



## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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### **Please allow at least 8 weeks for the qualification process.**

If the organization has never submitted qualifying information as a fraternal organization, the following information shall be submitted in the name of organization prior to being approved to conduct a bingo, millionaire party, raffle, or charity game. A previously qualified organization may be required to submit updated qualification information to assure its continued eligibility under the act.

1. A signed and dated copy of the organization's current bylaws or constitution, including membership criteria.
2. A complete copy of the organization's Articles of Incorporation that have been filed with the Corporations and Securities Bureau, if the organization is incorporated.
3. A provision in the bylaws, constitution, or Articles of Incorporation that all assets, and real and personal property will revert to the local government or another nonprofit organization should the organization dissolve.
4. A copy of the letter from the IRS stating the organization is exempt from federal tax under IRS code 501(c)

OR

copies of the one bank statement per year for the previous five years, excluding the current year.

5. A copy of the charter or a directory published by the state or national organization that lists the organization.
6. A copy of the state or national bylaws may need to be submitted. The state or national bylaws shall provide for all requirements pursuant to R432.21202(4).

Note: The following organizations do not qualify for licensing:

- A one-of-a-kind fraternal or social organization without state or national affiliation, whose primary purpose is the social benefit of its members.
- A college fraternity or sorority.

Additional information may be requested after the initial documents submitted have been reviewed. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call our office at (517) 335-5780.

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Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, defines a fraternal organization as "an organization within this state, except a college fraternity or sorority, that is organized not for pecuniary profit; that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state organization; and that exists for the common purpose, brotherhood, or other interests of its members."