

THE PRESTIGE INSTITUTE FOR SUCCESS

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January 8, 2018



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1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dr. Joe Harris, Jr.
Director

Our Program and Services

Homework Assistance

Life Skills Training

Mentoring

Computer Training

Adult One-on-One Reading

Reading Comprehension

Common Core Review

College Grant Assistance

*Family Counseling &
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Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

On July 1, 2012, the Prestige Institute for Success was Incorporated by the State of MS and on August 12, 2012, IRS issued a non-profit 501 © (3) status. The mission of the organization is to improve the living conditions of our youth, family and elderly through creative, collaborative and consistent approaches and paths (after school homework assistance, reading comprehension program, adult literacy program, common core review, college grant assistance and family life skills training).

For the past five years our organization has been successfully carrying out its mission through volunteers and community grants from two local organizations. It is our long range goal to establish a Senior Citizens Day Care/Activity Center. In the meantime, we are striving toward that goal by offering training and activities for our senior citizens. We have been awarded a \$2,500.00 grant to sponsor a "Self Defense /Safety for the Elderly" training. A narrative is attached (Enclosure 1). We have expanded this training in order to reach more seniors, and we are seeking \$2,500.00 from the City of Vicksburg.

I have enclosed a pamphlet (Enclosure 2), IRS letter of Determination (Enclosure 3), budget (Enclosure 4) and the organization's latest bank statement (Enclosure 5). If you have any questions, you may direct them to me 601-738-5064 or Emma Roberts at 601-638-3062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Harris, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Joe Harris, Jr., D.Min., Th.D., DD
Director

5 Enclosures

1. Narrative
2. Pamphlet
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4. Budget
5. Bank Statement

PRESTIGE INSTITUTE FOR SUCCESS

PRESENTS

SELF DEFENSE/SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY

More than 90 percent of crimes against seniors are property crimes, such as burglary and auto theft, with robbery accounting for one in four violent crimes against seniors.

Because so many criminals see older Americans as potential targets, many seniors find themselves living their lives in fear. Two-thirds of seniors believe they will be crime victims at some point, with nearly half of those 75 and older afraid to even leave home after dark.

To break free from these fears, seniors must take action to safeguard against becoming crime victims. We propose to present critical strategies (3 sessions) for reducing the chances of an older loved one being targeted, as well as how to be ready if trouble does find you.

SESSION 1: Volunteers (police officers, local church members, firemen) will visit the home of the participants and evaluate how safe the home is from break ins and fires. Items of safety (alarms, alert chimes, etc.) will be installed to promote safety within the home.

SESSION 2:

TAKE BASIC PRECAUTIONS – PRESENTED BY A POLICE OFFICER

Many problems can be avoided with commonsense precautions that reduce your vulnerability to criminals. When you're out and about, this means:

Be alert to what's around you and walk with a purpose

Park in well-lit areas and have your keys ready in hand

Don't load yourself down with packages

Carry a whistle to alert others for help.

When you're at home, steps include:

Always lock your doors and windows

Never open your door for strangers

Monitor and report suspicious neighborhood activity

Call 911 if there's trouble.

These simple steps can reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim, but they only work if you commit to following them at all times.

IMPROVE YOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS – PRESENTED BY A MARTIAL ART INSTRUCTION AND COACH

Many older Americans are afraid of being victimized because they aren't as strong as they once were. One way to address this is to take a self-defense course for seniors, which can give you proven techniques for avoiding injury during a confrontation. A martial art instructor will present techniques that can be used until help arrives or to chase a person away.

Improving your physical health also makes you less vulnerable to criminals. Eating healthy, getting your daily vitamins, taking regular walks and engaging in low-impact strength training all help you become stronger, so you're less likely to be hurt and better able to fend off an attack. A dietician will present a session on healthy eating and living.

ARM YOURSELF – PRESENTED BY A POLICE OFFICER AND ATTORNEY

While some experts warn against seniors using weapons for self-defense, they are appropriate for some individuals and situations.

For example, just the sound of cocking a shotgun can be enough to scare off a burglar, though it's important to consider whether you can actually fire it if necessary. A handgun is easier to fire, but more difficult to aim. Guns and knives can be turned against you, so you'll want to think carefully before relying on these weapons.

