  
Charities Bureau Registration Section  
28 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10005

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## 1. General Information

For Fiscal Year Beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) 03 / 01 / **2018** and Ending (mm/dd/yyyy) 02 / 28 / 2019

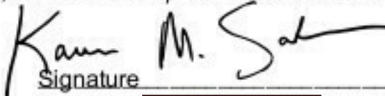
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	Mailing Address: 137 Montague St, STE 380	NY Registration Number: 4 0 - 3 9 - 0 9
	City / State / Zip: Brooklyn, NY, 11201	Telephone: (212)461-3245
	Website: http://sfconservancy.org	Email: info@sfconservancy.org


Check your organization's registration category:  7A only  EPTL only  DUAL (7A & EPTL)  EXEMPT\* Confirm your Registration Category in the Charities Registry at [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com).

## 2. Certification

See instructions for certification requirements. Improper certification is a violation of law that may be subject to penalties. The certification requires two signatories.

*We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.*

President or Authorized Officer:  Karen Sandler, Executive Director & President 2020-01-15  
 Signature Print Name and Title Date

Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer:  Martin Michlmayr, Treasurer 2020-01-15  
 Signature Print Name and Title Date

## 3. Annual Reporting Exemption

Check the exemption(s) that apply to your filing. If your organization is claiming an exemption under one category (7A or EPTL only filers) or both categories (DUAL filers) that apply to your registration, complete only parts 1, 2, and 3, and submit the certified Char500. No fee, schedules, or additional attachments are required. If you cannot claim an exemption or are a DUAL filer that claims only one exemption, you must file applicable schedules and attachments and pay applicable fees.

- 3a. 7A filing exemption:** Total contributions from NY State including residents, foundations, government agencies, etc. did not exceed \$25,000 and the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during the fiscal year.
- 3b. EPTL filing exemption:** Gross receipts did not exceed \$25,000 and the market value of assets did not exceed \$25,000 at any time during the fiscal year.

## 4. Schedules and Attachments

See the following page for a checklist of schedules and attachments to complete your filing.

- Yes  No 4a. Did your organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? If yes, complete Schedule 4a.
- Yes  No 4b. Did the organization receive government grants? If yes, complete Schedule 4b.

## 5. Fee

See the checklist on the next page to calculate your fee(s). Indicate fee(s) you are submitting here:	7A filing fee: \$ <u>25</u>	EPTL filing fee: \$ <u>250</u>	Total fee: \$ <u>275</u>	Make a single check or money order payable to: <b>"Department of Law"</b>
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## Annual Filing Checklist

Simply submit the certified CHAR500 with no fee, schedule, or additional attachments IF:

- Your organization is registered as 7A only and you marked the 7A filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as EPTL only and you marked the EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as DUAL and you marked both the 7A and EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.

### Checklist of Schedules and Attachments

Check the schedules you must submit with your CHAR500 as described in Part 4:

- If you answered "yes" in Part 4a, submit Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC), Commercial Co-Venturers (CCV)
- If you answered "yes" in Part 4b, submit Schedule 4b: Government Grants

Check the financial attachments you must submit with your CHAR500:

- IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, and 990-T if applicable
- All additional IRS Form 990 Schedules, including Schedule B (Schedule of Contributors). Schedule B of public charities is exempt from disclosure and will not be available for public review.
- Our organization was eligible for and filed an IRS 990-N e-postcard. Our revenue exceeded \$25,000 and/or our assets exceeded \$25,000 in the filing year. We have included an IRS Form 990-EZ for state purposes only.

If you are a 7A only or DUAL filer, submit the applicable independent Certified Public Accountant's Review or Audit Report:

- Review Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$250,000 and up to \$750,000.
- Audit Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$750,000
- No Review Report or Audit Report is required because total revenue and support is less than \$250,000
- We are a DUAL filer and checked box 3a, no Review Report or Audit Report is required

### Calculate Your Fee

For 7A and DUAL filers, calculate the 7A fee:

- \$0, if you checked the 7A exemption in Part 3a
- \$25, if you did not check the 7A exemption in Part 3a

For EPTL and DUAL filers, calculate the EPTL fee:

