

# Application to Mail at Nonprofit Standard Mail Rates

## Section A – Application *(Please read section B on page 2 before completion.)*

### Part 1 *(For completion by applicant)*

- All information entered below must be legible so that our records will show the correct information about your organization.
- The complete name of the organization must be shown in item 1. The name shown must agree with the name that appears on all documents submitted to support this application.
- A complete address representing a physical location for the organization must be shown in item 2. If you receive mail through a post office box, show your street address first and then the box number.
- The applicant named in item 5 must be the individual submitting the application for the organization and must be an officer of the organization. Printers and mailing agents may not sign for the organization.
- No additional organization categories may be added in item 6. To be eligible for the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates, the organization must qualify as one of the types listed.
- The applicant must sign the application in item 12.
- The date shown on item 14 must be the date that the application is submitted to the post office.

**No application fee is required.** All information must be complete and typewritten or printed legibly.

1. Complete Name of Organization (If voting registration official, include title)

**Iowa State University Cooperative Extension, Buchanan County District**

2. Street Address of Organization (Include apartment or suite number)

**1413 1<sup>st</sup> Street West – B**

3. City, State, ZIP+4 Code

**Independence, Iowa 50644-2317**

4. Telephone (Include area code)

**319-334-7161**

5. Name of Applicant (Must represent applying organization)

**Bruce Bearinger, Buchanan County Extension Education Director**

6. Type of Organization (Check only one)

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Religious   | <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Scientific    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (05) Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Veterans  | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Qualified political committee<br><i>(Go to Item 9)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Philanthropic | <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Labor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Fraternal | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Voting registration official<br><i>(Go to item 9)</i>  |

7. Is this a for-profit organization or does any of the net income inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual?

- Yes  
 No

8. Is this organization exempt from federal income tax? *(If 'Yes,' attach a copy of the exemption issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that shows the section of the IRS code under which the organization is exempt.)*

- Yes  
 No

Is an application for exempt status pending with the IRS? *(If 'Yes,' attach a copy of the application to this Form 3624.)*

- Yes  
 No

Has the IRS denied or revoked the organization's federal tax exempt status? *(If 'Yes,' attach a copy of the IRS ruling to this Form 3624.)*

- Yes  
 No

9. Has this organization previously mailed at the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates? *(If "Yes," list the post offices where mailings were most recently deposited at these rates.)*

- Yes  
 No

10. Has your organization had Nonprofit Standard Mail rate mailing privileges denied or revoked? *(If 'Yes,' list the post office (city and state) where the application was denied or authorization was revoked.)*

- Yes  
 No

11. Post office (not a station or branch) where authorization requested and bulk mailings will be made (City, state, ZIP Code)

**Independence, Iowa 50644-9998**

*I certify that the statements made by me are true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including multiple damages and civil penalties). I further understand that, if this application is approved, a postage refund*

*for the difference between the regular Standard Mail (A) and Nonprofit Standard Mail rates may be made for only mailings entered at regular Standard Mail (A) rates at the post office identified above while this application is pending, provided that the conditions set forth in Domestic Mail Manual E670.5.0 and E670.9.0 are met.*

12. Signature of Applicant

**Bruce Bearinger signature**

13. Title

**County Extension Education Director**

14. Date

**10/30/03**

### Part 2 *(For completion by postmaster at originating office when application filed)*

1. Signature of Postmaster (Or designated representative)

2. Date Application Filed With Post Office (Round stamp)

## Section B - General Information

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### Organization Eligibility

The Nonprofit Standard Mail rates may be granted only to:

1. The eight categories (01 through 08) of nonprofit organizations specified on page 1 in section A, item 6.
2. Qualified political committees (category 09), including the national and state committees of political parties as well as certain named congressional committees.
3. Voting registration officials (category 10), including local, state, and District of Columbia voting registration officials.

These organizations are defined in Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) E670, available for review at any post office.

