

## Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)

If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully. **A User Fee must be attached to this application.**  
 If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to the organization.

**Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 6 of the instructions.**

**Part I. Identification of Applicant** (Must be completed by all applicants; also complete appropriate schedule.)  
 Submit only the schedule that applies to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.

Check the appropriate box below to indicate the section under which the organization is applying:

- a  Section 501(c)(2)—Title holding corporations (Schedule A, page 7)
- b  Section 501(c)(4)—Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including certain war veterans' organizations), or local associations of employees (Schedule B, page 8)
- c  Section 501(c)(5)—Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations (Schedule C, page 9)
- d  Section 501(c)(6)—Business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc. (Schedule C, page 9)
- e  Section 501(c)(7)—Social clubs (Schedule D, page 11)
- f  Section 501(c)(8)—Fraternal beneficiary societies, etc., providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits to members (Schedule E, page 13)
- g  Section 501(c)(9)—Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations (Parts I through IV and Schedule F, page 14)
- h  Section 501(c)(10)—Domestic fraternal societies, orders, etc., not providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits (Schedule E, page 13)
- i  Section 501(c)(12)—Benevolent life insurance associations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies, mutual or cooperative telephone companies, or like organizations (Schedule G, page 15)
- j  Section 501(c)(13)—Cemeteries, crematoria, and like corporations (Schedule H, page 16)
- k  Section 501(c)(15)—Mutual insurance companies or associations, other than life or marine (Schedule I, page 17)
- l  Section 501(c)(17)—Trusts providing for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits (Parts I through IV and Schedule J, page 18)
- m  Section 501(c)(19)—A post, organization, auxiliary unit, etc., of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States (Schedule K, page 19)
- n  Section 501(c)(25)—Title holding corporations or trusts (Schedule A, page 7)

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) <i>Midwest Burners</i>		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (if none, see Specific Instructions on page 2) <i>06 : 1737947</i>
1b c/o Name (if applicable) <i>Zay Thompson</i>		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed <i>Zay Thompson, Chairperson  (785) 383-7418</i>
1c Address (number and street) <i>1124 Woodward Ave.</i>	Room/Suite	
1d City, town or post office, state, and ZIP + 4 If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 2. <i>Topeka, KS</i>		
1e Web site address <i>www.midwestburners.com</i>	4 Month the annual accounting period ends <i>August, 30th</i>	5 Date incorporated or formed <i>January 10, 2005</i>
6 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? If "Yes," attach an explanation. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span>		
7 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? . . . . . <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		

**8 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING.**

- a  Corporation— Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also attach a copy of the bylaws.
- b  Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c  Association— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence that the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person. Also include a copy of the bylaws.

If this is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here . . . . .

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization, and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

PLEASE SIGN HERE

(Signature)

*Zay Thompson*  
 (Type or print name and title or authority of signer)

*4/7/06*  
 (Date)

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information (Must be completed by all applicants)**

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- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

*See attached sheet*

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- 2 List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.

*See attached sheet*

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (continued)

3 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	b Annual compensation
F. Zay Thompson, Chairperson 1124 Woodward, Topeka, KS 66604	\$0.00

4 If the organization is the outgrowth or continuation of any form of predecessor, state the name of each predecessor, the period during which it was in existence, and the reasons for its termination. Submit copies of all papers by which any transfer of assets was effected.

*See attached sheet*

5 If the applicant organization is now, or plans to be, connected in any way with any other organization, describe the other organization and explain the relationship (e.g., financial support on a continuing basis; shared facilities or employees; same officers, directors, or trustees).

*See attached*

6 If the organization has capital stock issued and outstanding, state: (1) class or classes of the stock; (2) number and par value of the shares; (3) consideration for which they were issued; and (4) if any dividends have been paid or whether your organization's creating instrument authorizes dividend payments on any class of capital stock.

*N/A*

7 State the qualifications necessary for membership in the organization; the classes of membership (with the number of members in each class); and the voting rights and privileges received. If any group or class of persons is required to join, describe the requirement and explain the relationship between those members and members who join voluntarily. Submit copies of any membership solicitation material. Attach sample copies of all types of membership certificates issued.

