



Faith Based Organization Qualifier Form

The Internal Revenue Service uses 14 characteristics to determine whether an organization qualifies as a faith based organization. The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma requires evidence of at least nine of those characteristics. Please check all that apply below and provide documentation confirming each. The documentation may be scanned and emailed, faxed or copied and mailed.

1. A distinct legal existence
2. A recognized creed and form of worship
3. A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government
4. A formal code of doctrine and discipline
5. A membership not associated with any other faith-based organization
6. A distinct religious history
7. A complete organization of ordained ministers/religious leaders ministering to their congregations
8. Ordained ministers/religious leaders elected after completing prescribed courses of study
9. A literature of its own
10. Established places of worship
11. Regular congregations
12. Regular religious services
13. Schools for religious instruction of the young
14. Schools for the preparation of its ministers

As the minister/religious leader of _____ (organization name), I certify that

this organization meets the minimum requirements indicated for identification as a faith based organization.

Signature of minister/religious leader: _____

Print or type name: _____

Address:

Date: _____