

**MEA VOTA FOUNDATION  
IRS SUBMISSION BINDER 2025**

*(Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption  
under Section 501(c)(3))*

Wichita, Kansas | EIN 98-1884218

Submitted to the Internal Revenue Service, Exempt Organizations  
Division Washington, D.C., United States

**Prepared by:**

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**Nancy Kokshoorn**

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Mea Vota Foundation

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Date of Submission: October 16, 2025

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## COVER LETTER

October 16, 2025

**Internal Revenue Service**

Exempt Organizations Division

Washington, D.C. United States

**Subject:** Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) – Mea Vota Foundation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed please find the completed **Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption for Mea Vota Foundation**, a Kansas-based nonprofit public-benefit corporation incorporated on August 24, 2025.

The Foundation's mission is simple yet vital: **to ensure that no family faces the future alone**. We safeguard family unity and lifelong stability for children and adults with lifelong intensive-care needs — including individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, or acquired brain injury — by integrating family-based housing, legal planning, respite, crisis prevention, and employment participation.

The enclosed submission contains all required documents for initial recognition as a 501(c)(3) public charity:

1. Form 1023 narrative (Parts I–XI)
2. Articles of Incorporation (Kansas SOS #10044675)
3. Bylaws (August 2025)
4. Minutes of the First Board Meeting (October 2025)
5. Governance Certificate of Completion and Index
6. Board Policy Handbook (2025)
7. Board Forms & Templates (optional)
8. Bylaws Addendum 2025 and Governance Compendium
9. Program Appendices – Whitepaper, Health-4 Paper, and CFO Fiscal Sponsorship Summary
10. Certification & Signature Page

This submission reflects full compliance with IRS requirements for charitable organizations organized exclusively for educational, scientific, and humanitarian purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ **Nancy Kokshoorn**  
Founder / Chair / Executive Director  
Mea Vota Foundation

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## Form 1023

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### SECTION I – IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

**Full Legal Name:** Mea Vota Foundation

**Incorporation Date:** August 24 2025

**State of Incorporation:** Kansas

**Entity Type:** Nonprofit Public-Benefit Corporation

**EIN:** 98-1884218

**Principal Address:** 4601 E. Douglas Ave., STE 150, Wichita, KS 67218, USA

**Accounting Year End:** December 31

**Contact Person:** Nancy Kokshoorn  
(Founder / Chair / Executive Director)

**Phone:** +1 918-203-9339

**Email:** nancy@meavotafoundation.com

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### SECTION II – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

**Type of Organization:** Corporation

**Governing Documents Attached:**

- Articles of Incorporation (Aug 24 2025 – Kansas SOS #10044675)
- Bylaws (Aug 2025)
- Minutes of First Board Meeting (Oct 2025)
- Governance Certificate of Completion & Index
- Board Policy Handbook (2025)

**Purpose Clause:**

“Organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.”

**Dissolution Clause:**

“Upon dissolution, all assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3).”

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## SECTION III – REQUIRED PROVISIONS

**A. Purpose Limitation:** Yes – limited to 501(c)(3) purposes.

**B. Asset Dedication:** Yes – permanently dedicated to charitable purposes.

**C. Private Inurement Prohibition:** Yes – expressly prohibited.

**D. Political & Lobbying Restriction:** Yes – no substantial lobbying or campaign activity.

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## SECTION IV – NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

### Mission and Purpose

Mea Vota Foundation exists to ensure that no family faces the future alone.

We support single parents and caregivers raising children or adults with lifelong intensive care needs through a comprehensive model of family-based housing, respite, legal planning, and crisis prevention. Our vision is a society where every person with a disability can live within a supportive community and families retain stability and hope.

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### Programs and Core Activities

#### 1. Health & Respite Program

Coordinates family-centered respite services to reduce parental overload and prevent out-of-home placements.

Includes short-term care, crisis relief, and health coordination with licensed providers.

#### 2. Housing & Stability Program

Develops inclusive, family-integrated housing for individuals with lifelong care needs.

Promotes safe, accessible living environments and assists families in transitioning to sustainable arrangements.

### **3. Legal & Guardianship Planning**

Provides education and support for guardianship, powers of attorney, special needs trusts, and supported decision-making.

Connects families with licensed attorneys and financial specialists.

### **4. Employment & Participation Program**

Creates pathways for employment and training of individuals with disabilities and their family members.

Builds inclusive partnerships with employers and offers on-site training and day programs.

### **5. Crisis Prevention & Continuity Program**

Implements early intervention and crisis plans to prevent family breakdown and state-mandated placements.

Provides practical support during emergencies to maintain family unity.

