

Part III Technical Requirements

- 1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? Yes ☐ No ☒
 If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 7.
- 2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.
 Exceptions - You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:
- ☐ a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See Specific Instructions, Line 2a, on page 4;
 ☐ b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
 ☐ c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.
- 3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? Yes ☒ No ☐
 If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.
 If "No," answer question 4.
- 4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? Yes ☐ No ☐
 If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See Specific Instructions, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.
 If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.
- 5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed with your key District Director. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 6 If you answer "Yes" to the question on line 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status) ☐ , check here and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.

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7 Is the organization a private foundation?☐ Yes (Answer question 8.)☒ No (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)**8** If you answer "Yes" to the question on line 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?☐ Yes (Complete Schedule E)☐ No

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

9 If you answer "No" to the question on line 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:**THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:**

a ☐ As a church or a convention or association of churches
(CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.)

Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)

b ☐ As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.)

Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)

c ☐ As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital
(These organizations, except for hospital service organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.)

Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)

d ☐ As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1).

Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)

e ☐ As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with, one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i
(MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.)

Section 509(a)(3)

f ☐ As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.

Section 509(a)(4)

g ☐ As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.

Section 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)

h ☐ As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.

Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

i ☐ As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).

Section 509(a)(2)

j ☒ The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure whether it meets the public support test of block h or block i. The organization would like the IRS to decide the proper classification.

Sections 509(a)(1) and
170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or
Section 509(a)(2)

If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question 14.

If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12.

If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.

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- 10 If you checked box h, i, or j on line 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?

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Yes - Indicate whether you are requesting:

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A definitive ruling (Answer questions on lines 11 through 14.)

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An advance ruling (Answer questions on lines 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)

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No - You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the application.

- 11 If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.

N/A

- 12 If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) or (vi), check here

☒

and:

- a Enter 2% of line 8, col. (e), total, of Part IV-A

1,365

- b Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line 12a.

- 13 If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here

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and:

- a For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see Specific Instructions, Part II, Line 4d, on pg 3.)

- b For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through

N/A

- 14 Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule.

(Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.)

Yes

No

If "Yes,"
complete
Schedule:

Is the organization a church?

X

A

Is the organization, or any part of it, a school?

X

B

Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization?

X

C

Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization?

X

D

Is the organization a private operating foundation?

X

E

Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped?

X

F

Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization?

X

G

Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.?

X

H

Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution?

X

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The Optimists Inc.

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LINE 12a

LINE 12b

None

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13a

LINE

13B

None

Part IV Financial Data

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years			(e) TOTAL
	(a) From 10/1/2000 to 9/30/2001	(b) 10/01-09/02	(c) 10/020-09/03	(d)	
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants)	9,387	25,000	30,000		64,387
2 Membership fees received	855	1,000	2,000		3,855
3 Gross investment income (see instructions)					0
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3					0
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization					0
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)					0
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule)					0
8 Total (add lines 1 through 7)	10,242	26,000	32,000	0	68,242
9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22.					0
10 Total (add lines 8 and 9)	10,242	26,000	32,000	0	68,242
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (att. sch.)					0
12 Unusual grants					0
13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12)	10,242	26,000	32,000	0	68,242
Expenses					
14 Fundraising expenses					
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	6,974	20,000	25,000		
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule)					
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)					
18 Other salaries and wages					
19 Interest					
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)					
21 Depreciation and depletion					
22 Other (attach sch.)	1,322	2,800	3,500		
23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22)	8,296	22,800	28,500	0	
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	1,946	3,200	3,500	0	

Part II Activities and Operational Information

(Continued)

- 8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If "None," indicate "N/A."
N/A
- 9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? Yes ☐ No ☒
- 10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? Yes ☐ No ☒
- b Is the organization a party to any leases? Yes ☐ No ☒
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.
- 11 Is the organization a membership organization? Yes ☐ No ☒
If "Yes," complete the following:
- a Describe the organization's membership requirements, and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.
N/A
- b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.
N/A
- c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?
N/A
- 12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? ☒ N/A Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined, and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.
- b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? ☒ N/A Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.
- 13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? Yes ☐ No ☒
If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.
- 14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? Yes ☐ No ☒
If "Yes," explain fully.