*See attached*

8 Explain how your organization's assets will be distributed on dissolution.

*See attached*

Part II. Activities and Operational Information (continued)

9 Has the organization made or does it plan to make any distribution of its property or surplus funds to shareholders or members? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," state the full details, including: (1) amounts or value; (2) source of funds or property distributed or to be distributed; and (3) basis of, and authority for, distribution or planned distribution.

10 Does, or will, any part of your organization's receipts represent payments for services performed or to be performed? .  Yes  No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount received and the character of the services performed or to be performed.

11 Has the organization made, or does it plan to make, any payments to members or shareholders for services performed or to be performed? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount paid, the character of the services, and to whom the payments have been, or will be, made.

12 Does the organization have any arrangement to provide insurance for members, their dependents, or others (including provisions for the payment of sick or death benefits, pensions, or annuities)? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," describe and explain the arrangement's eligibility rules and attach a sample copy of each plan document and each type of policy issued.

13 Is the organization under the supervisory jurisdiction of any public regulatory body, such as a social welfare agency, etc.? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," submit copies of all administrative opinions or court decisions regarding this supervision, as well as copies of applications or requests for the opinions or decisions.

14 Does the organization now lease or does it plan to lease any property? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," explain in detail. Include the amount of rent, a description of the property, and any relationship between the applicant organization and the other party. Also, attach a copy of any rental or lease agreement. (If the organization is a party, as a lessor, to multiple leases of rental real property under similar lease agreements, please attach a single representative copy of the leases.) See attached

15 Has the organization spent or does it plan to spend any money attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any person to any Federal, state, or local public office or to an office in a political organization? . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," explain in detail and list the amounts spent or to be spent in each case.

16 Does the organization publish pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, journals, or similar printed material? . . . . .  Yes  No
If "Yes," attach a recent copy of each.

**Part III. Financial Data (Must be completed by all applicants)**

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

**A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

*See Sheet with FY06 Revenue balance sheet Info*

	(a) Current Tax Year	3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years			(e) Total
	From _____ To _____	(b) .....	(c) .....	(d) .....	
1 Gross dues and assessments of members . . . . .					
2 Gross contributions, gifts, etc. . . . .					
3 Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.)					
4 Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule)					
5 Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) . . . . .					
6 Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions)					
7 Other revenue (attach schedule). . . . .					
8 Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) . . . . .					
<b>Expenses</b>					
9 Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes. . . . .					
10 Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities					
11 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule). . . . .					
12 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule)					
13 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)					
14 Other salaries and wages. . . . .					
15 Interest . . . . .					
16 Occupancy . . . . .					
17 Depreciation and depletion . . . . .					
18 Other expenses (attach schedule) . . . . .					
19 Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) . . . . .					
20 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) . . . . .					

**B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)**

		Current Tax Year as of <i>F.Y. 04</i>
<b>Assets</b>		
1	Cash . . . . .	<i>55</i>
2	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<i>0</i>
3	Inventories . . . . .	<i>0</i>
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
5	Corporate stocks (attach schedule). . . . .	<i>0</i>
6	Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
7	Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)	<i>0</i>
9	Land . . . . .	<i>0</i>
10	Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
11	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	<i>55</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
12	Accounts payable . . . . .	<i>0</i>
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .	<i>0</i>
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
15	Other liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .	<i>0</i>
16	<b>Total liabilities</b> . . . . .	<i>0</i>
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
17	Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .	<i>55</i>
18	<b>Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets</b> (add line 16 and line 17) . . . . .	<i>55</i>

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation.

