# LLC State by State Name Requirements

Deciding on a name for your new LLC can be exciting and challenging. Below are the requirements for all 50 states. They vary on what terms are permitted and restricted. If you need any assistance, please <u>contact us</u> and our team will reach out.

If you have any questions on whether your name is available in your specific state, try out our <u>entity search tool</u> to check its availability.

## Alabama

Under Alabama law, the name may not be the same as or deceptively similar to a name already in use, or a registered or reserved name. It must not contain words implying a business purpose different from those in the Articles of Organization. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."



An available LLC name can be reserved through the **Alabama Secretary of State** for a \$28 fee.

## Alaska

In Alaska, your new LLC's business name must be distinguishable from all other business entity names registered or reserved with the State of Alaska. This applies both to entities formed in Alaska, as well as those originally formed elsewhere but authorized to operate in the state.

Names cannot contain words pertaining to a city (i.e.. "City," "borough" or "village"). The name may not contain language stating or implying that the corporation is organized for a business purpose other than the one permitted by the Articles of Organization. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name may be reserved with **The Great State of Alaska** for up to 120 days for a \$25 fee.

## Arizona

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Arizona LLC that's not used by other businesses in Arizona. The word "Association" cannot be used in an LLC name. With the

words "Bank," "Banc" and "Bancorp," the company must be a bank, and approval of the name is needed from the Department of Banking. The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "L.C.," "LC," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Arizona Corporation Commission** for a \$10 filing fee (\$35 expedite fee).

## **Arkansas**

The name you choose for your Arkansas LLC must be distinguishable from all other registered and reserved business names in the state. The name is not allowed to include words or phrases that could give the impression that the LLC has been organized for a purpose other than what is specified in its articles or one that's not allowed by state law.



The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LLC," "LL.C.," "LC" or "L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name may be reserved with the **Secretary of State** for up to 120 days for \$25 (or \$22.50 if the reservation is made online).

## California

You will need an original name for your LLC that is not used by another LLC in California and that is not misleading. California has very specific regulations that you can refer to when deciding the name of your LLC. The name of your business must end with "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviation "LLC." "Limited" and "Company" can be abbreviated to "Ltd." and "Co.".

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Secretary of State** for a period of 60 days and a \$10 filing fee (per reserved name).

## Colorado

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Colorado LLC that's not used by another business in your state. Your new name must have the words "Limited Liability Company" or "LLC" at the end.

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Secretary of State** for a period of 120 days and a filing fee of \$25.

#### Connecticut

Like the others, a Connecticut LLC's name must be distinguishable from the names of other



business entities already registered or reserved with the state. The LLC's name must include at its end the terms "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C." or "LLC." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd.," and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Secretary of the State Business Services** for up to 120 days and a \$60 filing fee.

#### Delaware

The name of your new Delaware LLC must be easy to distinguish from any other business entity's name registered or reserved with the state, including nonprofit organizations. It can include words in a foreign language, as long as you provide a translation into English when filing the LLC.

Some words, like "Bank," "University" or "College" are restricted and need additional paperwork. Other words (typically those associated with certain professions and licensed individuals) require an individual in that profession to be part of the LLC — for example, doctors, engineers or accountants. Your new LLC's name must end with the words "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviations "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available name can be reserved with the **Division of Corporations** for up to 120 days and a \$75 filing fee.

# Florida

The name of your new Florida LLC must be different from any other business entity's name registered or reserved with the state. Certain restricted words need additional paperwork if you want to use them in your business name. This includes both names associated with institutions (such as banks) and with certain qualified professions like doctors, engineers, attorneys or architects. You cannot use certain prohibited words that would confuse the name of your LLC with a federal or state agency such as IRS, EPA, Treasury, etc.

Your new LLC's name must end with the words "Limited Liability Company" or "Limited Company," or the abbreviations "LLC" or "L.L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" can be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Florida Department of State** for 120 days for a \$35 filing fee (plus tax for online).

# Georgia

The LLC name must be distinguishable from the other LLC names in the state. It may not contain language stating or implying the LLC is organized for a purpose other than that permitted by Georgia law or the Articles of Organization. Use of words such as "Bank," "Credit Union," "Insurance" and "Trust" require approval by other state departments and/or commissioners. The name of a LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Ltd. Co.," "LLC" or "L.L.C."