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Computer (2)	2,650.00
Printer/Fax	350.00
Furniture	225.00

Total	3,225.00
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Form **1023**
(Rev. September 1998)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
Revenue Code**

OMB NO. 1545-0056

If exempt status is approved,
this application will be open for
public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.**Part I Identification of Applicant**

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) THE OPTIMISTS INC.		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the instructions) 11-3571622
1b c/o Name (if applicable)		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed MUHAMMED R CHOUDHRY 718-278-4319
1c Address (number and street) 25-78 31ST STREET	Room/Suite	
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. ASTORIA, NY 11102		4 Month the annual accounting period ends SEPTEMBER
		5 Date incorporated or formed 10/06/2000
1e Web site address	6 Check here if applying under section: 501(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n) <input type="checkbox"/>	
7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If "Yes," attach an explanation.		
8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "No," attach an explanation (see instructions).		
9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		

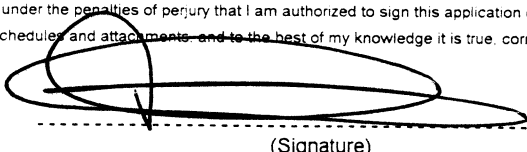
10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See Specific Instructions, Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) Get Pub. 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, for examples of organizational documents.)

- a ☒ Corporation - Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.
- b ☐ Trust - Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c ☐ Association - Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here ☐

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please
Sign
Here


(Signature)

PRESIDENT

(Title or authority of signer)

01.22.2002
(Date)

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FUND DISTRIBUTED IN YEAR ENDING 09/30/2001
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List of the individual Sponsors and Children sponsored in year 2000-2001

Name		Address	Telephone	Pledged	Period Period		Paid
				Contribution	From	To	
Ahsan K Chowdhury		31-20, 32nd St. #3C, Astoria, NY 11106		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Ashtakul A Tarafdar		15 Linwood Dr. Bloomfield, CT 06002		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Ayesha Islam		2904 Weal Way, Sacramento, CA 95833		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Faisal A Chowdhury		850 Av Myrand, St. Foy, Quebec, G1V25		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Farasath Ali		1496 St Lawrence, Bronx, NY 104460		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
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Faruque Ahmed		51 Venwood Rd., Prestwich, Manchester M259UF, UK		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Fazlu Miah		39-70-48St, Sunnyside, NY 11104		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Humayun Rashid		208 First Ave, #3, NY, NY 10009		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Jamal Uddin		478-480 Mumbles Rd., Mumbles, Swansea, SA3 4PXUK		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Kalin A Chowdhury		1114 Rue Cartier, Quebec G1P 4M2, Canada		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Luthfur R. Tarafdar		43-33, 48th St. 2B, Sunnyside, NY 11104		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Mahammed S Khan		31-21, 70th Street, 2Fl, Elmhurst, NY 11370		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Md. Ittehad Ahmed		34-19, 30th St., # 5J, LIC, NY 11106		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Minhaz Ahmed		41-34, 55th St, # 12, Woodside, NY 11377		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Mizanur R. Tarafdar		41-28, 55th St. #11, Woodside, NY 11377		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$178.00
Mizanur Rahman		21-58, 35th St, 3B, Astoria, NY 11105		\$178.00	12-00	11-01	\$131.00
TOTALS							\$9,387.00

The Optimists Inc.**EIN: 11-3571622****25-78 31st Street, Astoria, NY 11102****Phone: 718-278-4319****List of the Children sponsored in year 2000-2001****List of the Children sponsored in year 2001**

