

# How To Use This Book

Few people will need to read every page of this book.

It might be a good idea to read these first:

- Chapter 1 - 501(c)(3) - Are You Sure? page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**
- When To Call A Professional, page **Error! Reference source not found.Error! Reference source not found.Error! Bookmark not defined..**
- If your group is small, and plans to stay small, the IRS may not require a 501(c)(3) application. Take a look at "Application Not Required" in the Handbook, page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**
- If your organization is affiliated with a state, regional or national organization, you may not need to prepare your own 501(c)(3) application. Take a look at "Group Exemptions" in the Handbook, page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**

Most people will want to read at least these:

- Section I - Before You Fill Out Your Application, starting on page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**
- All of Section II - Filling Out Your Application, starting on page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**
- Chapter 21 - Submit A Complete Application, page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**

Glance at the Table of Contents, page **Error! Bookmark not defined..**, and at the list of topics in the Handbook starting on page **Error! Bookmark not defined..** (More than a glossary, but less than an encyclopedia, the Handbook contains useful information that did not fit into the "Page by Page" discussion of Form 1023 itself.) If a chapter or Handbook entry specifically covers your type of group, or a concern you have, read it. Keep the book handy while you fill out Form 1023. As questions come up, you can turn to the appropriate section of the ebook.

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