

Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4)
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Select "501(c)(4)" from Organization dropdown

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Select "Form 8976..." from the Application dropdown.

This screenshot is similar to the first one, showing the same IRS online system interface. The 'Start or Resume an Application' section now has the organization type dropdown set to '501(c)(4)'. The application dropdown menu is open, showing 'Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), OMB No.1545-2268' as the selected option. The 'Select' button is visible next to the dropdown. The rest of the interface, including the 'My Information' box and 'Additional Activities' section, remains the same.

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Screen which displays if a user has previously started a Form 8976 on this account. If the user has not previously begun this type of application, this screen will not display.

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The main menu has two sections: "Start or Resume an Application" and "Additional Activities". Under "Start or Resume an Application", there are two options: "501(c)(4)" and "Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4)". Under "Additional Activities", there is one option: "Secure Mailbox".

A modal dialog box is displayed in the center of the screen. It has a yellow header with a blue information icon and the text: "You Have an Incomplete Application: Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), OMB No.1545-2268". Below the header, it asks "What do you want to do?" and provides two options: "Start a New Application (Please note this will overwrite any existing application.)" and "Resume Working on the Incomplete Application". Each option has a "Select" button. At the bottom right of the dialog is a "Close" button.

Gather Your Information screen

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Gather Your Information

- Basic Information
- Mailing Address Information
- Organization Information
- Review Your Information

Form 9976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), OMB No.1545-2268 - General Information

Before you begin entering your information into the online Form 9976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), be sure you have the following information available:

- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Name of Organization
 - Name of Organization
 - Mailing Address
- Date of Organization
- State of Organization
- Filing Year Month
- Organization Statement of Purpose

Once you gather all of your information, just follow the steps to obtain your Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4).

1. **Enter Your Organization Information** — Complete the online form by providing your organization name, EIN, address, and other organizational information. You will also attest to the accuracy of the information provided and your authority to submit the information on behalf of the organization. The system will then provide you with an online identification number and a hyperlink to Pay.gov to make your payment.
2. **Make Your Payment** — Once you have clicked the hyperlink to Pay.gov, you will provide the following information: Name of individual submitting user fee, Contact Email Address, Organization Name, EIN, Online Application Number and user fee of \$50.00 by credit card or direct debit.
 - The Application Number needed to complete your payment will be provided to you when you successfully submit this online form.
3. **Get Your Notice Acknowledgement** — after the bank confirms your payment and IRS validates your organization's information and eligibility, you will receive an acknowledgement notice within 60 days. This acknowledgement is not a determination by the IRS that you qualify as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(a) as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) under Section 501(c)(4).

Note: The system will automatically save the information submitted; you will not be required to save when exiting. When returning to the form to finish your submission, you will receive a pop-up with the following options: "Resume Working on an Incomplete Notice" and "Start a New Notice".

The IRS may communicate information electronically to the account of the individual submitting the notice. This includes sending the acknowledgement of receipt of the notice. Organizations should ensure that the individuals submitting the notice are authorized by the organization to receive this information.

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Basic Information screen

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Please enter the basic information of the organization submitting this Form 9976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4). Do not abbreviate your name of organization. Do not include dashes in the EIN.

* Name of Organization

* EIN

* Confirm EIN

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Mailing Address screen

The screenshot shows the IRS Form 8976 Mailing Address Information screen. The header includes the IRS logo and the text "Logged in as wang, Zhou" with links for "Edit Login Information" and "Logoff". A left sidebar contains navigation buttons: "Gather Your Information", "Basic Information", "Mailing Address Information" (highlighted), "Organization Information", and "Review Your Information". The main content area is titled "Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), OMB No.1545-2268 - Mailing Address Information". Below the title is a paragraph of instructions: "Enter the Organization's Mailing Address below. Include the suite, room, or other unit number after the street address. If the Post Office does not deliver mail to the street address and the organization has a P.O. Box, enter the box number instead of the street address." A "Mailing Address" section contains the following fields: "Address Line1", "Address Line2", "Address Line3", "Zip Code", "City", "State", and "Country" (set to "United States"). At the bottom are "Back", "Next", and "Return to Main Menu" buttons.

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Organization Information screen

The screenshot shows the IRS Form 8976 Organization Information screen. The header includes the IRS logo and the text "Logged in as wang, Zhou" with links for "Edit Login Information" and "Logoff". A left sidebar contains navigation buttons: "Gather Your Information", "Basic Information", "Mailing Address Information", "Organization Information" (highlighted), and "Review Your Information". The main content area is titled "Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4), OMB No.1545-2268 - Organization Information". Below the title is a section "Organization Information" with the instruction: "Provide the information related to your organization below." The fields include: "Date of Organization" (with a date format hint "(mm/dd/yyyy)"), "State of Organization", "Country of Organization" (set to "United States"), "Filing Year Month", and "Organization Statement of Purpose". At the bottom are "Back", "Next", and "Return to Main Menu" buttons.

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Review Your Information screen

(users may click the Edit button to jump to the screen to edit the information in that section)

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You are almost finished. Carefully review your information below. If it is correct, select "Submit".

Notice	License Type: 501c4	Submission Date: 01/12/2017
Basic Information	Organization Name: abcd EIN: *****	Edit
Mailing Address Information	Mailing Address: 123 Main Street ARLINGTON, Virginia 22204 US	Edit
Organization Information	Date of Organization (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/01/2000 State of Organization: Alaska Country of Organization: United States Filing Year Month: 03-March Organization Statement of Purpose: Social Welfare / Civic League	Edit

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Clicking "Submit" on the Review Your Information screen bring the user to the Jurat page

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Review and agree to the statement below before submitting your form.

I attest that the information provided is correct and that I have the authority to submit this information.

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Screen that displays when the Form 8976 has been submitted without errors

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Summary Report and Next Steps

Your Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4) has been submitted. Click on "View PDF Summary Report" and print this report for your records. Select "Main Menu" to return to the Main Menu.

You are required to pay the amount below for your notice to be processed. [Visit Pay.gov to fill out the form and pay your fee.](#) It is imperative that you use the information provided below when submitting your payment. Providing invalid information to Pay.gov may prevent your payment from being applied to this notice. This submission is not considered a request for a determination by the IRS that you qualify as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(a) as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(4). Press "Main Menu" to return to the main menu.

Application Number	EIN	Fee Description	Fee Amount
10339	246824682	Form 8976, Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4)	\$50.00
Total Amount Due:			\$50.00

[Main Menu](#) [View PDF Summary Report](#)

Upon returning to the Main Menu, the user will see the submitted Form 8976 under View Application Status.

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