Child Id	Name of Children	Address of Children
209	RAHIMA BEGUM	FATHER: MD. BACCHU MEAH, WEST LAL DIGIRPAR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
201	ABDUL AHAD	FATHER: AFTAB ALI, VILL: KM TILLA, FENCHUGANJ, BANGLADESH
225	JABED AHMED	FATHER: ANJIR ALI, VILL: GHUGARKHUL PO. RONKALI N, GOLAPGANJ, BANGLADESH
221	SALMAN AHMED RADWAN	FATHER: MD. ALAUDDIN, VILL: MATHIURA PURBAPAR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
222	MD. AMIL HUSSAIN LUDHI	FATHER: MD. ASADUDDIN LUDHI, VILL: MATHIURA PURBAPAR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
213	SAYDUR RAHMAN	FATHER: MD. MASHUK MEAH, VILL: BALKI, PO. LALABAZAR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
203	TOFAYEL AHMED	FATHER: KOYES MAH, VILL: SHARIFGANJ, FENCHUGANJ, BANGLADESH
207	SABINA BEGUM	FATHER: MOSHAHID ALI, VILL: GOLGAON, PO. MUHAMMADPUR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
218	MAZEDA AKHTER KOLI	FATHER: RAFIQUE MAH [LATE], VILL: CHUTTODESH PO/PS. BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
208	NAZMA BEGUM	FATHER: MD. DUDU MAH, VILL: NOWAGAON, PO. MUHAMMADPUR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
245	AYESHA BEGUM	FATHER: BAROY ALI, VILL: KACHUA PO. SHAHBAG, ZAKIGANJ, BANGLADESH
205	FATEMA ZOHARA	FATHER: MD. RUHUL AMIN (LATE), VIII: GOLAGHAT, FENCHUGANJ, BANGLADESH
223	JAINAB BEGUM	FATHER: MD. FARID UDDIN, VILL: MATHUR PURBAPAR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
243	PARUL AKHTER	FATHER: LATE AZIM UDDIN, VILL: CHETRANAGAR, UPAZILA: KANAIGHAT, BANGLADESH
206	ABDUL QUYYUM	FATHER: TOSIL MAH, VIII: GOLGAON, PO. MUHAMMADPUR, SYLHET SADAR, BANGLADESH
210	RAJON MEAH	FATHER: MD. BABUL MEAH, NOBAB ROAD, KAJOL SHAH R/A, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
214	HAZERA KHATUN	FATHER: AFTAB ALI, VILL: ASTOSHANGON, PO: NIDONPUR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
216	MISBAH UDDIN	FATHER: ISLAM UDDIN, VILL: JALDUP, PO. JALDUPBAZAR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
229	ZAHEDA BEGUM	FATHER: SIRAJ UDDIN [LATE], PO: MATHIURA BAZAR, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
226	SYEED OSMAN HUSSAIN	FATHER: SYEED ABDUL MUNIM, VILL: GHUGARKHUL, GOLAPGANJ, BANGLADESH
232	SULTANA BEGUM	FATHER: MD. AZMAN ALI, VILL: KESHORPUR, THANA: USMANNAGAR, BALAGANJ, BANGLADESH
227	JUSNA BEGUM	FATHER: KUTEE MEAH, VILL: DAKSHINBHAG, GOLPAGANJ, BANGLADESH
220	SADIQUR RAHMAN	FATHER: MD. MOJIR UDDIN, VILL: KUNAGRAM, PO/PS. BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
211	NASIMA BEGUM	FATHER: MD. BACCHU MEAH, WEST LAL DIGIRPAR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
217	ZILAL UDDIN	FATHER: SHAFIQUE UDDIN, VILL: JALDUP [KALIBAHARI], BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
215	REEMA BEGUM	FATHER: FAIZUR RAHMAN, VILL: ASTOSHANGON, BEANIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
239	ABDUL KAHER	FATHER: ABDUL HAFEZ, VILL: JOYFAUD PO. SORAKER BAZAR, KANAIGHAT, BANGLADESH
212	AYSHA BEGUM	FATHER: AHAD MAH [LATE], VILL: BALKI, PO. LALABAZAR, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
228	REDWAN HUSSAIN	FATHER: RAYHAN UDDIN, VILL: DAKSHINBHAG, GOLPAGANJ, BANGLADESH
238	ABDUL MAZEED	FATHER: ABDUL HAQUE, VILL: 14 SHADIPUR, SHIBGANJ, SYLHET, BANGLADESH
253	SHAHIDUR RAHMAN	FATHER: LATE DHEENDRA SHABDAKAR, VILL: S. RAMCHANDRAPUR, KAMALGONJ, BANGLADESH
146	SHUSANTI RANI SHABDAKAR	FATHER: NARAYAN RABI DAS, VILL: BHASTOLA, PO: MATARKAPON, MOULVIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
116	UMON RABI DAS	FATHER: MD. MOFIZ MAH, VILL: BHADESONAPUR, PO MUNSHIBAZAR, BANGLADESH
115	PARVIN BEGUM	FATHER: MD. MOFIZ MAH, VILL: BHADESONAPUR, PO MUNSHIBAZAR, BANGLADESH