An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Georgia Corporations Division** for 30 days for a \$25 filing fee.

#### Hawaii

Your new Hawaii LLC's name must not be the same or deceptively similar to any other business entity (corporation, LLC, partnership, etc.) name on file (either registered or reserved) at the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Purely geographical locations and the word "Partners" cannot be used in LLC names. The word "Bank" and variations require approval from the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

Additionally, the LLC's name must end with the words "Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company," or the abbreviations "L.C.," "LLC," or "L.L.C." You can also abbreviate "Limited" as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Business Registration Division** for a \$10 fee.

#### Idaho

It may not be the same as or deceptively similar to that of a domestic or a qualified foreign LLC or a reserved name, with qualified exceptions. It may not contain any word or phrase

indicating or implying the LLC is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its Certificate of Organization. The words "Engineer" and "Survey" require approval by the state's engineering board. The name of a LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Ltd. Co.," "L.C.," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Idaho Secretary of State** for a \$20 filing fee (\$40 for filings by mail).

#### Illinois

You will need a distinctive, original name for your LLC that's not used by another business in Illinois. Words such as "Bank" or "Trust" and variations thereof require approval from the Department of Banks and Trusts. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."



An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Illinois Secretary of State** for up to 90 days and a \$25 filing fee.

## Indiana

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Indiana LLC that's not used by another business in your state. Your new business must have the words "limited liability company" or "LLC" at the end of the name.

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Inbiz Web Portal** for up to 120 days for a \$10 filing fee.

#### Iowa

Your new LLC's name must be different from the registered or reserved name of any other business entity on file with the Iowa Secretary of State. If the other entity gives written



permission, you can use a name that's similar to another business name. They also have to request to change their own name in order to make it different from yours. A court order may grant you to establish an entity with a similar name.

The LLC's name must end with "Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company," or the abbreviations "L.C." or "L.L.C." "Limited"

may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **lowa Secretary of State** for up to 120 days and for a \$10 fee.

#### Kansas

It must be distinguishable upon the records of the Secretary of State from names of other corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC," "L.L.C.," "Limited Company," "LC" or "L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Kansas Secretary of State** for up to 120 days and a fee of \$30.

# Kentucky

The LLC's name must be distinguishable upon records of the <u>Secretary of State</u> from the name of existing business entities filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State. Use of the words "Engineer" or "Survey" requires approval by the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LC," "Ltd.," "Co.," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Kentucky One Stop Portal** for up to 120 days and a filing fee of \$15.

## Louisiana

Your new Louisiana LLC's business name must be distinguishable from (i.e., not deceptively similar to) all other entities authorized to conduct business in the state by the Louisiana Secretary of State. This applies to entities formed in Louisiana, as well as those originally formed elsewhere but authorized to operate in the state.

The words "State" and "Security" cannot be used in the name. Words such as "Bank," "Cooperative," "Guarantee," "Loan," "Mutual," "Savings," "Trust" and others require approval from the Office of Financial Institutions. The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."



An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Louisiana Secretary of State** for up to 60 days (two 30 day extensions are available upon request) and for a \$25 fee.

#### Maine

The name cannot be any name that is the same as or deceptively similar to that of any domestic or foreign-qualified LLC without authorization. The name cannot utilize a reserved name. The name shall not contain any word or phrase indicating it is organized for any purpose not permitted by Maine law. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Department of the Secretary of State** for up to 120 days and for a fee of \$20.

# Maryland

The name needs to be unique and not used by another LLC or business operating in Maryland. The name may not contain language stating or implying that the LLC is organized for a purpose other than the one permitted by the Articles of Organization. It must end with "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviations "LLC," "L.L.C.," "LC" or "L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved by filling out the **Corporate Name Reservation Application.** There is no online name reservation process, you will need to file this form by mail along with a \$25 check for fees (for expedited service add an additional \$20).

# Massachusetts

The name may not be the same as the name or trade name of a Massachusetts LLC, foreign LLC, firm, association, person carrying on business in Massachusetts or name under reservation. It may not be so similar as to be mistaken for another name unless given the written consent of the existing LLC, firm, association, or person.



