

Is My Al-Anon Group a Nonprofit?

Wondering if your group is a nonprofit? It isn't.

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (AFG, Inc.), also known as the World Service Office (WSO), is registered as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation under Sec.

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. The individual Al-Anon Family

Groups that make up our fellowship are not incorporated. Groups cannot use the WSO tax ID to open bank accounts, and the WSO has no authority over a group's funds.

To learn why groups don't qualify for nonprofit status, read "Incorporation/Taxes" in

the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies" in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service*

Manual (P-24/27). To learn the difference between Al-Anon Family Groups (the

fellowship) and Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (the organization), see page

13 of the *2014 World Service Conference Summary* (P-46), available

at **al-anon.org/wscsummary**