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**A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

*See sheet with FY06 balance sheet info*

	(a) Current Tax Year	3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years			(e) Total
	From _____ To _____	(b) _____	(c) _____	(d) _____	
<b>Revenue</b>					
1 Gross dues and assessments of members . . . . .					
2 Gross contributions, gifts, etc. . . . .					
3 Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.)					
4 Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule)					
5 Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) . . . . .					
6 Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions)					
7 Other revenue (attach schedule) . . . . .					
8 Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) . . . . .					
<b>Expenses</b>					
9 Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes. . . . .					
10 Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities					
11 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule). . . . .					
12 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule)					
13 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)					
14 Other salaries and wages. . . . .					
15 Interest . . . . .					
16 Occupancy . . . . .					
17 Depreciation and depletion . . . . .					
18 Other expenses (attach schedule) . . . . .					
19 Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) . . . . .					
20 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) . . . . .					

**B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)**

		Current Tax Year as of <u>FY05</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
1	Cash . . . . .	<u>170.32</u>
2	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<u>0</u>
3	Inventories . . . . .	<u>0</u>
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>0</u>
5	Corporate stocks (attach schedule). . . . .	<u>0</u>
6	Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>0</u>
7	Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>0</u>
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)	<u>0</u>
9	Land . . . . .	<u>0</u>
10	Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>0</u>
11	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	<u>170.32</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
12	Accounts payable . . . . .	<u>0</u>
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .	<u>0</u>
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>202.84</u>
15	Other liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .	<u>0</u>
16	<b>Total liabilities</b> . . . . .	<u>202.84</u>
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
17	<b>Total fund balances or net assets</b> . . . . .	<u>-32.52</u>
18	<b>Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets</b> (add line 16 and line 17)	<u>170.32</u>

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation.

**Part III. Financial Data (Must be completed by all applicants)**

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

**A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

Revenue	(a) Current Tax Year	3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years			(e) Total
	From To	(b) FY 05	(c) FY 04	(d) -----	
1 Gross dues and assessments of members . . . . .	9/1/05 3/31/06	0	0	0	0
2 Gross contributions, gifts, etc. . . . .		476.38	0	0	476.38
3 Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.)		2430.00	5745	2845	11020.00
4 Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule)		0	0	0	0
5 Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	0	0	0
6 Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions)		0.26	4.59	0	4.85
7 Other revenue (attach schedule).		0.18	0.58	0	0.76
8 Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) . . . . .		2906.82	5750.17	2845	11501.99
<b>Expenses</b>					
9 Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes. . . . .		316.81	5767.74	2790	8874.55
10 Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities		0			
11 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule). . . . .		0	55	0	55
12 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule)		0	0	0	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)		0	0	0	
14 Other salaries and wages. . . . .		0	0	0	
15 Interest . . . . .		0	0	0	
16 Occupancy . . . . .		0	0	0	
17 Depreciation and depletion . . . . .		0	0	0	
18 Other expenses (attach schedule)		18.08	14.95	0	33.03
19 Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18)		334.89	5837.69	2790	8962.58
20 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) . . . . .		2571.93	-87.52	55	2539.41

**B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)**

		Current Tax Year as of
<b>Assets</b>		FY 06
1 Cash . . . . .		1 2571.93
2 Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		2 0
3 Inventories . . . . .		3 0
4 Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule)		4 0
5 Corporate stocks (attach schedule).		5 0
6 Mortgage loans (attach schedule)		6 0
7 Other investments (attach schedule)		7 0
8 Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)		8 0
9 Land . . . . .		9 0
10 Other assets (attach schedule)		10 0
11 Total assets . . . . .		11 2571.93
<b>Liabilities</b>		
12 Accounts payable . . . . .		12 0
13 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .		13 0
14 Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule)		14 440.49
15 Other liabilities (attach schedule)		15 0
16 Total liabilities . . . . .		16 440.49
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
17 Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .		17 2131.42
18 Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets (add line 16 and line 17)		18 2571.93

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation.

**Schedule D Organizations described in section 501(c)(7) (Social clubs)**

1 Has the organization entered or does it plan to enter into any contract or agreement for the management or operation of its property and/or activities, such as restaurants, pro shops, lodges, etc.?  Yes  No

If "Yes," attach a copy of the contract or agreement. If one has not yet been drawn up, please explain the organization's plans.

