

INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 501(C)(3) STATUS FOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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Selected types of tax-exempt organizations



- Organizations exempt under section 501(a)
 - Section 401(a) qualified pension, profit-sharing, and stock bonus plans
 - Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations
- Governmental entities
 - States and political subdivisions thereof
 - Integral parts of states and political subdivisions thereof
 - Organizations whose income is excluded from gross income under section 115
- Section 529: qualified tuition programs
- Section 529A: qualified ABLE accounts

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Section 501(c)(3) organizations



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