



FORM C-100 — GEORGIA CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REGISTRATION

Filing Guide — Rising with Melodies Inc.

Answers keyed to the actual Form C100 (Revised Nov 2022), Georgia Secretary of State — Securities and Charities Division. Verified against the real form, page by page.

Two things this guide cannot do for you:

- (1) **Notarization** — both the Execution Page and the Control Persons page require a notary-witnessed signature. This must happen in person (or via an online notary service); no guide can substitute for it.
- (2) **Social Security Numbers and dates of birth** for each control person — required on the Control Persons page. These are intentionally left blank below. Each person (Linder Lopez, Samuel Serban, Natalia Dolhova) should fill in their own SSN/DOB directly on the physical/PDF form — never send that information over email or chat.

Resolve before filing: Item 9 requires "a signed IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ dated within one year of filing." Your IRS determination letter only requires you to file Form **990-N** (the e-Postcard) — a different, simpler form. It's unclear from the form itself whether 990-N satisfies this requirement for small organizations. Email **charities@sos.ga.gov** to confirm before submitting, since Rising with Melodies won't have a 990 or 990-EZ on file (only a 990-N, first due May 15, 2027).

PAGE 1 EXECUTION PAGE

Filing Type & Fee	
Filing Type	☒ Initial Application
Fee	\$35.00 — check payable to Georgia Secretary of State (or card, if filing

	online)
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1. Official Name	
Official Name	Rising with Melodies Inc.
Address of Applicant	5410 Breckinridge Lane, Cumming, GA 30040
Mailing Address (if different)	N/A — same as above

2–4. Contact & Records	
2. Other Names Used to Solicit	N/A
3. Contact Person	Linder Lopez
Telephone	+1 (404) 915-7991
Contact Person Email	risingwithmelodies@gmail.com
4. Location of Books and Records	5410 Breckinridge Lane, Cumming, GA 30040

Signature Block (requires notary)	
Name of Authorized Executive Officer	Linder Lopez
Title	President
Signature / Date / Notary	To be completed and notarized in person

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OTHER JURISDICTIONS & ORGANIZATION

5. Status of Registration in Other Jurisdictions	
All 50 states + DC	Leave entirely blank — not registered or pending in any other state

6–8. Organization

6. Fiscal Year Ends On	12/31 (December 31)
Date of Formation	March 25, 2026
Place of Filing	Georgia Secretary of State, Corporations Division
7. Applicant Is A	☒ Corporation
8. Foreign Corp Qualification Date	N/A — Georgia domestic corporation

9. Required Financial Information

Contributions Received, Preceding Fiscal Year	Under \$10,000 (2026, first partial year)
Applicable Tier	(c) Under \$500,000 — financial statement required, need not be reviewed or certified
Also Required	Signed IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ within 1 year of filing — see alert above, confirm with SOS first

10. General Purpose of the Charitable Organization

Rising with Melodies Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes: to empower displaced, orphaned, and vulnerable children and families through structured educational programs (music education and English language instruction), humanitarian aid, and trauma-informed teaching and mentorship, currently serving children in Trujillo, Peru.

PAGE 2–3**SOLICITATION INFORMATION****11–13. Solicitation Details**

11. Purpose for Which Funds Solicited Will Be Used	Funds are used to compensate music and language educators, purchase instructional materials and instruments, cover program operating costs in Trujillo, Peru, and support the organization's administrative operations.
12a. Method(s) of Solicitation	Website (online donation platform, PayPal, Zelle, Zeffy), benefit concerts/events, email, social media
12b. Period of Solicitation	Continuous / year-round
13. Contract with Fundraising Counsel or Paid Solicitor?	No

PAGE 3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION (QUESTIONS 14–20)

These are legal attestations about the applicant and its executive officers. Based on known organizational history there is no reason to expect a "Yes" on any of these — but this is Linder Lopez's (or the signing officer's) attestation to make, not something I can certify. Review each carefully before signing.

Expected Answers (confirm before signing)

14. Felony/misdemeanor convictions (a–f)	No
15. Court injunctions/findings (a–b)	No
16. Government agency findings (a–f)	No
17. Pending proceedings	No

18. Unsatisfied judgments/liens/bankruptcy	No
19. Determined tax-exempt by a government agency?	Yes — attach IRS Determination Letter
19. EIN	42-1833918
20. Tax exemption ever denied/cancelled?	No

Since all of 14–18 and 20 are expected "No," Page 6 (required only if any of Q14–18 is "Yes") is not needed.

PAGE 4**BRANCHES, OTHER OFFICERS & TRUSTEES****Affiliated Branches/Chapters Within Georgia**

Branches/Chapters	None — leave blank
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Other Officers, Directors, and Trustees

Name	Address	Title
Linder Lopez	5410 Breckinridge Lane, Cumming, GA 30040	President & Director
Samuel Serban	To confirm — his own address	Secretary & Director
Natalia Dolhova	To confirm — her own address	Treasurer & Director

The form appears to want each individual's own address, not necessarily the org address — confirm with Samuel and Natalia before finalizing.

PAGE 5**CONTROL PERSONS — COMPLETE PRIVATELY, PER PERSON**

Do not send SSNs or dates of birth through email or chat. Each control person (anyone with power to direct management/policy — here, all three directors: Linder Lopez, Samuel Serban, Natalia Dolhova) needs their own copy of this page, filled in directly and privately, with:

- Name, Title, Address, City, State, Zip
- **Date of Birth and Social Security Number** (fill in privately, on the form itself)
- **A ten-year employment history**, most recent first
- Signature consenting to a criminal background check by the Secretary of State, **notarized**

This page must be duplicated (make additional copies) — one per control person, all three directors.

CHECKLIST

ATTACHMENTS TO HAVE READY

- IRS Determination Letter — *legal/IRS Determination Letter - Rising with Melodies Inc.pdf*
- Articles of Incorporation — *legal/compani/RiWiMe-certificateOfIncorporation.pdf*
- Bylaws — *legal/BYLAWS OF RISING WITH MELODIES INC - FINAL DRAFT.pdf*
- Board Meeting Minutes (officer/director confirmation) — *legal/Board Meeting Minutes - Organizational Meeting - Rising with Melodies Inc.pdf*
- Financial statement (unaudited is fine) — can use *legal/Form 1023 - Financial Projections (3-Year) - Rising with Melodies Inc.pdf* as a starting point, or actual receipts to date
- Signed IRS Form 990/990-EZ — **not yet available; resolve with SOS per alert above**
- Notarized Execution Page (Page 1)
- Notarized Control Persons page — one per director (3 total)
- Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form — one per director, if requested separately from the Control Persons page

After filing: Registration is valid for 24 months from the effective date. Set a reminder to renew ~90 days before expiration (\$20 renewal fee). Also keep records of every contribution $\geq$ \$25 (donor name, address, date, amount) for at least 3 years, per Georgia recordkeeping requirements [Acknowledgement (i) on Page 4 of the form].

Filing portal: georgiasos.seamlessdocs.com/sc/charitiesdivision

Source form: Form C100, Revised Nov 2022, Georgia Secretary of State — Securities and Charities Division

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