

## Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

*Note: 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 you.

**Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.**

### Part I Identification of Applicant

<b>1a</b> Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document)  <b>TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc.</b>	<b>2</b> Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the <b>Specific Instructions</b> ).  <b>33 1092765</b>
<b>1b</b> c/o Name (if applicable)	<b>3</b> Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed  <b>( 713 ) 283-7134 Kenneth Fair</b>
<b>1c</b> Address (number and street) <span style="float: right;">Room/Suite</span>  <b>5914 Hummingbird</b>	<b>4</b> Month the annual accounting period ends  <b>December</b>
<b>1d</b> City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see <b>Specific Instructions</b> for Part I, page 3.  <b>Houston, TX 77096-5828</b>	<b>5</b> Date incorporated or formed  <b>April 26, 2004</b>
<b>1e</b> Web site address  <b>http://www.talkorigins.org/foundation</b>	<b>6</b> Check here if applying under section: <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n)
<b>7</b> Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach an explanation.	
<b>8</b> Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the <b>Specific Instructions</b> ).	
<b>9</b> Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.	

**10** Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See **Specific Instructions** for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

**a**  Corporation—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include 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 the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization 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** **Kenneth J. Fair - Sec./Treas. & Director** **July 5, 2004**  
 (Signature) (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

**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 primary activity of the TalkOrigins Foundation is to operate and maintain the Talk.Origins Archive web site (<http://www.talkorigins.org>), whose purpose is to provide to the public, at no charge, mainstream scientific information regarding biological and physical origins. The web site has been in existence for over 10 years and has been recognized by major scientific organizations and publications as one of the preeminent resources for information of this nature. The Archive is maintained, and the articles on the site are contributed, by volunteers.**

The Foundation was created to further this education of the public in two ways:

- (1) **By providing a mechanism to cover the cost of hosting and maintaining the web site through grants, contributions, and other revenues. As the Archive has grown, so has the cost of the Internet resources to serve the site to the public. The Foundation will be able to defray that cost to the extent it can raise sufficient funds.**
- (2) **By creating an entity that can hold the copyrights to Archive articles, which will simplify the process of updating and reprinting them. As it stands now, when article authors die or lose contact with the Archive, the information in their articles cannot be updated, despite new scientific information becoming available. Creating a nonprofit entity to hold the copyrights will ensure that the Archive continues to contain timely, relevant information.**

**The Foundation expects that substantially all of its time and resources will be expended in pursuit of these goals. Should the Foundation receive revenues exceeding those needed to carry out these goals, the excess funds can be donated to another nonprofit organization committed to public education about science.**

- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

**The primary sources of financial support are expected to be contributions (50%) and income from sales of books, T-shirts, mugs, and other paraphernalia (40%), with some additional funding from grants that might be available (10%).**

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

**No fundraising has yet been conducted, nor does the Foundation have any specific fundraising plans. The most likely source of fundraising will be a "Donate to the Archive" button on the Archive web site, connecting to a credit-card processing back end. Given the modest needs of the Foundation to achieve its goals, the use of mailings, fundraising committees, or fundraisers is unlikely in the foreseeable future.**

**Part II** Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

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

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	b Annual compensation
• Wesley R. Elsberry, President & Director, 3990 Elwood Court, Concord, CA 94519	-0-
• John S. Wilkins, Vice-President & Director, P.O. Box 542, Somerville, Victoria 3912, Australia	-0-
• Kenneth J. Fair, Secretary-Treasurer & Director, 5914 Hummingbird, Houston, TX 77096	-0-

c Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

d Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See **Specific Instructions** for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization?  Yes  No  
 Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors?  Yes  No  
 If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

6 Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

7 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

**Part II** Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."  
N/A

9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? . . . .  Yes  No

10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? . . . .  Yes  No  
b Is the organization a party to any leases? . . . .  Yes  No  
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

11 Is the organization a membership organization? . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," complete the following:

a Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? . . . .  N/A  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.

b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? . . . .  N/A  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain fully.

**Part III** Technical Requirements

1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 6 below.

2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.

**Exceptions**—You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:

- a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See **Specific Instructions**, Line 2a, on page 4;
- b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed?. . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? . . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? . . .  Yes  No

6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here  and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.

**Part III** Technical Requirements (Continued)

7 Is the organization a private foundation?

- Yes** (Answer question 8.)  
 **No** (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)

8 If you answer "Yes" to question 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?

- Yes** (Complete Schedule E.)  
 **No**

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

9 If you answer "No" to question 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:

**THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| a | <input type="checkbox"/> As a church or a convention or association of churches (CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.)   | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)                       |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.)   | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)                      |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital (These organizations, except for hospital service organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.)                                      | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)                     |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1).  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)                       |
| e | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with, one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.)   | Section 509(a)(3)  |
| f | <input type="checkbox"/> As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.  | Section 509(a)(4)  |
| g | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)                      |
| h | <input type="checkbox"/> As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)                      |
| i | <input type="checkbox"/> As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). | Section 509(a)(2)  |
| j | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure whether it meets the public support test of h or i. The organization would like the IRS to decide the proper classification.   | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or Section 509(a)(2) |

**If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question 14. If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12. If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.**

**Part III** Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 10** If you checked box **h**, **i**, or **j** in question 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?  
 **Yes**—Indicate whether you are requesting:  
 A definitive ruling. (Answer questions 11 through 14.)  
 An advance ruling. (Answer questions 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)  
 **No**—You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the Form 1023.
- 11** If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.  
**The Foundation has received no grants, nor does it expect to receive any during this tax year.**

- 12** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) or (vi), check here  and:
- a** Enter 2% of line 8, column (e), Total, of Part IV-A . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- b** Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line **12a** above.

