

Proof of Your Exempt Status

Sometimes donors or funders require proof of your exempt status. No problem if you have your original letter from IRS confirming exempt status. You will also be okay if your donor or funder will accept the information found on IRS "exempt organization select check" website. IRS does say on their EO Select Check website that "users may rely on this in determining deductibility of their contributions".

Unfortunately, our clients have found that some funders won't accept Internet confirmation of their exempt status, and there is no way to get a copy of your original letter, but you can get written confirmation from IRS of your exempt status.

There are two different methods for getting this written confirmation. First - call the nonprofit phone line which is 877-829-5500. That line gets pretty busy at times so, alternatively, you can complete and submit IRS form 4506-A and submit that one page form to IRS. IRS will send a confirmation of your exempt status that should be acceptable to third parties.

Here is a link to the form 4506-A and instructions <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506a.pdf>

If you have difficulties or questions, contact us.