Phone: 718-278-4319

List of the Children sponsored in year 2000-2001

List of the Children sponsored in year 2001

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User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request

Attach this form to determination letter application.
(Form 8718 is NOT a determination letter application.)

For IRS Use Only

Control number _____
Amount paid _____
User fee screener _____

1 Name of organization
THE OPTIMISTS INC.

2 Employer Identification Number
11-3571622

Caution: Do not attach Form 8718 to an application for a pension plan determination letter. Use Form 8717 instead.

3 Type ☒ X

- a** ☐ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- * An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years, or
 - * A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years. \$150
- Note: If you checked box 3a, you must complete the Certification below.

Certification

I certify that the annual gross receipts of THE OPTIMISTS INC.
name of organization
have averaged (or are expected to average) not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 (or the first 4) years of operation.

Signature _____ Title PRESIDENT

- b** ☐ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- * An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years, or
 - * A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years . . . \$500
- c** ☒ Group exemption letters \$500

Attach
Check
or
Money
Order
Here



CONSTITUTION OF THE

THE OPTIMISTS INC

*EIN: 11-3571622
25-73 31ST STREET
ASTORIA, NY 11102*

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

The Principal Office of the Organization shall be located in the City of New York, County of Queens and State of New York. The branch offices of the Organization shall be located in Bangladesh. The Organization may also have such offices at such other places within or without these locations as the Board of Members may from time to time determine. The branch offices, including Principle Office, of the Organization shall obtain proper permission or registration from the concerned government authority of that locality.

The Board of Directors hereinafter, called Board of Members, elected by the members of the Organization will run the Organization. The Board of Members will select, nominate an Executive Committee in each of the countries involved with the activities of the Organization.

ARTICLE II

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: The Optimists shall be a non-profit, non-governmental and non-political organization.

SECTION 2: The goals and objectives of the, The Optimists, shall be to:

- (a) Provide cultural, intellectual, social, physical, spiritual and charitable welfare to the needy, abused, neglected, and orphaned children of Bangladesh regardless of their gender, age, religion, race or ethnic background.
- (b) Provide welfare and support to the needy, abused, neglected mothers and seniors of Bangladesh. The Organization will receive all kinds of religious donations from people of all religious belief and utilize that fund according to their religious custom, for the welfare of those mothers and seniors.
- (c) Provide support for educational opportunities for the poor, abused, neglected and orphaned children of Bangladesh. The Organization will arrange a sponsorship program; find individual sponsor, who will provide support for education and welfare of those needy, abused, neglected and orphaned children in Bangladesh.
- (d) Promote goodwill, understanding and cultural exchange with any other individual, group, organization or institution across nations, interested in helping the cause of the Organization.
- (e) Promote and facilitate activities and events to raise awareness of the various social problems in Bangladesh [i.e. child labor, child abuse – both educational and home settings, women's rights (victims of acid related crimes, domestic violence, etc), smuggling of women and children to different parts of the world, drug abuse etc.] and to promote peace, tranquility and understanding among the various community groups of Bangladesh.

- (f) Facilitate the activities of any other professional, student, women or any other groups provided that such groups or organizations are also non-profit and non-political organizations duly organized under any state or country law.
- (g) Provide assistance and build relationship to other community group and authority to support and work together to end domestic violence, child abuse and to ensure the welfare of life in maidservants. The Optimists will help to find foster parents for the victim of child abuse of our community.
- (h) Arrange and distribute funds through branch of The Optimists, located in Bangladesh to meet the goals mentioned above. The Optimists will also arrange and allocate funds for the programs taken in the New York area.