2 Does the organization seek or plan to seek public patronage of its facilities or activities by advertisement or otherwise?  Yes  No

If "Yes," attach sample copies of the advertisements or other requests.

If the organization plans to seek public patronage, please explain the plans.

3a Are nonmembers, other than guests of members, permitted or will they be permitted to use the club facilities or participate in or attend any functions or activities conducted by the organization?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe the functions or activities in which there has been or will be nonmember participation or admittance.

(Submit a copy of the house rules, if any.)

b State the amount of nonmember income included in Part III of the application, lines 3 and 4, column (a) . . . . .	_____
c Enter the percent of gross receipts from nonmembers for the use of club facilities . . . . .	_____ %
d Enter the percent of gross receipts received from investment income and nonmember use of the club's facilities . . . . .	_____ %

4a Does the organization's charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or any written policy statement of the organization contain any provision that provides for discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, or religion?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," state whether or not its provision will be kept.

c If the organization has such a provision that will be repealed, deleted, or otherwise stricken from its requirements, state when this will be done. \_\_\_\_\_

d If the organization formerly had such a requirement and it no longer applies, give the date it ceased to apply . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

e If the organization restricts its membership to members of a particular religion, check here and attach the explanation specified in the instructions

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## **Part II. Activities and Operational Information**

**1.** *Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past present and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.*

The purpose of Midwest Burners is to gather to camp, socialize, experiment with the concept of community, and create art in all of its forms. The Association strives to fulfill this purpose in the following three ways.

### 1. Association-Organized Gatherings

The Association organizes two official gatherings for members and their guests every year. Both events occur at the Ozark Avalon campground in Boonville, Missouri. The Association spends about seventy-five percent of its time and resources on these two events since they most directly fulfill our purpose.

HullabalU is our Fall camp-out and traditionally occurs in early October. The Association does not charge admission to HullabalU and plans to continue this practice. Members pay camp fees directly to Ozark Avalon. The Association is not involved in and does not financially benefit from this transaction.

InterFuse is our Spring gathering or “Regional Burn.” This event traditionally occurs in May. InterFuse is currently a three day camping event but we plan to add one or two more days several years in the future. The Association does sell tickets to InterFuse through the Association website and by mail-order. Only members may purchase tickets. Members are permitted to bring up to 7 guests.

The Association pays Ozark Avalon a group camping fee for InterFuse. The fee is based on InterFuse attendance. Other InterFuse expenses are porta-pottie rentals, insurances, ticket printing, processing, and shipping costs, gate materials, and main art-project lumber.

Both HullabalU and InterFuse are entirely organized and staffed by un-paid volunteers recruited from our membership. The volunteers work under the direction of the Association Chairperson, who is also an un-paid volunteer.

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (continued)

*Question 1 continued.*

At both official events, the Association provides event planning and infrastructure eg. sets the date, notifies members, arranges for porta-potties, provides chaperons/medical staff, and trash clean up. The Association operates a gate at both events, where members and their guests must sign-in.

Vending and advertising are forbidden at these events. Members spontaneously provide the entertainment, art, and activities, without reimbursement from the Association. The Association does provide and organize a main art project and ceremony at InterFuse.

2. Support Member-Organized Gatherings

This Association supports and encourages members' efforts to gather outside of our two official events. These unofficial events deepen and enrich the social ties in our Association. The Association offers its web page events section to any member organizing an event with the purpose of socializing and/or artistic collaboration with other members ie. house parties, outings, camping trips, art walks, craft nights, etc. Members organizing events primarily for the general public may not use our web site for promotion, even if he or she wants other members to attend. The Association spends approximately fifteen percent of its time and resources in this activity.

3. Support Members' Efforts To Attend Burning Man And Other Burning Man-Culture Events

This Association was inspired by the culture of the Burning Man art festival. We share the same community values as this festival. Many of our members attend this festival and other events inspired by it. The Association gains new members from the pool of participants in this festival and the events inspired by it. Association members tend to camp together and meet with each other at these events. Their participation in these events fills them with new ideas and closer connections with each other, thus enriching the life and activities of the Association.

