

Part I – Identification of Applicant

Line 10

Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If “Yes,” explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

The Forever Bloom Alumni Association is an organization that normally has gross receipts of \$25,000 or less. It must submit Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations, and is therefore not required to file form 990 or 990-EZ.

Part IV – Narrative Description of Your Activities

Using an attachment, describe your *past, present, and planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

Forever Bloom Alumni Association Winter Dinner

The first major event the Forever Bloom Alumni Association (FBAA) would host for its members was its first Winter Dinner in January 2007. The purpose of the dinner was to bring together middle school, high school, and college age students for an evening of social interaction and networking. The dinner served as the beginning of a foundation on which future FBAA events focusing on the betterment of our local youth would be built upon. The event was also the first of three Winter Dinners (January 2007, and January 2008, and January 2009) that FBAA now organizes annually in Miami, Florida. In addition to promoting the organization among youths of various ages, the dinner now serves as the association's main membership drive and principle fundraiser for supporting FBAA events throughout the remainder of the year. Like the majority of events the association organizes throughout the year, this event is funded solely by FBAA membership dues. About 20% of FBAA's total time for the fiscal year is allocated to this activity.

Hands On Miami Day

The first collaborative event in which FBAA members participated was in a citywide community service project organized by Hands on Miami (HOM), a local non-profit with close ties to the United Way of Miami, Florida. Hands On Miami Day 2006 gave FBAA the opportunity to assist HOM in bringing together middle and college age students for the purpose of painting murals and boardwalks, performing beach clean ups, and other forms of community service. Hands On Miami Day has also become an annual event for FBAA and includes an even greater variety of activities designed to promote interaction and mentorship among youths of various ages, while enhancing the quality of life in the local community.

FBAA does not provide any funding for this event; instead FBAA members themselves agree to provide the donation to HOM in order to participate in the event. About 10% of FBAA's total time for the fiscal year is allocated to this activity.

Great Debate Competition

Every May beginning in 2006 FBAA and the Future Leaders and Educators of America (FLEA) collaborate annually and together host the Paul W. Bell Middle School Great Debate Competition. Paul W. Bell Middle School is a Title I school located in an area of Miami, Florida with a large percentage of recent immigrants whose children attend that school. FLEA is a school club many of whose members later join FBAA once they graduation middle and high school. This event is in part a speech competition between middle school students, fundraiser for the FLEA club, and membership drive for FBAA thanks to returning alumni who come to see the competition. In addition to new members, the Great Debate gives FBAA the opportunity to recruit mentors and mentorees, as well as, promote the organization through model speaking on the part of its officers. The Great Debate has served as an effective event for FBAA to show its support for high achieving middle school students attending a school located in an under-privileged community. This activity is funded by the FLEA. About 10% of FBAA's total time for the fiscal year is allocated to this activity.

Hispanic Heritage Month Potluck Dinner

In October 2008 the Forever Bloom Alumni Association worked to assist the Asociación Pro-Ayuda a la Niñez Nicaragüense (APAN) in gathering educational supplies for disadvantage children living Diriamba, Nicaragua. APAN is dedicated towards helping local children deal with many societal problems now plaguing many Nicaraguan towns. Problems range from dropping out of school, teen drug abuse, early pregnancy, and gang violence. The organization provides social education and vocational training for many of these teens in an environment that is safe and respectful of young people.

For Hispanic Heritage Month FBAA supported APAN by assembling care package of school supplies for children who are part of the charity-based program. In October of 2008 FBAA members organized a potluck dinner, "School Supply Drive", by bringing their favorite Latin dishes along with donations of school, art, and office supplies at a home of one of its members living in Miami, Florida. The event served as a means for members establish greater trust and camaraderie between them so that furthering the association's objectives networking and collaboration between youths could be more easily achieved. About 21% of FBAA's total time for the fiscal year is allocated to this activity.

FBAA ADVENTravel

Since 2008 Forever Bloom Alumni Association has worked on placing educational travel alongside its core objectives of providing service to the community and social development of young people. In striving towards these objectives the association is launching **FBAA Adventravel** a new program aimed at providing members with opportunities to participate in affordable, safe, and unconventional group travel throughout the U.S. and the world.

