

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

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Quick answer

The filing fee for an LLC in Minnesota is \$155 when filing online through the Minnesota Secretary of State, Business Services [here](#).

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the Minnesota Secretary of State's business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

A Minnesota LLC does not have to name a registered agent, but it must keep a registered office at a street address in Minnesota; a P.O. box alone is not acceptable. If you do name a registered agent, it may be a natural person residing in Minnesota (so a resident member may serve) and must keep a business office identical with the registered office.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization

File the Articles of Organization with the Minnesota Secretary of State, Business Services. You can file online for \$155 or by mail for \$135. The \$155 online fee includes the statutory \$20 expedited-service surcharge for in-person and online filings.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement to outline ownership percentages, member roles, voting rights, and procedures for when a member leaves the LLC.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Get your Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS. This service is free. You can apply at <https://www.irs.gov/ein>.

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

File an Annual Renewal with the state every year. The renewal is due by December 31 each

calendar year, beginning the calendar year after the articles are filed. There is no fee for filing the annual renewal. Failing to file results in administrative termination.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to file an LLC in Minnesota?

The filing fee is \$155 online and \$135 by mail.

Is there a fee for the annual renewal?

No, Minn. Stat. 322C.0208(b) states that no fee is required to file the annual renewal.

When is the first annual renewal due?

The first annual renewal is due by December 31 of the calendar year following the year the articles are filed.

Can I serve as my own registered agent in Minnesota?

Yes. Naming a registered agent is optional, but if you name one, a natural person residing in Minnesota may serve and must keep a business office identical with the registered office. The registered office must be a street address in Minnesota; a P.O. box alone is not acceptable.

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

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