The Association recognizes the immense inspirational value of these events and strives to support members' efforts to participate in these events. The Association devotes approximately ten percent of its time and resources to this activity. The Association maintains a section of the official website for information on traveling to the Burning Man festival. This section also contains information about the locations of member campsites and member gatherings at the festival.

This activity is purely a service to our members, who will attend these other events anyway. The Association does not advertise for the Burning Man festival or receive any compensation for this

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (continued)

*Question 1 continued.*

section. The Association does not sell tickets to the Burning Man festival or any other non-Association event. Members are not required to attend the Burning Man festival or any of the other events inspired by it.

**2.** *List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.*

InterFuse ticket sales are the main source of revenue for Midwest Burners. InterFuse is also the main source of expense for Midwest Burners, so most or all of the revenue is spent on this event.

Member donations are another source of funding. Donations usually occur when there is a specific expense for which the Association lacks funds.

Members will also sometimes loan the Association money to continue operations. These loans do not incur interest. The loans are to be paid back when the Association's income can cover the debt.

A minuscule amount of income comes from interest and Pay Pal's verification of the Association's bank account.

The Association has no plans for any additional sources of funds in the future.

**4.** *If the organization was an outgrowth or a continuation of any form of predecessor, state the name of each predecessor, the period during which it was in existence, and the reasons for its termination. Submit copies of all papers by which any transfer of assets was effected.*

Our Association began as an informal group of friends in September 2003, when we held our first gathering, HullabalU. We called our group, Midwest Burners. We organized our first Spring gathering, InterFuse, in 2004 as this informal group. By Fall of 2004, we recognized the need to adopt a more formal structure. We adopted our Articles of Association in January 2005 and

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*Question 4 continued*

named our Association, Midwest Burners. The Association opened bank accounts only after we became an Association, so all existing group funds were deposited into Association accounts.

**5.** *If the applicant organization is now or plans to be connected in any way with any other organization, describe the other organization and explain the relationship (eg. financial support on a continuing basis; shared facilities or employees; same officers, directors or trustees)*

As was already stated, this Association is inspired by the culture surrounding the Burning Man festival and shares its principles. The Burning Man festival is organized by Black Rock City LLC d.b.a. Burning Man. Midwest Burners and Black Rock City LLC operate financially and structurally independent of each other. As a courtesy, Black Rock City LLC does let this Association post announcements in its free community newsletter, the Jack Rabbit Speaks. These announcements tend to attract new members to this Association.

Also, the Midwest Burners Association Chairperson, Zay Thompson, serves as the official Burning Man Regional Contact for Kansas and Kansas City. This position is an unpaid volunteer position with Black Rock City LLC. Black Rock City LLC does give Zay a free ticket (value approximately \$250) to the Burning Man festival each year as a token of appreciation for his volunteer work. The Regional Contact serves as a conduit of information between Black Rock City LLC and the local community in the Kansas/Kansas City area. Black Rock City LLC does not control Zay's decisions as Midwest Burners Chairperson. Zay became the Midwest Burners Chairperson before he became a Regional Contact for Black Rock City LLC. Black Rock City LLC provides some information about the Midwest Burners Association on its official website.

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7. *State the qualifications necessary for membership in the organization; the classes of membership; and the voting rights and privileges received. If any group or class of persons is required to join, describe the requirement and explain the relationship between those members and members who join voluntarily. Submit copies of any membership solicitation material. Attach sample copies of all types of membership certificates issued.*

There are three qualifications for membership in Midwest Burners

1. Be 18 or older
2. Agree with the Articles of Association and promise to abide by them
3. Attend at least one official event a year

No class of persons is required to join. Members' spouses are automatically members. Members may bring up to 7 guests to official Association organized gatherings. There are no voting rights. Decisions are made by general consensus, which the Chairperson confirms.

Attached:

Official membership confirmation

8. *Explain how your organization's assets will be distributed upon dissolution.*

Upon dissolution, this Association's assets will be liquidated. After all debts are paid, the remaining money will be donated to a 501 non-profit organization or a governmental organization.