SECTION 3: In order to achieve its goals and objectives as describe in Article II, Section 2, the The Optimist shall seek to provide:

- (a) Forum for expression of common concern of the community.
- (b) A vehicle for exchange of information and views on matters of interest to the different community.
- (c) A forum for expression of ideas by distinguished speakers on topics of interest and relevance to helping the children, mothers, and seniors of Bangladesh.
- (d) Space for collecting clothing and toys for the children in Bangladesh.
- (e) A meeting place for discussion of the development of the Organization.
- (f) A forum to inculcate among the children and youth of the community the moral, ethical values & culture.
- (g) A forum for honoring any distinguished person, organization or institution who has contributed substantially for the cause of the Bangladeshi people and/or culture,
- (h) Scholarship for higher education and also extension of any kind of help in the field of higher learning by raising funds in various ways for the poor children in Bangladesh.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: The persons signing this Constitution, in presence or by authorized proxy, are the persons who organized this Organization in USA, during its founding periods and they are the first members of this Organization.

SECTION 2: The membership in The Optimists is open to all individuals sharing the objectives and purposes of the Organization, subject to the approval of the Board of Members of the Organization.

SECTION 3:

- (a) Application of Membership: All application for membership shall be submitted to the Board of Members through the Secretary General or someone designated by the Board of Members. An applicant for membership may be of any religious belief, any ethnic background or of any race.
- (b) Membership Fee: The application fee is \$50 (US or its equivalent) and \$15 (US or its equivalent) monthly.

- (c) Life Membership: A person may become a Life Member if he/she donates a certain amount (amount to be determined by the Board of Members) of money to the Organization.
- (d) Honorary Member: A person may become an Honorary Member if he/she performs / accomplishes an act that is beneficial to the cause of the Organization. There is no membership fee or application fee required by the Honorary Member. The Board of Member will choose or nominate the Honorary Member.
- (e) Governor: The person who sponsors three children and pays for the cost of the sponsorship ten years in advance, or pays a certain amount (amount to be determined by the Board of Members) for the management cost of the Organization, may be appointed as a Governor. This is a designated and honorable post of the Organization. The Governor will receive all the benefits and have the same duties as a member. The membership is for life and will not be terminated without his/her consent. No membership or application fee is required.
- (f) Transfer of Membership: The membership in the Organization shall not be transferable or assignable.
- (g) Lapse of Membership:
 - 1) Non-payment of monthly/annual dues will subject to a lapse of membership.
 - 2) Written resignation from the member will subject to a lapse of his/her membership.
 - 3) If a member does not attend 3 consecutive general meetings, in person or in proxy, will be subject to a lapse of membership.
 - 4) Any misconduct by a member who is found guilty by the local government laws may be subject to a lapse of membership.

SECTION 4: Membership of this Organization is a volunteer service and the Organization will not pay any salary or remuneration to any of its members. The Board of Member may assign a member for a special duty who then may be paid, subject and according to the Board of Members' decision.

SECTION 5: Voting Rights of the Members: Each member shall be eligible to vote on all matters before the members in a meeting.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1

The Organization shall be managed by the Board of Members. Each member shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be a valid member of the Organization during his membership. The initial Board of Members shall consist of five Officials and they will be elected by the members of the Organization. Thereafter, the number of Officials consisting the entire Board shall be no less than three. Subject to the foregoing the number of the Officers of Board of Members shall be fixed from time to time by the action of the members in a general meeting. The election

of the Officers of the Board of Members will be held bi-annually at a date set by the Board of Members but by December 15th of the year.

