



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

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## EDUCATIONAL EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

## Selected types of tax-exempt organizations





- Organizations exempt under section 501(a)
  - <sup>-</sup> 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





Corporations, and any community chest, fund, or foundation, <u>organized and operated exclusively</u> for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition ... or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation..., and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

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