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Form **1023**
(Rev. April 1996)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

OMB No. 1545-0066
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 7 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) <u>Council on American-Islamic Relations, Ohio</u>		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 2 of the instructions.) <u>31 1602287</u>
1b c/o Name (if applicable)		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed <u>Robert Onda</u> <u>(614) 229-4100</u>
1c Address (number and street) <u>570 Riverview Drive</u>	Room/Suite	
1d City or town, state, and ZIP code <u>Columbus, Ohio</u> <u>43202</u>		4 Month the annual accounting period ends <u>December</u>
5 Date incorporated or formed <u>April 7, 1998</u>	6 Activity codes (See page 3 of the instructions.) <u>430 431 125</u>	7 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k)
8 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
10 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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11 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 11, on page 3.) Get Pub. 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, 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 [Signature] PRESIDENT 9/30/98
(Signature) (Title or Authority of Signer) (Date)

Part III 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.

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

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- 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.

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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.

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b Annual compensation

N/A

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.

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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 III 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.

Lease contract with the Islamic Society of Greater Columbus

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.

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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.

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

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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 7 below.

2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 8.

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 section 4.01 of Rev. Proc. 92-85, 1992-2 C.B. 490, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 7.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, has the organization been contacted by the IRS regarding its failure to file Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? Yes No

If "No," your organization is requesting an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" requirements of section 5.01 of Rev. Proc. 92-85. Do not answer questions 5 through 7.

If "Yes," answer question 5.

5 If you answer "Yes" to question 4, does the organization wish to request relief from the 15-month filing requirement? Yes No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application prior to being contacted by the IRS. See Specific Instructions, Line 5, on page 4 before completing this item. Do not answer questions 6 and 7.

If "No," answer question 6.

6 If you answer "No" to question 5, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed with your key District Director. 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

7 If you answer "Yes" to question 6 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)

- 8 Is the organization a private foundation?
 Yes (Answer question 9.)
 No (Answer question 10 and proceed as instructed.)

- 9 If you answer "Yes" to question 8, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?
 Yes (Complete Schedule E.)
 No

After answering question 9 on this line, go to line 15 on page 7.

- 10 If you answer "No" to question 8, 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 (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 checked="" 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)(v) |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure
whether it meets the public support test of block h or block 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 10, go to question 15. If you checked box g in question 10, go to questions 12 and 13. If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 10, go to question 11.

Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 11 If you checked box h, i, or j in question 10, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?
 Yes—Indicate whether you are requesting:
 A definitive ruling (Answer questions 12 through 15.)
 An advance ruling (Answer questions 12 and 15 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 application.

- 12 If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, 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.

N/A

- 13 If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(v) 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 13a above.

- 14 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.

- 15 Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.)

	Yes	No	If "Yes," complete Schedule:
Is the organization a church?		X	A
Is the organization, or any part of it, a school?		X	B
Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization?		X	C
Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization?		X	D
Is the organization a private operating foundation?		X	E
Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped?		X	F
Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization?		X	G
Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.?		X	H
Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution?		X	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—proposed budget for 2 years			(e) TOTAL
	(a) From 6/98 to 9/98	(b) 1999...	(c) 2000	(d) 2001	
Revenue					
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see pages 5 and 6 of the instructions)	12,197.	26,000.	56,500.		
2 Membership fees received	500.	4,000.	5,000.		
3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition)	0	0	0		
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3	0	0	0		
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization	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		
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule)	0	0	0		
8 Total (add lines 1 through 7)	12,697.	30,000.	61,500.		
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		
10 Total (add lines 8 and 9)	12,697.	30,000.	61,500.		
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule)	0	0	0		
12 Unusual grants	0	0	0		
13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12)	12,697.	30,000.	61,500.		
Expenses					
14 Fundraising expenses	0	1,500.	1,500.		
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	0	0	0		
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule)	0	0	0		
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)	0	0	0		
18 Other salaries and wages	100.	14,000.	45,000.		
19 Interest	0	0	0		
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	67.07	2,000.	3,000.		
21 Depreciation and depletion	0	0	0		
22 Other (attach schedule)	2,322.63	12,500.	12,000.		
23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22)	2,489.70	30,000.	61,500.		
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	10,207.30	0	0		

