

# IRS Form 1024-A: Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code

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## Part I: Identification of Applicant

- **Name of Organization:** Arena of Public Opinion Public Trust
  - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** [Insert EIN]
  - **Address:** 123 Democracy Lane, Civic Engagement City, USA 00001
  - **Phone Number:** (555) 555-5555
  - **Website:** [www.arenaofpublicopinion.org](http://www.arenaofpublicopinion.org)
  - **Name and Title of Contact Person:** Alex Progress, Chairperson
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## Part II: Organizational Structure

- **Type of Entity:** Public Trust
  - **Date of Formation:** [Insert Date]
  - **State of Formation:** [Insert State]
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## Part III: Required Provisions

- **Attach Articles of Incorporation/Declaration of Trust:** Include the finalized Articles of Incorporation and Declaration of Trust documents with the application.
  - **Attach Bylaws:** Include the Trust's bylaws, outlining governance, rules enforcement, and member privacy and transparency policies.
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## Part IV: Activities and Operational Information

- **Describe Your Activities:**

The Arena of Public Opinion Public Trust operates a civic engagement platform that empowers U.S. citizens to interact directly with their elected and appointed officials, petition for changes, and participate in public discourse. The platform promotes fact-based dialogue, transparency, and accountability. Key activities include:
- **Organized Engagement:** Providing tools for constituents to organize petitions, public discussions, and voting on local and national issues.
- **Public Accountability:** Establishing dedicated forums for lobbying organizations and public officials to present their platforms under strict transparency and honesty guidelines.
- **Court of Facts:** A fact-checking and adjudication mechanism where users can challenge factual disputes. A panel of experts and randomly selected users reviews the evidence and issues rulings.

- **Participation Rewards System:** Users earn non-monetary **system coins** for activities such as voting, petitioning, and fact-checking. These coins are used as engagement incentives and can be exchanged for virtual goods or services within the system. Coins cannot be converted to real-world money.
  - **Fact-Wagering Mechanism:** Users may wager system coins on the accuracy of presented facts. This mechanism encourages accountability and clean facts. Wagers are adjudicated by the Court of Facts, with rewards distributed based on rulings.
  - **Privacy and Transparency:** Constituents have full privacy protections, while pundits, public officials, and lobbying entities operate under complete transparency guidelines.
  - **Fundraising:**
    - Donations from individuals, foundations, and civic organizations.
    - Grants from democracy-focused foundations.
    - Optional subscription services for premium tools on the platform.
  - **Lobbying and Advocacy:**

While the platform supports public engagement and petitioning, it does not engage in direct lobbying or partisan political activities. Lobbying entities registered in the platform operate as independent organizations under strict transparency requirements.
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## Part V: Financial Data

**Projected Annual Budgets for the First Three Years** (based on industry estimates for platforms like **Nextdoor**, scaled to civic engagement purposes):

- **Year 1**
  - Total Revenue: \$2,000,000
    - Individual Donations: \$500,000
    - Grants: \$1,000,000
    - Subscription Services: \$500,000
  - Total Expenses: \$1,800,000
    - Platform Development and Maintenance: \$1,000,000
    - Marketing and Outreach: \$300,000
    - Staffing and Administration: \$400,000
    - Legal and Compliance: \$100,000
- **Year 2**
  - Total Revenue: \$3,000,000
    - Individual Donations: \$700,000
    - Grants: \$1,300,000
    - Subscription Services: \$1,000,000
  - Total Expenses: \$2,500,000
    - Platform Development and Maintenance: \$1,200,000
    - Marketing and Outreach: \$500,000
    - Staffing and Administration: \$600,000

- Legal and Compliance: \$200,000
  - **Year 3**
    - Total Revenue: \$4,500,000
      - Individual Donations: \$1,000,000
      - Grants: \$2,000,000
      - Subscription Services: \$1,500,000
    - Total Expenses: \$4,000,000
      - Platform Development and Maintenance: \$2,000,000
      - Marketing and Outreach: \$1,000,000
      - Staffing and Administration: \$800,000
      - Legal and Compliance: \$200,000
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### **Part VI: Narrative Description of Activities**

(Attach a full narrative describing the activities, as outlined in Part IV, expanding on the Court of Facts, the fact-wagering system, lobbying forums, and constituent privacy protections. Emphasize the use of system coins as non-monetary engagement incentives.)

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### **Part VII: Financial Compensation**

- **Compensation of Officers and Trustees:**
  - Trustees serve on a volunteer basis, with reimbursement for direct expenses incurred.
  - **Compensation of Employees:**
  - Salaries for administrative and technical staff will be set at market rates for non-profit organizations.
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### **Attachments**

- Declaration of Trust.
  - Articles of Incorporation.
  - Bylaws.
  - Privacy Policy and Terms of Use.
  - Financial Transparency and Accountability Plan.
  - Description of system coins, fact-wagering, and participation rewards system.
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### **Submission**

- Include the filing fee for Form 1024-A.
  - Submit to the IRS along with any additional state registration requirements.
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