

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

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Quick answer

The total state cost to file online is \$50 through the Missouri Secretary of State, Corporations Division at [file online with the Secretary of State](#). You can also mail the form for a filing fee of \$105.

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

Select a registered agent who meets the state requirements. The registered agent may be an individual resident of Missouri whose business office is identical with the registered office, or a corporation authorized in Missouri. A PO Box may be listed only together with a physical street address in the same city; retail mailbox stores (e.g. UPS Store) are not allowed. The agent's written consent (Form RAC-1 or a letter of consent) is uploaded when naming a new agent online.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization (Form LLC 1)

Submit Form LLC 1 to the Missouri Secretary of State, Corporations Division. You can file online for a filing fee of \$50. If you choose to mail the form, the filing fee is \$105. Online filing adds any applicable convenience fees: a credit card convenience fee of 2% of the transaction plus \$0.25 (paid to the e-payment vendor), or an E-check convenience fee of \$0.50 per transaction.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Draft an operating agreement that outlines the internal structure of your LLC. This document typically covers ownership percentages, member and manager roles, voting rights, and procedures for what happens if a member leaves.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Obtain an Employer Identification Number from the IRS. The EIN is free from the IRS. You can

apply at [get your EIN from the IRS](#).

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

Missouri does not require limited liability companies to file an annual report. Missouri's corporation franchise tax was eliminated for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and never applied to LLCs as such. There is no annual LLC tax.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to form an LLC in Missouri online?

The total state cost to file online is \$50. Convenience fees may apply depending on the payment method used.

Can I be my own registered agent in Missouri?

Yes, you may be your own registered agent if you are an individual resident of Missouri whose business office is identical with the registered office.

Does Missouri require LLCs to file annual reports?

No. Limited liability companies do not have to file an annual report in Missouri. Annual/biennial registration reports apply to corporations.

Is there a franchise tax for LLCs in Missouri?

No. Missouri's corporation franchise tax never applied to LLCs as such, and there is no annual LLC tax.

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

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