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Part IV Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)		Current tax year Date <u>9/98</u>
Assets		
1	Cash	12,207.30
2	Accounts receivable, net	
3	Inventories	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule)	
5	Corporate stocks (attach schedule)	
6	Mortgage loans (attach schedule)	
7	Other investments (attach schedule)	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)	
9	Land	
10	Other assets (attach schedule)	
11	Total assets (add lines 1 through 10)	12,207.30
Liabilities		
12	Accounts payable	
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable	
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule)	
15	Other liabilities (attach schedule)	
16	Total liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)	0.
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17	Total fund balances or net assets	12,207.30
18	Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets (add line 16 and line 17)	
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

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PART II Activities and Operational Information

1. To accomplish its exempt-purpose goals, our organization will engage in the following activities:

- Description: Organize conferences and seminars open to the public – directed specifically to members of academia, government officials, and representatives of the media—to educate participants about issues and concerns important to Muslims. The activity will also include visits to schools and other institutions to educate audiences about Muslims and Islam.

These activities will be carried out by the Speakers Bureau and will be an on-going activity.

- Description: Organize classes and seminars directed to American Muslims to educate them to better understand present issues and concerns of importance to the Islamic world.

These activities will be carried out by the Speakers Bureau and will be an on-going activity.

- Description: Publish and distribute in a non-commercial fashion a variety of educational publications, including press releases, promoting an accurate understanding of Islam.

These activities will be carried out by the Media Bureau and will be an on-going activity.

- Description: Use the legal system to combat discrimination against Muslims in Ohio in particular and America in general.

These activities will be carried out by the Legal Bureau and will be an on-going activity.

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2. The organization's sources of financial support are donations from general public and membership fees.

3. To raise the required funds to carry out its exempt-purpose activities, our organization will conduct fundraising events such as dinner programs directed toward the American Islamic community, carry out direct-mail fundraising campaigns targeted to the same community, and levy modest annual membership fees to participants. All the efforts will be carried out by volunteers of the organization.

The organization has not developed the material for fund raising activities.

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4. Names and addresses of officers and directors

Officers of the organization

President:
Ahmad Al-Akhras
2076 Wendys Drive #88
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Secretary:
Asma Mobin-Uddin
2384 Willis Rd
Dublin, Ohio 43016

Treasurer:
Ayman Ismail
3567 Prestwick Ct
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Directors of the organization

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3178 Riverview Circle
Columbus, OH 43202

M. Isam Zaiem
3001 Creekside Dr.
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Abduraof Hammuda
5351 Carlingfort Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43623

- 5. The organization is under negotiation with the Council on American-Islamic Relation (CAIR), registered in the District of Columbia, to share mailing lists, educational material, and potential contacts. The terms are still negotiated. CAIR is a not-for-profit organization; exempt from tax under IRC 501 (c) 4.**

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PART II - Activities and Operational Information

11. Membership

a. Membership requirements:

- To become a member of the corporation a candidate must complete a Membership Application and submit it to the executive office.
- Member must be interested in advancing the mission of the corporation.
- Person must be willing to subscribe to the Bylaws and policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

Membership schedule

Individual	\$25
Family	\$50
Student	\$10
Organization	\$100

- b. To attract members, the organization will send direct mailing to potential members.
- c. Membership entitles members to receive educational mailings from the organization, including a periodic newsletter updating members regarding items of interest to the Muslim community, access to the organization's web site, notification about and participation in upcoming events. Also, it entitles member to hold office or honor within the corporation.

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PART IV Financial Data

Line 22 Other Expenses

Current Tax Year From 6/98 to 9/98	
	Amount
First Annual Reception	\$806.88
Legal Services	\$985.75
Invitation Mailing	\$120.00
Invitation Printing	\$410.00
TOTAL	\$2,322.63

Line 22 Other Expenses

1999 Tax Year Proposed From 1/99 to 12/99	
	Amount
Office Equipment	\$1500.00
Office Supplies	\$2000.00
Tel, Fax, e-mail	\$2000.00
Travel	\$1000.00
Legal Expenses	\$1500.00
Direct Activity Material Cost	\$4500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

Line 22 Other Expenses

2000 Tax Year Proposed From 1/2000 to 12/2000	
	Amount
Office Equipment	\$1000.00
Office Supplies	\$2500.00
Tel, Fax, e-mail	\$2500.00
Travel	\$1000.00
Legal Expenses	\$1500.00
Direct Activity Material Cost	\$3500.00
TOTAL	\$12,000.00