Symbols cannot be used in a company name. The words "United States," "U.S." or "Veteran" imply an association with the government and cannot be used. The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved by filling out the **Application of Reservation of Name** and with a filing fee of \$30. The name can be reserved for up to 60 days, the applicant can may extend the reservation for an additional 60 days, with an additional \$30.

# Michigan

The name must be distinguishable from the name of any domestic or foreign LLCs, domestic or foreign limited partnerships, or names currently reserved. It must not indicate the LLC was formed for a purpose other than one or more purposes permitted in the Articles of Organization. It cannot use the words "Bank," "Industrial Bank," "Deposit," "Surety," "Security," "Trust" or "Trust Company". The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Corporations Online Filing System** for up to 6 months following the month of filing and a \$25 fee.

## Minnesota

Your new LLC's name must be distinguishable from any other business name either registered or reserved with the Minnesota Secretary of State's office. You may choose a similar name if (1) the other business is about to change its name, cease business, dissolve or withdraw, and (2) written consent from that business is obtained. The name must include the words "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviation "LLC" at the end. It may not include the words "Corporation," "Incorporated" or the abbreviations "Inc." or "Corp."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Minnesota Secretary of State** for up to 12 months with a \$55 fee if filing online or in-person (\$50 if filing by mail).

# Mississippi

The name cannot be the same as or deceptively similar to that of a domestic or foreign-qualified LLC. The name may not contain language stating or implying that the LLC is organized for a purpose other than the one permitted by the Certificate of Formation, but it may include the name of a member or manager. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C." The word "Partner" or variations cannot be used in the name of an LLC. The word "Trust" also cannot be used.



An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Secretary of State** for \$25.

#### Missouri

The LLC name needs to be unique and not used by another LLC or business operating in Missouri. The name must not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is any governmental agency, or that it is organized for any purpose other than a purpose for which LLCs may be created. The name of your Missouri business must end with "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C." or "LLC."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Missouri Secretary of State** for up to 60 days with a fee of \$25 for each business entity except Limited Liability Partnerships.

#### Montana

The name must be distinguishable from that of any LLC authorized to transact business in the state, a reserved or registered name, any assumed business name, limited partnership name, corporation name, trademark or service mark. The LLC name must contain, as the last words of the name, "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LLC," or another acceptable version of this entity type.

An available LLC name can be reserved on the **Montana Official State Website** for up to 120 days and a \$10 filing fee.

## Nebraska

Your new LLC's business name must be distinguishable from all other business entities authorized to conduct business by the Nebraska Secretary of State. This applies to entities formed in Nebraska, as well as those originally formed elsewhere but authorized to operate in this state.

It may not, however, include any abbreviation, word, or phrase that that states or implies that it has been formed for some purpose not included in its articles of organization. The LLC name must contain, as the last words of the name, one of the following terms: "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."



An available LLC name can be reserved on the application for **Reservation of LLC Name**. The application must be filed by postal mail along with a \$30 check for the filing fee. The name can be reserved for 120 days.

#### Nevada

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Nevada LLC that's not used by another business in Nevada. There are a number of words for which usage requires approval by the applicable state department or agency, such as accountant, bank brokerage, or financial. The name of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Limited," "LC," "Ltd. Co.," "Ltd.," "LLC," or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with **Nevada's Silver Portal**. The name will be reserved for 90 days with a filing fee of \$25.

# New Hampshire

The name you select for your New Hampshire LLC must be distinguishable from the name of any other New Hampshire business entity that is reserved or registered with the state government. The name must not contain language implying the LLC is organized for a purpose not permitted by the Act or its Certificate of Formation.

The LLC's name must contain the words "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviations "LLC" or "L.L.C." The state specifically says that an additional space is allowed to be inserted between the letters or periods in each of these abbreviations — so "L. L. C." and "L L C" are also allowed.

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Department of State** for a \$15 fee.