- \$0, if you checked the EPTL exemption in Part 3b
- \$25, if the NET WORTH is less than \$50,000
- \$50, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000 or more but less than \$250,000
- \$100, if the NET WORTH is \$250,000 or more but less than \$1,000,000
- \$250, if the NET WORTH is \$1,000,000 or more but less than \$10,000,000
- \$750, if the NET WORTH is \$10,000,000 or more but less than \$50,000,000
- \$1500, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000,000 or more

### Send Your Filing

Send your CHAR500, all schedules and attachments, and total fee to:

NYS Office of the Attorney General  
Charities Bureau Registration Section  
28 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10005

#### Need Assistance?

Visit: [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com)  
Call: (212) 416-8401  
Email: [Charities.Bureau@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Charities.Bureau@ag.ny.gov)

#### **Is my Registration Category 7A, EPTL, DUAL or EXEMPT?**

Organizations are assigned a Registration Category upon registration with the NY Charities Bureau:

**7A** filers are registered to solicit contributions in New York under Article 7-A of the Executive Law ("7A")

**EPTL** filers are registered under the Estates, Powers & Trusts Law ("EPTL") because they hold assets and/or conduct activities for charitable purposes in NY.

**DUAL** filers are registered under both 7A and EPTL.

**EXEMPT** filers have registered with the NY Charities Bureau and meet conditions in [Schedule E - Registration Exemption for Charitable Organizations](#). These organizations are not required to file annual financial reports but may do so voluntarily.

Confirm your Registration Category and learn more about NY law at [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com).

#### **Where do I find my organization's NET WORTH?**

NET WORTH for fee purposes is calculated on:

- IRS Form 990 Part I, line 22
- IRS Form 990 EZ Part I line 21
- IRS Form 990 PF, calculate the difference between Total Assets at Fair Market Value (Part II, line 16(c)) and Total Liabilities (Part II, line 23(b)).

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Instructions for Completing Your NY Annual Filing  
[www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com)

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## Before You Begin

Visit [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com) and search the Charities Registry to find your organization's NY State Registration Number (##-##-##) and Registration Category (7A, EPTL, DUAL, or EXEMPT). Knowing your organization's Registration Category will help you respond to Sections 1 and 3, determine the required attachments to the CHAR500 and calculate your filing fee. If your organization is not registered with the Charities Bureau, please complete CHAR410 "Registration Statement for Charitable Organizations".

## 1. General Information

Enter the accounting period covered by the report. Provide the best contact information for your organization. This information will be publicly available in the Charities Registry and will be used for communication to your organization. If your organization is registered and this is your regular annual filing, check *Initial Filing*. If your contact information needs to be updated, check *Address Change* and/or *Name Change*. Check *Amended Filing* if you are making a change to a previous filing. If you have submitted a CHAR410 - Registration Statement for Charitable Organizations - but do not yet have a NY State Registration Number, check *NY Reg Pending*. If this is a final filing and the organization is seeking dissolution or ceasing operations, check *Final Filing* and submit all applicable IRS schedules and attachments. If your organization is a NY corporation, visit [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com) for information on how to dissolve. Check the Charities Bureau Registration Category of your organization (7A, EPTL, DUAL, or EXEMPT). EXEMPT organizations are those that have registered with the NY Charities Bureau and meet conditions in [Schedule E - Registration Exemption for Charitable Organizations](#) - but have registered and file voluntarily.

## 2. Certification

When you have completed the form, sign and print the name, title and date. For 7A and DUAL filers, the CHAR500 must be signed by both the president or another authorized officer and the chief financial officer or treasurer. These must be different individuals. EPTL filers have the option of a single signature if the certification is by a banking institution or a trustee of a trust. Clearly state the title of the representative (e.g. "President," "CEO", "Treasurer," "CFO," "Bank Vice President" or "Trustee").

## 3. Annual Reporting Exemption

You may claim an exemption from the reporting and fee requirements if you meet the filing exemptions applicable to your organization. If claiming an exemption under one statute (7A and EPTL only filers) or both statutes (DUAL filers) that apply to your registration, complete only parts 1, 2, and 3, and submit the certified Char500. No fee, schedule, or additional attachments are required. Otherwise, file all required schedules and attachments and pay applicable fees.

Note: A 7A or DUAL filer with contributions over \$25,000 that did not contract with a professional fund raiser may check the 7A filing exemption in Part 3 if it (i) received all or substantially all of its contributions from a single government agency to which it submitted an annual report similar to that required by Executive Law Article 7A, or (ii) it received an allocation from a federated fund, United Way or incorporated community appeal and contributions from all other sources did not exceed \$25,000.