- (a) Chairman: (One) He/she will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall preside over all meetings and who shall have the over-all responsibilities. He/she will be the Chief Executive of the Organization. He/She will also act, as the Principal Coordinator of the Organization, shall coordinate all activities and performances of the branch/country committees. He/She will take initiative to run organizational activities in a timely manner.
- (b) Vice-Chairman: Four members will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall exercise all authority and perform all duties granted to the Chairman, in absence of the Chairman.
- (c) Secretary General: He/She will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board of Members' meetings and also shall mail all notices required by these constitution, shall maintain appropriate records of membership of the Organization, and who shall exercise such power as are provided by these constitution and by the Board of Members. The Secretary General shall also prepare budget and annual reports, and shall submit to the Board of Members for approval. The Secretary General will also maintain and operate bank accounts, jointly with the treasurer of the Organization. He will call general or special meeting of the Board of Member with prior approval of the Chairman.
- (d) Assistant Secretary General: He/She will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall perform all duties in absence of the Secretary General and as well perform all assigned duties by the Organization.
- (e) Treasurer: He/She will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall keep a record of all financial transactions, collecting funds, issuing receipts, and depositing funds in the designated bank. He/She will prepare a financial- annual or monthly – report for presentations in the meeting. The Treasure will jointly with the Secretary General, maintain and operate bank accounts.
- (f) Assistant Treasurer: He/She will be elected by the members of the Organization, who shall perform all duties in absence of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall also perform all other duties assigned by the Organization.
- (g) Two or more Members elected by the Board of Members shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairman of the Organization.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

To run the Organizational activities in Bangladesh OR any other countries

SECTION 1

- 1) The branch/country offices of the Organization in Bangladesh or in any other country or state shall be managed by a Country or State Executive Committee/

Province or District Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of Bangladesh or any country or its branches associated with the activities of the Organization shall be appointed by the Board of Members. The volunteer officials of the Country Committee or branches do not necessarily have to be members of the Organization. Each volunteer shall be at least 18 years of age. The initial Country Committee shall consist of 3-7 persons. This Committee is responsible for the registry of the Organization in Bangladesh.

- 2) The first Country Committee shall consist of those persons appointed by the Board of Members and they shall hold office until the first Annual Meeting of the Board of Members, and until their successors have been duly appointed and qualified. Thereafter, the Country Committee will hold office until the expiration of the term for which he/she was appointed; the term mentioned shall be for two years. Each volunteer shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he/she was appointed, and until his/her successor has been duly appointed and qualified, or until his/her prior resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.
- 3) Any or all of the volunteer or member of the Country Committee or its branches may be removed with or without cause by vote of the Board of Members.
- 4) The Volunteers / Officers are groups of persons appointed by the Board of Members on a voluntary basis. There shall be no salary or remuneration will be given to the Country Committee or its branches.
- 5) The Country Committee will run, form branches or executive committees, recruit volunteers or officers, create its own Constitution or Constitution of the Organization according to country's existing law requires to do so, with prior approval from the Board of Members.

SECTION 2: Responsibility: Each office bearer of the Organization shall be jointly and severally/individually responsible to the general body of the Organization for the activities of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment of These Constitution

SECTION 1: These Constitution may be amended by members at any annual meeting of the members, or if a notice of a proposal to amend these constitution and the respect in which proposal to be amended is given in any call of a special meeting of the members at such meeting.

SECTION 2: Ten percent of the members in good standing can initiate any amendment of these constitution, which shall have to be notified to the Secretary General of the Organization two weeks prior to the special meeting and one month prior to the annual meeting in writing stating the portion of the constitution to be amended.

SECTION 3: The amendments must be approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ or greater number of votes of the members, present as a quorum.

SECTION 4: Amendment shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: Voluntary Dissolution:

In case of voluntary dissolution, assets and liabilities of the Organization shall be determined and all the liabilities shall be paid for by the Organization, balance remaining after payment of such liabilities shall be given as gift to a charitable organization as determined by the Board of Members; provided, however, that voluntary dissolution shall not be carried out without the approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members of the Organization present as a quorum in a special meeting of the members.

