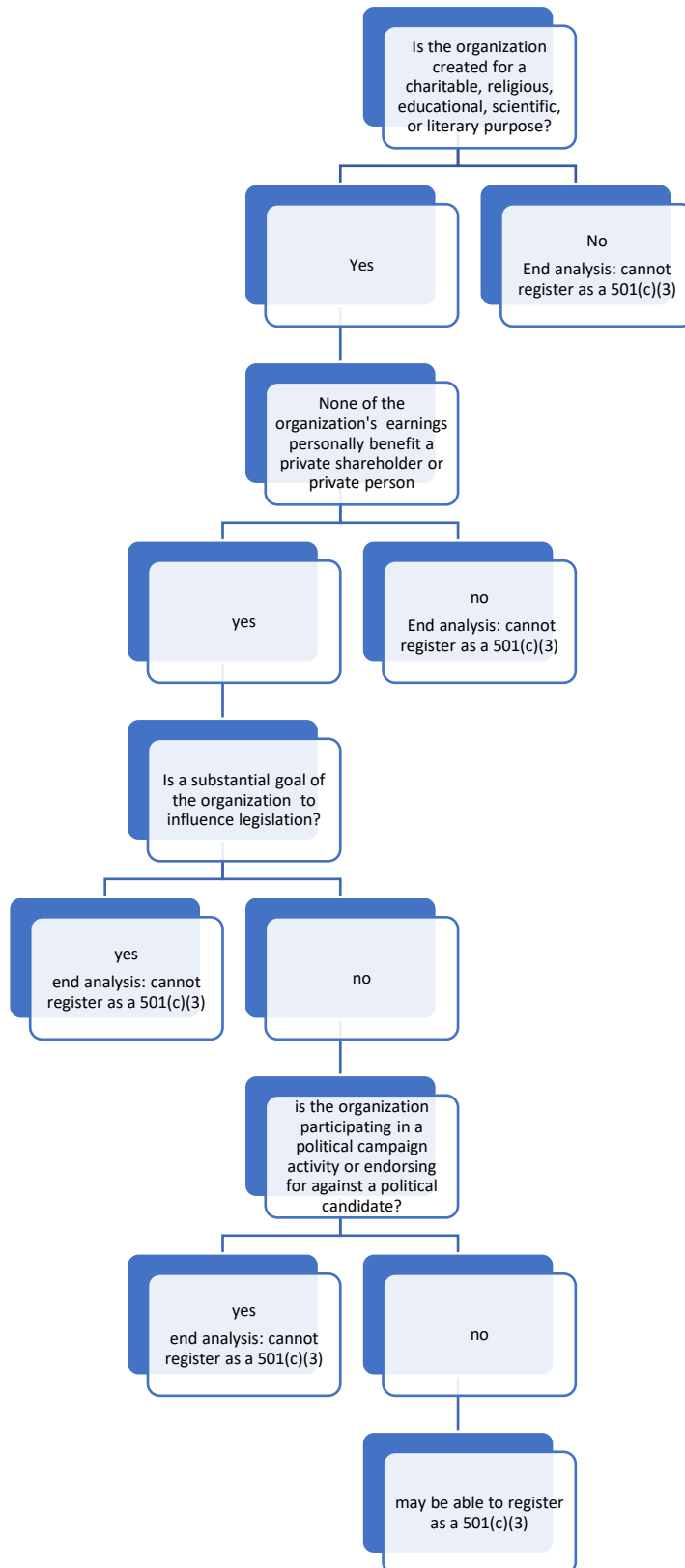


Chart 2. Journey to 501(c)(3) status



Journey to 501(c)(3) Status: A Written Guide

Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose?

- Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose? > No: End analysis: cannot register as a 501(c)(3)

If you answered “NO” to this question, you CANNOT register as a 501(c)(3).

- Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose? > Yes > None of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person > No: End analysis: cannot register as a 501(c)(3)

If you answered “YES” to this question, but organization's earnings DOES personally benefit a private shareholder or private person, you CANNOT register as a 501(c)(3).

- Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose? > Yes > None of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person > Yes > Is a substantial goal of the organization to influence legislation? > Yes: End analysis: cannot register as a 501(c)(3)

If you answered “YES” to this question, and NONE of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person, but the substantial goal of the organization IS TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, you CANNOT register as a 501(c)(3).

- Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose? > Yes > None of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person > Yes > Is a substantial goal of the organization to influence legislation? > No > is the organization participating in a political campaign activity or endorsing for against a political candidate? > yes: end analysis: cannot register as a 501(c)(3)

If you answered “YES” to this question, and none of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person, and the goal is to NOT INFLUENCE legislation, but the organization DOES participate in a political campaign activity or endorsing for against a political candidate, you CANNOT register as a 501(c)(3).

- Is the organization created for a charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purpose? > Yes > None of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person > Yes > Is a substantial goal of the organization to influence legislation? > No > is the organization participating in a political campaign activity or endorsing for against a political candidate? > No > may be able to register as a 501(c)(3)

If you answered “YES” to this question, and none of the organization's earnings personally benefit a private shareholder or private person, and the goal is to NOT INFLUENCE legislation, and the organization DOES NOT participate in a political campaign activity or endorsing for against a political candidate, you MAY BE ABLE TO register as a 501(c)(3).