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**14.** *Does the organization now lease or does it plan to lease any property?*

The closest Midwest Burners comes to leasing property is in paying the group campground fee to Ozark Avalon for InterFuse, our Spring gathering. Ozark Avalon is a non-profit corporation and Church of Nature that administers an 150-acre campground outside of Boonville Missouri. Ozark Avalon's FEIN is: 43-1839058 Ozark Avalon's standard rate is \$5.00 per person per night. Because InterFuse lasts two nights at Ozark Avalon, Midwest Burners pays a campground fee of \$10 per InterFuse ticket sold. The entire campground is used for InterFuse during these three days and two nights. There is no contract or written agreement between the parties. Ozark Avalon staff are present during the festival to maintain the campgrounds. Some Ozark Avalon members have become Midwest Burners members over the years and participate in InterFuse and HullabalU.

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Attachment: Photocopy of Midwest Burners' Original Signed And Dated  
Articles of Association

# Articles of Association of Midwest Burners

1. The name of the Association shall be Midwest Burners.
2. The address of the Midwest Burners' office is the address of the Association Chairperson.
3. Midwest Burners is an unincorporated Association organized exclusively for social and recreational purposes in accordance with section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purposes of the Midwest Burners Association is to gather to camp, socialize, experiment with the concept of community, and/or create art in all of its forms. We want to extend the creative and communal spirit of the Burning Man Festival, into the Midwestern United States. We hope to unite people, especially in the Midwestern United States, who are interested in Burner culture.

This Association values and strives to achieve the following:

## Radical Inclusion

Anyone who desires to pursue this Association's values and purposes is welcome to participate. A person does not have to know a member of this Association or be from the Midwestern United States in order to join this Association. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual preference, race, or religion.

## Leave No Trace.

We want to leave the environment, where we gather, in the same or better condition than when we arrived.

## Radical Self-expression

We believe in the freedom of each individual to express him or herself as that person sees fit. Self-expression is the essence of art. Self-expression is a gift to the community and is a part of our gift culture. The giver should keep this social context in mind and respect the rights and liberties of the recipients.

## Personal Responsibility and Self Sufficiency

Personal freedom and happiness starts with the individual. We are committed to a Do-It-Yourself mind-set. The individual is primarily responsible for creating and maintaining his or her own reality.

## Participation

Individual and communal happiness are achieved through personal participation. Our community is only as great and enjoyable as each person makes it. Participation is the Do-It-Yourself mindset applied to the social realm. Everyone is welcome to work and play.

#### Communal Effort

We constantly work to improve and enrich our interaction with each other. We build and maintain an environment of creative cooperation and collaboration.

#### Gift Culture

We reject any form of commerce during our events. We focus instead on gift giving, which does not require a gift in return.

#### Decommodification

We are participants rather than consumers. Thus, we bar commercial sponsorships, transactions, and advertising from our social gatherings.

#### Civic Responsibility

While we value individual freedom, we realize that it exists within the context of society. Each member is responsible for the impact of his or her actions on the Association and society in general. We strive to avoid harming each other and to operate our events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

#### Immediacy

We seek immediate experience of ourselves, each other, society, and the cosmos. We attempt to remove barriers to this experience. The pursuit of immediate experience underlies all of our other values and objectives.

4. This Association adheres to the same philosophy and spirit as the Burning Man Organization and the other formal Burner organizations around the world. In fact, our statement of values paraphrases the statement of principles on the Burning Man Organization's website (<http://www.burningman.com>). However, this Association operates independently of the Burning Man Organization and the other Burner organizations.

5. Membership in Midwest Burners is limited in the following ways:

- 1) A member must be at least 18 years of age
- 2) A member must be committed to all of the values listed in Article Three
- 3) A member must remain active by participating in at least one Midwest Burners' event per year

No membership fees or dues are required to be a member in this Association.

6. This Association makes decisions by general consensus. The Association Chair confirms the general consensus.

7. Midwest Burners' net income will be used to accomplish the Association's purposes that are set out in Article Three. Midwest Burners will not use its net income to personally benefit any of its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except to compensate them for services and to make payments that further this Association's purposes.