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## **Community Impact and Public Benefit**

- Prevent forced out-of-home placements.
- Strengthen guardian and family networks.
- Support legal and financial security for lifelong care.
- Promote community inclusion and equality.
- Reduce reliance on crisis or state intervention.

All services are non-discriminatory and provided without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or disability.

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**SECTION V – COMPENSATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**1. Officers, Directors, and Key Employees**

Name	Title	Avg. Hours/Week	Compensation
Nancy Kokshoorn	Founder / Chair / President / Secretary / Treasurer / Executive Director	40	\$0 (volunteer)

All other positions are currently unfilled and will be appointed upon board expansion. All service is voluntary. Any future compensation will be approved by independent directors and documented in compliance with IRS “reasonable compensation” standards.

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**2. Family or Business Relationships**

→ No. There are no family or business relationships between officers, directors, or key employees.

**3. Compensation Policy**

→ No compensation currently provided. Any future pay will be based on market benchmarks and approved through a written resolution.

**4. Conflict-of-Interest Policy**

→ Yes. Included in the Board Policy Handbook (2025), adopted August 24 2025.

**5. Joint Ventures or Related Entities**

→ None.

**6. Shared Facilities or Employees**

→ Yes, limited. Shared use of community spaces or training facilities in cooperative partnerships with other nonprofits.

## **7. Loans or Grants to Insiders**

→ No loans or private benefits will be made to insiders or disqualified persons.

## **8. Fundraising Professionals**

→ No external fundraising contractors. All fundraising handled by staff and volunteers.

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## **SECTION VI – MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. **Members:** None. Mea Vota Foundation is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors.
2. **Director Selection:**  
As provided in the Bylaws (Article VII), directors are elected by the current Board and serve until successors are duly appointed.
3. **Current Directors:**  
Currently, one active director (the Founder). Expansion to 5–11 directors is planned as the organization grows.

### **Founder & Chair:**

Nancy Kokshoorn

4601 E. Douglas Ave., STE 150

Wichita, KS 67218

Email: [nancy@meavotafoundation.com](mailto:nancy@meavotafoundation.com)

4. **Foreign Residency:**  
The Founder temporarily resides in the Netherlands but maintains a registered U.S. address in Wichita, Kansas.
  5. **Disqualified Persons:** None.
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## **SECTION VII – ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

**1. Successor Organization:**

No. Mea Vota Foundation is a new entity.

**2. For-Profit Conversion:**

No. The Foundation has never operated as a for-profit business.

**3. Prior Filings:**

No Forms 990 or 1023 previously filed.

**4. Financial Activity Prior to Filing:**

Only minimal start-up expenses, covered personally by the Founder.

**5. Formation History:**

Incorporated August 24, 2025, in Kansas by Nancy Kokshoorn, based on lived experience as a single parent raising children with intensive lifelong care needs.

**6. Purpose:**

To create sustainable, family-centered support models that prevent crisis, maintain stability, and ensure continuity of care for families and children with lifelong disabilities.

## Form 1023 – Part VIII Specific Activities (Questions 1–18)

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**1. Legislative or Lobbying Activities**

→ No. The Foundation will not attempt to influence legislation or participate in any lobbying activities.

**2. Political Campaigns**

→ No. We do not support or oppose political candidates or parties.

**3. Scholarships or Individual Assistance**

→ Yes – limited family-stability or hardship assistance based on written criteria approved by the Board. All grants are documented and need-based.

**4. Grants to Other Organizations**

→ Yes – to qualified 501(c)(3) public charities or public agencies advancing similar goals (such as housing, respite, and inclusion programs).

**5. Operating a School**

→ No.

**6. Operating a Hospital or Medical Facility**

→ No.

**7. Providing Housing or Housing Assistance**

→ Yes. Mea Vota develops inclusive, family-integrated housing for individuals with lifelong care needs. All housing is charitable: rents are income-based and profits reinvested into community programs.

**8. Low-Income Housing**

→ Yes. Priority is given to low-income and disability households as defined by HUD and state guidelines.

**9. Foreign Activities or Grants Outside the U.S.**

→ Currently none. Future educational exchange or research partnerships may occur with proper IRS and OFAC compliance.

**10. Foreign Financial Accounts**

→ No. All banking is U.S.-based.

**11. Foreign Donations**

→ Possibly small online donations via the website; all will be processed through U.S. accounts and reported in accordance with OFAC and Bank Secrecy Act requirements.

**12. Payments to Foreign Persons or Entities**

→ No.

**13. Related Organizations**

→ None. The Foundation is independent but may collaborate with the Community Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO) for fiscal sponsorship and grant channeling.

**14. Government Affiliations or Contracts**

→ Yes. Cooperative partnerships with state, county, or tribal agencies for family-stability and housing services, consistent with 501(c)(3) purposes.