## 4. Schedules and Attachments

If you do not qualify for the reporting exemptions as described in Part 3, review the checklist of schedules and attachments required to complete your filing. If your organization qualified for and submitted an IRS 990-N "e-Postcard", you must complete and submit an IRS Form 990-EZ to the NY Charities Bureau for reporting purposes. The NY Charities Bureau will not accept an IRS 990-N "e-postcard" because it does not contain sufficient financial information.

## 5. Fee

Your total fee is based on your registration category (7A, EPTL or DUAL). 7A or EPTL filers only pay the fee that applies to the statute under which they have registered unless they have claimed an exemption in Part 3. DUAL filers must pay both fees, unless they have claimed an exemption in Part 3. Consult the CHAR500 to calculate your fee or contact the NY Charities Bureau if you have additional questions.

## When to Submit Your Filing

7A and DUAL filers: postmarked within 4 1/2 months after the organization's accounting period ends. For example, fiscal year end December 31 reports are due by May 15th of the following year. EPTL filers: postmarked within 6 months after the organization's accounting period ends. An additional 180 day extension is automatically granted. [Information regarding extensions](#) is available at [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com).

## Where to Submit Your Filing

Payment must be made to the "Department of Law". Send the complete filing with payment to:  
**NYS Office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau Registration Section, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005.**

## Penalties

The Attorney General may cancel the registration of or seek civil penalties from an organization that fails to comply with the filing requirements.

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Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers, Fund Raising Counsels, Commercial Co-Venturers  
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If you checked the box in question 4a in Part 4 on the CHAR500 Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations, complete this schedule for EACH Professional Fund Raiser (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC) or Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) that the organization engaged for fund raising activity in NY State. The PFR or FRC should provide its NY Registration Number to you. Include this schedule with your certified CHAR500 NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations and use additional pages if necessary.

## Definitions

A **Professional Fund Raiser (PFR)**, in addition to other activities, conducts solicitation of contributions and/or handles the donations (Article 7A, 171-a.4).

A **Fund Raising Counsel (FRC)** does not solicit or handle contributions but limits activities to advising or assisting a charitable organization to perform such functions for itself (Article 7A, 171-a.9).

A **Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV)** is an individual or for-profit company that is regularly and primarily engaged in trade or commerce other than raising funds for a charitable organization and who advertises that the purchase or use of goods, services, entertainment or any other thing of value will benefit a charitable organization (Article 7A, 171-a.6).

**Professional fund raising** does not include activities by an organization's development staff, volunteers, or a grantwriter who has been hired solely to draft applications for funding from a government agency or tax exempt organization.

## 1. Organization Information

Name of Organization:

NY Registration Number:

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## 2. Professional Fund Raiser, Fund Raising Counsel, Commercial Co-Venturer Information

Fund Raising Professional type:  <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Fund Raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Co-Venturer	Name of FRP:	NY Registration Number:
	Mailing Address:	Telephone:
	City / State / Zip:	

## 3. Contract Information

Contract Start Date:	Contract End Date:
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## 4. Description of Services

Services provided by FRP:

## 5. Description of Compensation

Compensation arrangement with FRP:	Amount Paid to FRP:
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## 6. Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) Report

Yes  No If services were provided by a CCV, did the CCV provide the charitable organization with the interim or closing report(s) required by Section 173(a) part 3 of the Executive Law Article 7A?

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Schedule 4b: Government Grants  
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If you checked the box in question 4b in Part 4 , complete this schedule and list EACH government grant award by a domestic (federal, state or local) agency; interstate or intergovernmental agency (for example Port Authority of New York and New Jersey); and state or local authorities. **Use additional pages if necessary.** Include this schedule with your certified CHAR500 NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations.

## 1. Organization Information

Name of Organization:	NY Registration Number: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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## 2. Government Grants

Name of Government Agency	Amount of Grant
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.
11.	11.
12.	12.
13.	13.
14.	14.
15.	15.
Total Government Grants:	Total:

NOTE:

The Form 990 and Independent Auditors' Report are filed with the CHAR500 as attachments. Rather than make this PDF unnecessarily large, we refer you back to <https://sfconservancy.org/about/transparency/> for our Form 990 and Independent Auditors' Report for this filing.