- 13** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here  and:
- a** For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)
- b** For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi) and any governmental agency or bureau.

<b>14</b> Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. <b>Do not submit blank schedules.</b> )	Yes	No	If "Yes," complete Schedule:
Is the organization a church? . . . . .		✓	A
Is the organization, or any part of it, a school? . . . . .		✓	B
Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization? . . . . .		✓	C
Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization? . . . . .		✓	D
Is the organization a private operating foundation? . . . . .		✓	E
Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped? . . . . .		✓	F
Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization? . . . . .		✓	G
Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.? . . . .		✓	H
Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution? . . .		✓	I

**Part IV Financial Data**

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**

	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years			(e) TOTAL
	(a) From 4/26 to 12/31/04	(b) 1/1/05 to 12/31/05	(c) 1/1/06 to 12/31/06	(d) 1/1/07 to 12/31/07	
<b>Revenue</b>					
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see page 6 of the instructions).	500	800	800	800	2900
2 Membership fees received . . .	0	0	0	0	0
3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition) . . .	0	25	50	75	150
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3 . . . . .	100	300	300	300	1000
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule) . . .	0	0	0	0	0
8 <b>Total</b> (add lines 1 through 7)	600	1125	1150	1175	4050
9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22 . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
10 <b>Total</b> (add lines 8 and 9) . . .	600	1125	1150	1175	4050
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule) . . .	0	0	0	0	0
12 Unusual grants . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
13 <b>Total</b> revenue (add lines 10 through 12) . . . . .	600	1125	1150	1175	4050
<b>Expenses</b>					
14 Fundraising expenses . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule) . . .	0	0	0	0	
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
18 Other salaries and wages . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
19 Interest . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.) . . . . .	250	400	400	400	
21 Depreciation and depletion . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
22 Other (attach schedule) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	
23 <b>Total</b> expenses (add lines 14 through 22) . . . . .	250	400	400	400	
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	350	725	750	775	



**Part IV** Financial Data (Continued)

<b>B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)</b>		Current tax year Date <u>12/31/04</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>1</b>	Cash . . . . .	<b>50</b>
<b>2</b>	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b>	Inventories . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>4</b>	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	Corporate stocks (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>7</b>	Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>8</b>	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>9</b>	Land . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>10</b>	Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Total assets</b> (add lines 1 through 10) . . . . .	<b>50</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>12</b>	Accounts payable . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>13</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>14</b>	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>15</b>	Other liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 12 through 15) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
<b>17</b>	Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .	<b>50</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets</b> (add line 16 and line 17) . . . . .	<b>50</b>

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 . . . . .

**Form 1023**  
**Explanation for Line 8**

**TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc.**  
**EIN: 33-1092765**

Line 8: Is the organization required to file Form 990 (of Form 990-EZ)? **No**  
If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the **Specific Instructions**).

**TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc., expects to have annual gross receipts far below the \$25,000 annual limit above which reporting is required. (See Form 990 Instructions, General Instruction B, No. 15.) TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc., has been in existence for less than one year; the combined total of cash receipts plus donor pledges is less than \$1000, far below the \$37,500 set forth in the \$25,000 gross receipts test. (See Form 990 Instructions, General Instruction B, No. 15c.)**

**Consent Fixing Period of Limitation Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code**

(Rev. September 1998)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

(See instructions on reverse side.)

To be used with  
Form 1023. Submit  
in duplicate.

Under section 6501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as part of a request filed with Form 1023 that the organization named below be treated as a publicly supported organization under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2) during an advance ruling period,

TALK ORIGINS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Exact legal name of organization as shown in organizing document)

5914 HUMMINGBIRD, HOUSTON, TX 77096-5828

(Number, street, city or town, state, and ZIP code)

and the

District Director of  
Internal Revenue, or  
Assistant  
Commissioner  
(Employee Plans and  
Exempt Organizations)

consent and agree that the period for assessing tax (imposed under section 4940 of the Code) for any of the 5 tax years in the advance ruling period will extend 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first tax year.

However, if a notice of deficiency in tax for any of these years is sent to the organization before the period expires, the time for making an assessment will be further extended by the number of days the assessment is prohibited, plus 60 days.

Ending date of first tax year DECEMBER 31, 2004  
(Month, day, and year)

Name of organization (as shown in organizing document)	Date
TALK ORIGINS FOUNDATION, INC.	5/30/2004
Officer or trustee having authority to sign	Type or print name and title
Signature ► <i>Kenneth J. Fair</i>	KENNETH J. FAIR, SECRETARY/TREASURER

**For IRS use only**

District Director or Assistant Commissioner (Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations)	Date

By ►

# User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request

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

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

1 Name of organization <b>TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc.</b>	2 Employer Identification Number <b>33 1092765</b>
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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 TalkOrigins Foundation, Inc.  
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 ▶ *Kenneth J. Fair* Title ▶ **Secretary/Treasurer & Director**

- 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. 2003-8, 2003-1, I.R.B. 236, 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

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