To qualify, a nonprofit organization must be both **organized** and **operated** for a **primary** purpose that is consistent with one of the types of organizations in DMM E670. Organizations that **incidentally** engage in qualifying activities do not qualify for the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

Not all nonprofit organizations are eligible for the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates. DMM E670 lists certain organizations (such as business leagues, chambers of commerce, civic improvement associations, social and hobby clubs, governmental bodies, and others) that, although nonprofit, do not qualify for the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

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### Application Procedures

1. Only organizations may apply. Individuals may not apply (except voting registration officials).
  2. Only the **one** category in item 6 that best describes the **primary purpose** of the organization may be checked.
  3. The application must be **signed** by someone in authority in the organization, such as the president or treasurer. It must not be signed by a printer or mailing agent.
  4. The completed Form 3624 must be submitted to the post office where bulk mailings will be deposited. If the application is approved, the authorization will apply only at that post office.
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### Supporting Documentation

The documents listed in 1 and 2 below must be submitted with the completed applications for nonprofit organizations.

The documents listed in 3 must be submitted for qualified political committees and, in 4, for voting registration officials.

1. Evidence that the organization is nonprofit and that none of its net income inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. Acceptable evidence includes:
    - An Internal Revenue Service (IRS) letter of exemption from payment of federal income tax.
    - If an IRS exemption letter is not available, a complete financial statement from an independent auditor (such as a certified public accountant) substantiating that the organization is nonprofit. A statement from a member of the organization is not sufficient.
  2. Documents describing the organization's **primary purpose**, such as:
    - Organizing instruments that state the purpose for which the group is organized, such as the constitution, articles of incorporation, articles of association, or trust indenture. The organizing instrument, including all amendments to the original, should bear the seal, certification, or signature of the Secretary of State or other appropriate state official. If one or more of these documents are not sealed, certified, or signed by state officials, an officer or other person authorized to sign for the applicant should submit a written declaration certifying that the documents are complete and accurate copies of the originals.
    - Materials showing how the organization actually **operated** during the previous 6 to 12 months and how it will operate in the future. Bulletins, financial statements, membership forms, publications produced by the organization, minutes of meetings, or a list of its activities may be used.
  3. For qualified political committees (category 09), organizational or other documents substantiating that the applicant is the state or national committee of the political party.
  4. For voting registration officials (category 10), a copy of the statute, ordinance, or other authority establishing responsibility for voter registration.
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### Mail Eligibility

An organization authorized to mail at the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates may mail only **its own matter** at those rates. It may not delegate or lend the use of its Nonprofit Standard Mail authorization to any other person or organization. Cooperative mailings may be made at the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates **only** if **each** of the cooperating organizations is individually authorized to mail at those rates at the office where mailings are deposited.

DMM E670 discusses the specific restrictions against the mailing of certain advertising materials and products.

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# Postal Service Checklist for Form 3624, Application to Mail at Nonprofit Standard Mail Rates

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Name of Organization

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The organization above provided the following evidence of eligibility for Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

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1. Nonprofit Status (Check one)

- IRS letter of exemption from payment of federal income tax
- Financial statement prepared by an independent auditor substantiating organization's nonprofit status (statement must include balance sheets, notes, etc.)
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2. Organization (One complete copy; check one)

- Articles of Incorporation       Constitution       Charter       Articles of Association
- Other (*Explain*):
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3. Operation (Several samples of each; check types of information included with application)

- Bulletins       Brochures       Financial statements       Listing of activities for past 6 to 12 months
- Membership applications       Minutes of meetings       Newsletters
- Other (*Explain*):
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The name on all the documentation presented as evidence must match the name on the application. If they do not match, please explain.

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I certify that the applicant has completed all the items on the application and that each item is legible.

Signature of Postmaster (*Or designated representative*)

Date

Telephone (*Include Area Code*)

Post Office (*City, State, ZIP Code*)

Date Application Returned to Organization for Correction

Date Application and Documentation Sent to Nonprofit Service Center

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