No substantial part of the Association's activities will be propaganda efforts, attempts to influence legislation, or participation or intervention in any political campaign for public office (including the publishing or distribution of statements).

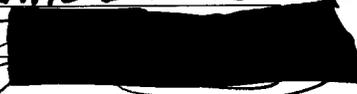
This Association will not, except to an insubstantial degree, do anything that does not further this Association's purposes.

8. When this Association disbands, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The assets may also be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

9. A copy of these articles will be available for public viewing on the Midwest Burners' official website.

10. The names and addresses of the persons who are citizens of the United States and the initial trustees of the Association are as follows:

Name Zay Thompson, Association Chair  
Address 1124 Woodward, Topeka, KS 66604  
Signature 

Name TRAVIS BUSER Address 1429 1/2 N. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS  
Signature 

In witness of these articles, we have signed our names this 10th day of January, 2005.

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Attachment: Full and True Copy of Midwest Burners' Membership Confirmation

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We received your membership application. This is your official confirmation of membership in Midwest Burners. If you did not apply for membership and do not wish to be a member, please contact me immediately.

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Thank you for joining Midwest Burners!  
Each person who joins brings another unique imagination and creative force to this community. I'm excited to experience your participation!

As a member, you may attend any and all Midwest Burners events. To maintain active membership status from year to year, we ask that you attend at least one event a year. We are a Social, as well as a Recreational, Association and we want to hang out with you! You have the privilege of bringing 7 non-member friends with you to InterFuse and HullabalU, if you attend. Remember, these friends are your guests. You are responsible for hosting them so be sure to educate them about our novel culture.

If you ever have any concerns about Midwest Burners, please feel free to either contact me directly at this e-mail address or calmly discuss it with the rest of the group on our yahoogroup.

Peace

Zay Thompson, Grand Poobah Of All Mischief And Very Serious Stuff

**User Fee for Exempt Organization  
 Determination Letter Request**

▶ **Attach this form to determination letter application.  
 (Form 8718 is NOT a determination letter application.)**

<b>For IRS Use Only</b>	OMB No. 1545-1798
	Control number _____
	Amount paid _____
	User fee screener _____

1 Name of organization <i>Midwest Burners</i>	2 Employer Identification Number <i>06 : 1737947</i>
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**Caution:** Do not attach Form 8718 to an application for a pension plan determination letter. Use Form 8717 instead.

**3 Type of request** **Fee**

a  Initial request for a determination letter for:

- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years, or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years ▶ **\$150**

**Note:** If you checked box 3a, you must complete the Certification below.

**Certification**

I certify that the annual gross receipts of *Midwest Burners* name of organization

have averaged (or are expected to average) not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 (or the first 4) years of operation.

Signature ▶ Title ▶ *Chairperson*

b  Initial request for a determination letter for:

- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years . ▶ **\$500**

c  Group exemption letters . . . . . ▶ **\$500**

**Instructions**

The law requires payment of a user fee with each application for a determination letter. The user fees are listed on line 3 above. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 2005-8, 2005-1, I.R.B. 243, or latest annual update.

Check the box or boxes on line 3 for the type of application you are submitting. If you check box 3a, you must complete and sign the certification statement that appears under line 3a.

Attach to Form 8718 a check or money order payable to the "United States Treasury" for the full amount of the user fee. If you do not include the full amount, your application will be returned. Attach Form 8718 to your determination letter application.

Generally, the user fee will be refunded only if the Internal Revenue Service declines to issue a determination.

**Where To File**

Send the determination letter application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service  
 P.O. Box 192  
 Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send the application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service  
 201 West Rivercenter Blvd.  
 Attn: Extracting Stop 312  
 Covington, KY 41011

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. If you want your organization to be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, you are required to give us this information. We need it to determine whether the organization meets the legal requirements for tax-exempt status.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of Form 8718 are covered in section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 5 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6406, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *Where To File* above.

Attach Check or Money Order Here