Adventravel (Adventure Travel) can be characterized as a vacation trip that feature unconventional means of transportation, accommodation, and leisure. More specifically, to get around Adventravelers would make more use of trains, buses, and ferries, as opposed to planes and cabs. Instead of hotels, an Adventraveler would make use of hostels, campgrounds, host families, or any place that is safe and can accommodate a sleeping bag. Instead of spending all leisure time wandering around tourist sights, Adventravel seeks to provide greater contact with local people through volunteerism, teaching, and mutual cooperation.

For this program the association will take on the role of travel agent, trip organizer, fundraiser, trip advisor and travel guide. FBAA Adventravel is simply an effort to offer educational and cultural experiences designed for high school and college age students seeking life fulfillment through travel. Our first destination under this program will be to San Francisco, California set from March 30th to April 6th of 2010. While on the trip association members will guide other members on museum and historical tours throughout the city. There will also be a day of community service when trip participants will help a local San Francisco non-profit with a social related project.

Funding for this project will come from partly membership dues, private donations, and fundraising events scheduled for October 2009 through March 2010 throughout Miami, Florida. About 40% of FBAA's total time for the fiscal year is allocated to this activity.

Part V**Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors****Line 1a (Continued)**

List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation
Anthony Reid	Director	6927 SW 115 Place, Unit: A Miami, Florida 33173	none

Part V**Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors** *(Continued)***Line 5a**

Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If “Yes,” provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If “No,” answer lines 5b and 5c.

Forever Bloom Alumni Association (FBAA) Conflict of Interest Policy**Article I: Purpose and Adoption**

The conflict of interest policy is to protect this FBAA’s interest and tax-exempt status in the event the association is entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a general member, officer, or director of the association. This policy shall be adopted by unanimous board resolution and reviewed annually at the start of the committee’s term of office. It is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable associations.

Article II: Definitions**1. Interested Person**

Any director, principal officer, or Leadership Committee member with governing powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Association has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Association or with any entity or individual with which the Association has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Association is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III: Procedures**1. Duty to Disclose**

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, a committee member or any other interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement. Committee members should disclose conflict of interest to the director unless the director is the subject of the conflict of interest. If that is the case then conflict of interest is to be reported to the association president and remaining Leadership Committee members.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he or she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may explain to the governing board or committee meeting, then afterwards leave the meeting while the committee discusses then votes on the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Association can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take a vote for dismissal of said member off the committee.

Article IV: Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion.

Article VI: Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall at the beginning of his or her tenure on the committee sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Association is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities, which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII: Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Association operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and competitive bargaining.
- b. Whether arrangements with management associations conform to the Association’s written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII: Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Association may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
President:	_____	_____
Vice President:	_____	_____
Secretary:	_____	_____
Treasurer:	_____	_____
Art Director:	_____	_____
Director:	_____	_____

Part VI - Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

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In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.

FBAA T-Shirts

Beginning in January 2010 FBAA will have available for its members and the general public its very own t-shirts displaying the association's name, slogan, and logo. Depending on the occasion shirts will be both complimentary and sold for purposes of FBAA fundraising and promotions.

FBAA Mentoring Program

FBAA is working to expand a peer program that places great emphasis on striving towards high academic achievement, career advancement, and upward social mobility. Because so many of our members tend to have success in these areas, the FBAA Mentoring Program would provide an opportunity for them to help others, particularly middle school aged students from disadvantaged social-economic backgrounds. As a part of this program, FBAA will continue to assist institutions like Paul W. Bell Middle school by supporting academic programs and competitions like the school's annual Great Debate. During past competitions FBAA members have served as mentors, coaches, moderators, and motivational speakers.

1b

In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations.

School Supply Drive for Needy Families in Miami

At the end of every fall FBAA will begin an annual drive to raise school supplies for students who come from financially disadvantaged families. The drive will be centered around a social event where FBAA members interested in participating can bring along school supplies, which FBAA will later donate to Publix Supermarkets, Inc. who is responsible for distributing them throughout the local community.

School Supply Drive for Needy Families in Nicaragua

In collaboration with the Florida International University Nicaraguan Student Association (NiSA) FBAA has organized a drive to raise school supplies for students who come from financially disadvantaged families. The drive was centered around a social event where FBAA members interested in participating can bring along school supplies, which FBAA will later donate to NiSA who was responsible for transporting and distributing them in Nicaragua.

