

As we all know 501c3 status is an important component in running your youth football and cheer program. 501c3 status allows you to solicit and accept donations that are exempt from federal taxes and is a requirement when applying to States' for your sales tax exemption certificate.

Confirm your 501c3 status using the search service at www.guidestar.org. If your org does not have status, despite having applied, it means your request is pending or was rejected by the IRS, most common reasons for rejection are the EIN provided does not match the name of the applying organization. Also, note that orgs. that fail to file a tax return for 3 consecutive years will have their 501c3 status revoked by the IRS.

Check to see if your 501c3 status is in good standing.