

In Florida, [religious institutions](#), including churches, are generally exempt from the state's charitable solicitation registration requirements, meaning they don't need to register with the [Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \(FDACS\)](#) to receive donations.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

- **Exemption for Religious Institutions:**

Florida's [Solicitation of Contributions Act](#) (Chapter 496, F.S.) exempts "bona fide religious institutions" from registration requirements.

- **FDACS Registration:**

Most charitable organizations in Florida do need to register with the FDACS before soliciting donations, but this generally doesn't apply to churches.

- **Purpose of Registration:**

This registration ensures transparency and protects donors from fraud, and requires organizations to renew their registration annually and report how the funds are used.

- **Financial Reporting:**

Even if exempt from registration, organizations that receive donations may still be subject to financial reporting requirements.

- **Contact FDACS:**