

Lions Clubs Have a New filing Requirement

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new **E-Postcard** and it's **required by the IRS**.
Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your **e-Postcard**.

- **How do you know if your Lions Club has a filing requirement?**

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000* or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). Please note that this is an IRS requirement.

- **When is the e-Postcard due?**

It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15th each year.

- **What information does your club need to provide on the e-Postcard?**

- a legal name and mailing address and any other names used
- a Web address if one exists
- employer identification number (EIN)
- organization's annual tax period
- the name and address of a principal officer and
- A statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000* or less.

- **What happens if you don't file?**

You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law.

- **Why is the IRS calling it an e-Postcard?**

Because it's as simple as sending a postcard and it's electronic.

- **Need more information?**

- Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.
- The IRS intends to increase the Form 990-N (e-postcard) threshold from \$25,000 in gross receipts to \$50,000 in gross receipts, beginning with the 2010 tax year, filed in 2011.

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