

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 20 1992

FLORIDA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
INC
C/O WILLIAM L BOUKNECHT
207 OFFICE PLAZA DRIVE
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301-3304

Employer Identification Number:
59-0791022
Contact Person:
CARMAN AVERY
Contact Telephone Number:
(404) 331-0185
Accounting Period Ending:
June 30
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
Yes

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the

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Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. See Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, which sets forth guidelines regarding the deductibility, as charitable contributions, of payments made by taxpayers for admission to or other participation in fundraising activities for charity.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

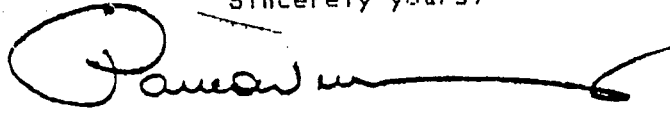
We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in

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your power of attorney.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Williams
District Director

Enclosure(s):

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This determination letter only covers The Florida Music Educators Association, Inc. It is not a group exemption letter and does not cover any separately organized affiliate or component association of The Florida Music Educators Association, Inc.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. Based on our review of your application for exemption, it appears that certain of your activities constitute unrelated trade or business activities as defined in section 513. Therefore, you may be liable for filing Form 990-T for each year for which such return is due. These returns should be filed with the Internal Revenue Service Center for your state.

Your advertising income is an unrelated trade or business and subject to tax under section 511 of the Code. Form 990-T for years ending June 30, 1990 and 1991 are required.

Your classification as an organization described in section 509(a)(2) of the Code is contingent upon you continuing to meet the public support requirements of that Code section. Please refer to Publication 557, page 21, for further details concerning these requirements. If your sources of support change significantly in the future, you should notify your Key District Director so that we can consider the effect if any on your foundation status. Total Income from interest and advertising must remain less than one third of your total receipts to meet the public support requirements in section 509(a)(2).

If your organization conducts fund-raising events such as benefit dinners, auctions, membership drives, etc., where something of value is received in return for contributions, you can help your donors avoid difficulties with their income tax returns by assisting them in determining the proper tax treatment of their contributions. To do this you should, in advance of the event, determine the fair market value of the benefit received and state it in your fund-raising materials such as solicitations, tickets, and receipts in such a way that your donors can determine how much is deductible and how much is not. To assist you in this, the Service has issued Publication 1391, Deductibility of Payments Made to Charities Conducting Fund-Raising Events. You may obtain copies of Publication 1391 from your local IRS Office. Guidelines for deductible amounts are also set forth in Revenue Ruling 67-246, 1967-2 C.B. 104 and Revenue Procedure 90-12, 1990-1 C.B. 471.