Medical Supply Drive

At the conclusion of the last hurricane season FBAA will raised medical supplies for citizens of the Dominican Republic hit hard by storm related natural disasters. The drive centered around social events where FBAA members interested in participating could bring along medical supplies that they later donated to a student organization at Tufts University and the Timmy Foundation, who were both responsible for distributing them to the targeted country. The Timmy Foundation is an organization based out of Indianapolis, Indiana that works internationally to provide resources of all types to underprivileged and impoverished populations. It has a large network of college chapters throughout the country that organize and lead relief trips to various countries including Ecuador, Jamaica, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

Hands On Miami Day

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Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program.

The following program is only available to FBAA Full Members (members who have completed an FBAA Enrollment Form and have paid the annual membership dues). Members are not required to come from any specific organization or school. Aside from having FBAA full membership there are no limitations on how participants for the program below are selected.

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Part VIII - Your Specific Activities

4a

Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If “Yes,” check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.)

On the homepage of the Forever Bloom Alumni Association website every visitor has the option to give a donation to the organization via an online PayPal account. The option to donate online remains on the FBAA website year-round and is not associated with any specific event or program. The revenue from the online donations is to be added to the organization’s general funds in order to help cover operating costs and other business related expenses.

4b

Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If “Yes,” describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements.

Yes. The Forever Bloom Alumni Association will recruit its members to voluntarily conduct fundraising for the organization. The time period in which such activities will begin is after January 1, 2010. These activities will include:

- soliciting sponsorships for association in order to produce t-shirts, office supplies and other items or services to be sold or provided free of charge.
- soliciting donations for the organization in order to raise funds for upcoming projects, programs, or trips—more specifically, the upcoming trip and community service project to San Francisco, California.
- soliciting donations for the purpose of providing financial support for an individual member or group of members who have fallen desperate and are in need of such assistance.

4d

List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

State: Florida – Fundraise for own organization.

County: Miami-Dade – Fundraise for own organization.

9b

Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.

Oral financial arrangements that have been made within the organization deals with reimbursing officers for expenses paid by them when carrying out organization projects and responsibilities. Each officer is to be reimbursed by the organization during the first board meeting following the event for which payments were made to carry out.

9c

Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.

These arrangements are between all members of the organization's governing board or FBAA Leadership Committee (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, art director, and association director).

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Do you have a **close connection** with any organizations? If "Yes," explain.

The Forever Bloom Alumni Association is officially recognized by the Council of Student Organizations at Florida International University. Many of FBAA's members are students of the university and plan to conduct FBAA related business, fundraising, and social events on the university campus.

Part IX - Financial Data

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

9a. Itemized List of Gross Receipts	
Tickets sold for Summer Picnic Splash 2009	\$153.85
23a. Itemized List of Gross Receipts	
Corporate Annual Report Fee	\$61.25
Membership PayPal Fees	\$22.38
Mailing Fees.....	\$32.00
FBAA Website Domain Name	\$21.78
FBAA Website Hosting	\$17.98
Total	\$155.39
23b. Itemized List of Gross Receipts	
Corporate Annual Report Fee	\$61.25
23c. Itemized List of Gross Receipts	
Corporate Annual Report Fee	\$61.25

Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation**5**

If you answered "No" to lines 1 through 4, we cannot recognize you as tax exempt from your date of formation unless you qualify for an extension of time to apply for exemption. Do you wish to request an extension of time to apply to be recognized as exempt from the date you were formed? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining why you did not file this application within the 27-month period.

Statement explaining why FBAA did not file this application within the 27-month period.

The original reason for the formation of the Forever Bloom Alumni Association was to provide social events for former students who attended a specific public middle school in south Florida. Because the organizing these events would require financial contributions from the alumni involved, the FBAA organizers made arrangements to open a bank account in order to manage event related funds. Opening a bank account was the only reason for the formation of FBAA as a non-profit corporation. The original organizers for the association did not possess the foresight to know that FBAA would eventually develop into an organization that would commit itself to the degree of public service as it does presently. They could not image that FBAA would help organize trips for its members across the country, or raise funds for completing local improvement projects, or help start up programs for helping youth reach academic and career goals. The organizers at the moment, however, understands that FBAA has finally reached a point where its continued effectiveness as a viable a non-profit corporation depends on improved utilization of association funds, thus making the realization of tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of vital importance.