



## Glossary of Terms – Foreign Nonprofits

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### **Annual Filing**

A required yearly report to maintain authorization to operate or fundraise in a foreign state.

### **Attorney General (AG)**

The state official overseeing charitable activities conducted within that state.

### **Authorization to Do Business**

State approval allowing a foreign nonprofit to legally operate in that state.

### **Bi-ennial**

Occurring once every two years, rather than annually.

### **Charitable Solicitation**

Any fundraising activity conducted within a state, regardless of incorporation location.

### **Compliance**

Meeting registration and reporting requirements in each state of operation.

### **Due Date**

The deadline for submitting required foreign registrations or renewals.

### **Foreign Nonprofit**

A nonprofit operating or fundraising outside its state of incorporation.

### **Good Standing (Foreign)**

A status confirming the nonprofit is authorized and compliant in that state.

### **Initial Registration**

The first filing allowing a nonprofit to operate or fundraise in a state.

### **Late Fee**

A penalty for submitting a required filing after its deadline.

### **Registered Agent (Foreign)**

An in-state contact for receiving official legal documents.

### **Renewal**

A recurring filing required to keep foreign registration active.

**Secretary of State**

The office managing foreign entity registrations.

**Standing Status**

An indicator of whether the nonprofit is compliant or delinquent.

**Withdrawal**

A formal filing ending a nonprofit's registration in a state.

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