SECTION 2: Involuntary Dissolution:

In case of any involuntary dissolution being sought by the majority member of the Organization or by the creditors of the Organization, the bankruptcy proceeding shall be instituted as per law of the State of New York or United States of America.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) The Organization shall keep at the principal office of the Organization, complete and correct records and books of account, and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Members, or any committee appointed by the Board of Members, as well as a list or record containing the names and address of all members.
- 2) The corporate seal shall be in such form, as the Board of Members shall from time to time prescribe.
- 3) The fiscal year of the Organization shall be fixed by the Board of Members from time to time, subject to applicable law of the concerned country.
- 4) (a) All constitution of the Organization shall be subject to alteration or repeal, and new constitution may be made, by a majority vote of the Board of Members, at a special meeting of the members called for such purpose.
 (b) The Board of Members shall have the power to make, alter or repeal, from time to time, constitution of the Organization. If any by-law regulating an impending election of the Board of Members is adopted, amended or repealed by the Board, there shall be set forth in the notice of the next meeting of members for the election of Board of Members, the by-law so made, amended or repealed, together with a concise statement of the changes made.

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMBERS:

SL #	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1	MUHAMMED R CHOUDHURY	25-40, 31 ST STREET, ASTOIA, NY 11102	Signed
2	MINHAZ AHMED	41-34, 55TH STREET, #12 WOODSIDE, NY 11377	Signed
3	MUHAMMED A BHUIYAN	43-08, 40th STREET, #5D LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11104	Signed
4	SHAMIM AHMED	30-17, 23RD STREET, 31F ASTORIA, NY 11102	Signed

TODAY'S DATE: 11/09/2000

By signing in presence of the above named members do hereby confirm the Constitution of The Optimists. The undersigned certify that the total page number of the Constitution is seven pages including this. The seal is affixed in every page of the Constitution of this Organization with initial of the Chairman and Secretary General.

Signed:-
Signature of Chairman

Date: 11/09/2000

Signed:-
Signature of the Secretary General

Date: 11/09/2000

Certified as an exact copy of the original



Signature of Secretary General

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MUHAMMED R CHOUDHURY

30-12 30TH AVE #220

ASTORIA, NY 11102

EXIST DATE

10/06/2000

REGISTERED AGENT



31st October 2000
(Signature)

AKM FAZLUL HOQ.
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 01H08028717
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Commission Expires June, 15, 2002

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Date: April 1, 2002

To
Internal Revenue Service Center
P.O Box: 192
Covington, KY 41012-0792

Re: The Optimists Inc.
EIN NO: 11-3571622

1023-Application for recognition of exemption under section 501© (3) of the IRS

Dear Sir or Madam:

We submitted our application for recognition of exemption under section 501© (3) of the IRS back in January 22, 2002. The check for the Fees of \$500.00 was cashed by the IRS on 02/09/2002. We also received the acknowledgement of receipt of our certified mail on time.

As of now we did not hear any reply from IRS on the status of our application. It will be appreciated if you can let us know the present status of the above-mentioned application.

Enclosed are
A copy of the original application
A copy of the return receipt
A copy of the cancelled check that cashed by the IRS.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Sincerely

Muhammed R. Choudhury
President
The Optimists Inc.
25-78, 31st Street
Astoria, NY 11102.



TAX EXEMPT AND
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

Date: May 20, 2002

The Optimist Inc.
25-78 31st St.
Astoria, NY 11102

Employer Identification Number:

11-3571622

Person to Contact - ID#:

Trishone M. Skinner 75-15743

Contact Telephone Numbers:

214-767-1754 Phone

214-767-8038 FAX

Response Due Date:

June 3, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

On **April 24, 2002**, we wrote you requesting information concerning the Form 1023 you filed requesting exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your response was due on May 15, 2002. To date we have not received the information we requested.

If we do not receive the information requested by the response due date shown in the heading of this letter, we will assume you do not want us to consider the matter further and will close your case. In that event, as required by Code section 6104(c), we will notify the appropriate state officials that, based on the information we have, we cannot recognize you as an organization of the kind described in Code section 501(c)(3). As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat your organization as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new Form 1023.

In addition, if you do not provide the requested information in a timely manner, we will consider that you have not taken all reasonable steps to secure the determination you requested. Under Code section 7428(b)(2), if you fail to take all reasonable steps in a timely manner to secure the determination requested it may be considered a failure to exhaust administrative remedies available to you within the Service. Therefore, you may lose your rights to a declaratory judgment under Code section 7428.