**15. Gaming or Raffles**

→ No.

**16. Sale of Goods or Services to the Public**

→ Yes – educational materials, training manuals, and publications that further the mission. All revenues are reinvested into programs.

**17. Internet Fundraising or Donations**

→ Yes. A secure donation portal is maintained on [meavotafoundation.com](http://meavotafoundation.com).

**18. Professional Fundraisers or Consultants**

→ No. All fundraising and grant applications are handled internally by the Executive Director and volunteers.

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**Summary Statement**

All activities directly advance the charitable purpose of ensuring lifelong stability for families raising individuals with disabilities. No activity constitutes unrelated business income, private benefit, or political advocacy.

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**FINANCIAL DATA (Part IX)**

*All figures in U.S. dollars (USD)*

Year	Total Revenue (Contributions, Grants, etc.)	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Total Expenses	Net Assets Year-End
2025 (Startup)	\$10 000	\$8 000	\$1 500	\$500	\$10 000	\$0
2026 (Pilot Expansion)	\$80 000	\$64 000	\$12 000	\$4 000	\$80 000	\$0
2027 (Full Program Year)	\$150 000	\$120 000	\$25 000	\$5 000	\$150 000	\$0

**Attachment – Explanation of Financial Assumptions**

*(Supporting Statement for Form 1023 Part IX – Financial Data)*

**Organization:** Mea Vota Foundation

**EIN:** 98-1884218    **Fiscal Year End:** December 31

**Prepared by:** Nancy Thamara Kokshoorn, Founder / Chair / Executive Director

**Overview**

These assumptions outline a realistic three-year growth path for a new public charity developing inclusive, family-based housing and lifelong-care programs in Kansas and Oklahoma.

**Revenue Assumptions**

Source	Basis of Estimate	2025	2026	2027
Public Contributions	Local and online donations, small fundraisers	\$5 000	\$40 000	\$75 000
Private Grants & Foundations	Community Foundation of Oklahoma and regional trusts	\$3 000	\$30 000	\$60 000
Government Partnerships / Contracts	Cost-sharing for housing & family stability	\$0	\$8 000	\$10 000
Program Materials / Publications	Nominal manual & training sales	\$2 000	\$2 000	\$5 000
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$10 000</b>	<b>\$80 000</b>	<b>\$150 000</b>

**Expense Assumptions**

Category	Description	% of Total	2025	2026	2027
Program Services	Direct support, housing coordination, training, crisis planning	80 %	\$8 000	\$64 000	\$120 000
Management & General	Bookkeeping, insurance, compliance	15 %	\$1 500	\$12 000	\$25 000
Fundraising & Outreach	Web hosting, campaign materials	5 %	\$500	\$4 000	\$5 000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>100 %</b>	<b>\$10 000</b>	<b>\$80 000</b>	<b>\$150 000</b>

## Supporting Explanation

- **2025 – Startup:** Volunteer phase; no salaries; founder covers early costs.
- **2026 – Pilot:** Launch first inclusive housing model with local partners; begin grant funding.
- **2027 – Full Operation:** Serve  $\approx$  100 families annually; hire part-time coordinators under IRS reasonable compensation rules.

## Financial Controls & Governance

- Dual signatures for transactions once Board is seated (11 Nov 2025).
- GAAP accounting; Form 990 filed annually.
- No loans to insiders; all funds restricted to charitable use.

## Conclusion

These projections show a credible, transparent foundation for Mea Vota's mission.



**Signed:**  *Nancy Thamara Kokshoorn*

Founder / Chair / Executive Director    Wichita, Kansas | October 2025

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## **PUBLIC CHARITY STATUS (Part X)**

### **Publicly Supported Organization – § 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

Mea Vota Foundation qualifies as a public charity because  $>\frac{1}{3}$  of support comes from the public and  $<\frac{1}{3}$  from investment income.

### **Anticipated Support Mix**

- 60 % Public Donations
- 25 % Private Grants
- 10 % Government Contracts
- 5 % Mission-related Sales

### **Compliance**

Annual Form 990 filings, transparent records, and public-support tests maintained each year.

### **Summary**

These financial plans demonstrate stability, ethical spending, and broad community benefit fully aligned with IRS requirements for a 501(c)(3) public charity.

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### **User Fee Information**

- Standard Fee: \$600 USD
- Payment Method: Pay.gov → electronic ACH or credit/debit card
- IRS Form: 1023 (Application for Recognition of Exemption)

## **Certification Statement**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am authorized to sign this application and that I have examined it, and to the best of my knowledge, it is true, correct, and complete.

**Signature of Officer:**

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 **Nancy Thamara Kokshoorn**

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