Pepper spray is a popular, non-lethal weapon for stopping criminals in their tracks, and it can be used both at home and when you're out. The key is to have easy access to spray, such as carrying it on a keychain and having it in your hand while you walk to your car. The officers will also make the audience aware of the other items in your home that can be protect yourself (wasp and hornet spray, hair spray, bleach, etc.).

USE YOUR WITS – PRESENTED BY A POLICE OFFICER

Ultimately, one of your best defenses is your own mind, both in terms of preventing an incident as well as responding to an attack. Examples include:

Carry a fake wallet to give to potential robbers, and keep cards and cash in a travel wallet or pocket

Take anti-burglary measures at home, such as using auto-timed lights when you're away or a security bar so criminals can't kick in your door

Use what you have nearby as a weapon, whether that's a cane or even a set of keys

Many seniors say their fear of becoming crime victims makes them feel both lonely and isolated from the outside world. This means the criminals have won, even if these people never end up being victimized directly.

The only way to eliminate fear is through action. A good place to start is with the steps outlined here, using a combination of commonsense and proven physical protection methods to keep yourself safe from those who want to harm you.

SESSION 3: The participants will discuss what they have learned, what safety measures have been taken to protect themselves.

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IRS 501 (c) (3) status

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

MAY 29 2014

PRESTIGE INSTITUTE FOR SUCCESS
260 HIGHWAYS 27
VICKSBURG, MS 39180

Employer Identification Number:

38-3879373

DLN:

17053288324013

Contact Person:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

ID# 31954

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

August 10, 2012

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

no

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

BUDGET

(January 2018 – August 2018)

Professional fees: \$300.00

Travel - \$409.00

Supplies - \$1,288.00

Training material: 503.00

TOTAL: \$2,500.00



Exempt Organizations Select Check

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Organizations Eligible to Receive Tax-Deductible Charitable Contributions (Pub. 78 data) - Search Results

The following list includes tax-exempt organizations that are eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Click on the "Deductibility Status" column for an explanation of limitations on the deductibility of contributions made to different types of tax-exempt organizations.

Results are sorted by EIN. To sort results by another category, click on the icon next to the column heading for that category. Clicking on that icon a second time will reverse the sort order. Click on a column heading for an explanation of information in that column.

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EIN	Legal Name (Doing Business As)	City	State	Country	Deductibility Status	
38-3879373	Prestige Institute for Success	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
31-1809142	Purvis Grange Foundation Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	POF	
47-4493458	R-12 Recovery Ministries	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0784940	Rainbow Farms Mississippi Therapeutic Riding Center for the	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
47-1310957	Randy J Naylor Memorial Foundation	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0851447	River City Rescue Mission Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
58-1979882	River Region Medical Center Auxiliary	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
26-3639257	Rosalyn La Coya Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
27-2141996	Shape Up Mississippi	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
36-4710308	Sherman Avenue Pto	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0849835	Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0742621	St. Luke Church of God in Christ Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
81-5312783	St. Thomas Ministries Foundation	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
42-1710598	Step by Step Performing Arts Academy	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
26-0074820	Storehouse Community Food Pantry	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0409438	Street Medical Foundation	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PF	
81-4393839	Sullivan Enterprise	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0896039	T O U C H Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	SOUNK	
64-0711013	The Kings Daughters and Sons Group Home Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0641901	Total Health Foundation Southeast	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0915629	Travelers Rest Baptist Church	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0921198	Travelers Rest Ministries	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0791444	Triumph Church Incorporated	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
64-0730953	Triumph Ministries Inc.	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	
31-1693496	Triumphant Baptist Church	Vicksburg	MS	United States	PC	

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DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

This is not an official certificate of good standing.

Name History

Name	Name Type
Prestige Institute for Success	Legal

Business Information

Business Type:	Non Profit Corporation
Business ID:	1006529
Status:	Good Standing
Effective Date:	08/10/2012
State of Incorporation:	Mississippi
Principal Office Address:	NO PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS FOUND

Registered Agent

Name

Wilson, Maxine
 107 Katherine Dr
 Vicksburg, MS 39180

Officers & Directors

Name	Title
Edward Wheeler 516 Dabney Avenue Vicksburg, MS 39180	Incorporator
Maxine Wilson 107 Katherine Dr Vicksburg, MS 39180	Incorporator
Sadie Miller 205 Amberleaf Drive Vicksburg, MS 39180	Incorporator
Mary Davis 1708 Heather Drive Vicksburg, MS 39183	Incorporator