

How to Form an LLC in Florida Yourself (2026 Costs and Steps)

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Quick answer

The total state cost to file online is \$125. You can file the Articles of Organization for Florida Limited Liability Company with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations at [file online with the Secretary of State](#).

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the agency's business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

You may choose an individual or principal associated with the business to serve as the registered agent, but the LLC itself cannot be its own agent. An individual agent must reside in Florida and have a business address identical to the registered office, which must be a physical Florida street address (no P.O. box). The agent must sign accepting the appointment.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization for Florida Limited Liability Company

File the Articles of Organization for Florida Limited Liability Company with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. You can file online at [file online with the Secretary of State](#). The filing fee is \$100. You must also pay a Registered Agent Designation fee (required) of \$25, which is required with every new Florida LLC's Articles of Organization.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement that covers ownership, roles, voting, and what happens if a member leaves.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Get your Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS for free at <https://www.irs.gov/ein>.

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

File an Annual Report each year to keep active status. The fee is \$138.75, which includes the supplemental fee. The report is due by May 1 each year; a \$400 late fee applies after May 1, and administrative dissolution occurs if not filed by the third Friday of September. An LLC formed Oct 1 - Dec 31 can list a January 1 effective date to postpone its first annual report by one calendar year.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to file an LLC in Florida online?

The total state fee to form is \$125, which includes the \$100 filing fee and the \$25 Registered Agent Designation fee (required).

When is the Florida annual report due?

The Annual Report is due by May 1 each year. An LLC formed Oct 1 - Dec 31 can list a January 1 effective date to postpone its first annual report by one calendar year.

What happens if I miss the annual report deadline?

A \$400 late fee applies after May 1, and administrative dissolution occurs if not filed by the third Friday of September.

Can I serve as my own registered agent in Florida?

The LLC cannot be its own agent, but an individual or principal associated with the business may serve. An individual agent must reside in Florida with a business address identical to the registered office, which must be a physical Florida street address (no P.O. box).

What is the fee for the Florida annual report?

The fee for the Annual Report is \$138.75, which includes the supplemental fee.

Want us to file it for you? \$249 plus state fees.

Want the whole business set up? Book a call with BusinessOwner.com.

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