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

Sincerely yours,

Trishone M. Skinner
Exempt Organizations Specialist



A CHARITY ORGANIZATION

25-78, 31ST Street, Astoria, NY 11102, U S A

TEL: 718-278-4319 FAX: 718 278 4953, EMAIL: theoptimists@hotmail.com; info@theoptimists.org

Date: June 14, 2002

To
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Washington, D.C 20224

Ref: The Optimists Inc.
EIN # 11-3571622
Form: 1023

Attn: Trishone M. Skinner 75-15743

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are very sorry to inform you that we did not receive your letter dated 04/24/2002 concerning the Form 1023 we filed requesting exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

After submitting the Form 1023, we are eagerly waiting for a response from you. We did also inquire the IRS a few times before May 15, 2002 over telephone regarding the status of the application. After receiving the letter dated May 20, 2002 from you, we have been trying to contact you over telephone and also tried to send a letter by fax, but the fax number you provided in your letter is not working as a fax. Today I have talked to someone of your office who provided another fax number to communicate you.

We are ready to submit all inquires you need to process our application. Kindly send us the copy of the letter you sent on 04/24/2002 and please extend the time to reply you. We will definitely take all reasonable steps in a timely manner to comply with the IRS inquiries.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Sincerely yours

Muhammed R Choudhury



Certificate of Incorporation of

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under section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

- (1) *The name of the corporation is THE OPTIMISTS INC.*
- (2) *The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a)(5) of section 102 (Definitions) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.*
- (3) *The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:*

To form a non-business organization for charitable, educational social, cultural, physical, welfare for the distressed orphan children, disressed needy woman, age old distressed seniors in BANGLADESH. Among the numerous activities, stipend for the orphan distress children to keep up their education or provide medical facilities, cloths to them. The organization will collect used old cloths , toys etc, and send that to Bangladesh for the use of distress and needy. Besides, the organization will extend support for scholarship for higher education and research work concerning health enviornment, socio-economic development for Bangladesh. The organization will also promote goodwill, understanding and appreciation of cultures, regardless of color , creed, race , religion and natural origin of the children.

The corporation, in furtherance of its corporate purposes above set forth, shall have all the powers enumerated in section 202 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, subject to any limitations provided in the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law or any other statute of the State of New York. Nothing herein shall authorize this corporation, directly or indirectly, to engage in, or include among its purposes, any of the activities mentioned in Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, section 404 (b)-(u).

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(4) The corporation shall be a Type B corporation pursuant to section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. (In the case of Type A, B and C corporations set forth the names and addresses of at least 3 initial directors. Type C corporation must set forth the lawful public or quasi-public objective which each business purpose will achieve.)

1. MUHAMMED R CHOUDHURY
25-40 31 st
ASTORIA, NY 11102

2. MINHAZ AHMED
41-34 55th st # 12
WOODSIDE NY 11377

3. S YED ABU AKBAR AHMED
14-35 28 th Ave
ASTORIA NY 11102

(5) The office of the corporation is to be located in the County of QUEENS State of New York.
30-12 30th Ave , #220
Astoria, NY 11102

(6) The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served upon him is MUHAMMED R CHOUDHURY
30-12 30th Ave, # 220
ASTORIA NY 11102

(7) State and Federal exemption.

State and Federal exemption language for Type B and C corporations seeking tax exemption.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under IRC §501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by IRC §501(h)] or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to another organization exempt under IRC §501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government, or state or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

In any taxable year in which the corporation is a private foundation as described in IRC §509(a), the corporation shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC §4942, and the corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC §4941(d), retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC §4943(c), (b) make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under IRC §4944, or (c) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC §4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator, or each of them if there are more than one, being at least eighteen years of the age, has subscribed this certificate on

SALEH AHMED

Type name of incorporator



Signature

30-12, 30TH AVE, #220, ASTORIA, NY 11102

Address

MUHAMMED R. CHOUDHURY

Type name of incorporator



Signature

30-12, 30TH AVE, #220, ASTORIA, NY 11102

Address

Type B
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BY:

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Certificate of Incorporation

of

OPTIMISTS INC

under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

Filed By: MUHAMMED CHOUDHURY
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