## New Jersey



Your new New Jersey LLC's name must be distinguishable from the names of other business entities already registered or reserved with the state. Certain restricted words need additional paperwork, and other words are prohibited. Restricted and prohibited words include (but not limited to) "blind", "cemetery", "little league", "realtor", and "trust". The LLC's name must include at its end the terms "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C.," or "LLC."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **State of New Jersey**, the name can be held for 120 days for a \$50 fee.

#### **New Mexico**

The name must not be the same as or confusingly similar to the name of any domestic or foreign LLC or a name reserved by or registered by another LLC unless written permission of other LLC is obtained. The name must not imply a purpose other than that contained in the Articles of Organization. The words "Bank," "Insurance," "Little League," "Olympic" and "Trust" cannot be used. The name of a LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Ltd. Co.," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **New Mexico Secretary of State** the name can be held for 120 with a filing fee of \$20.

#### New York

The name may not be the same as or confusing similar to that of any domestic or authorized foreign corporation or reserved name. The name may not contain any word or phrase indicating the corporation is formed for any purpose other than that included in its Articles of Organization. Accent marks cannot be used in the name. The name of a LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved with the **Department of State** for 60 days with a \$20 filing fee.

## North Carolina

The name must be distinguishable from that of any domestic or foreign LLC and from the reserved or registered name of a corporation, nonprofit corporation, or partnership. Names may not contain language stating or implying the LLC is organized for purposes not permitted under North Carolina law and its Articles of Organization.

Use of words such as "Insurance," "Mutual," "Trust," "Wholesale" and "Engineering" must be approved by the appropriate state department or agency. There are several other words that the Department of the Secretary of State could reject in your corporate name if you can't provide adequate documentation that your business is legally qualified to provide the service implied. The name



of an LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Ltd. Liability Company," "Limited Liability Co.," "Ltd. Liability Co.," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days with the **Secretary of State** for a \$30 filing fee.

## North Dakota

The name may not be the same as or deceptively similar to the name of a domestic or foreign LLC, corporation, limited partnership, reserved name, registered fictitious name, or trade name unless consent is given. The name may not contain a word or phrase that states or implies the LLC is organized for an unlawful purpose.

It may not contain the words "Bank," "Banker," "Banking," "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Limited Partnership," "Limited Liability Partnership," "Limited Liability Limited Partnership," or any abbreviations thereof. Your LLC's name must end with "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviations "L.L.C." or "LLC."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 12 months with the **Secretary of State** for a \$10 filing fee.

## Ohio

In Ohio, you need to choose an LLC name that is unique and not used by another LLC or business operating in the state. Your Ohio LLC name can't suggest affiliation with any federal or state government entity or agency. Use of the words "Bank" or "Trust" requires approval from the Superintendent of Banks, and use of the word "Insurance" requires approval from the Department of Insurance. The name of your Ohio business must end with "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C." or "LLC" and can use the abbreviations "Ltd." and "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 180 days with **Ohio Secretary of State** for a \$39 filing fee.

## Oklahoma

Your new Oklahoma LLC's name must be readily distinguishable from any other business entity's name that's been registered or reserved with the state during the past three years. Your LLC's name must end with the



words "Limited Liability Company" or "Limited Company," or the abbreviations "L.L.C." or "L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 60 days with the **Secretary of State** for a \$10 filing fee.

# Oregon

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Oregon LLC that's not used by another business in Oregon. The name must be comprised of the English letters "a" through "z." The name shall not contain the word "Cooperative" or include words in parentheses. The word "Association" cannot be used in an LLC name.

If a company uses the words "Bank," "Banc" or "Bancorp," the company must be a bank and approval of the name is needed from the Department of Banking. The name of a LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing an application with the **Secretary of State**.

# Pennsylvania

It must be distinguishable from the name of any domestic or foreign LLC registered in the state. It may be in any language but must be expressed in English letters or characters or Arabic or Roman numerals. Use of words such as - but not limited to "Bank", "Endowment", "Survey" and "Title" all require approval by the appropriate state department or agency.

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing an application with the **Department of State** with a \$70 filing fee.

# Rhode Island



Your new Rhode Island LLC's name must be readily distinguishable from any other business entity's name registered or reserved with the state. The name must also not imply that it was organized for a different purpose than what is specified in its articles of organization. Its last words must contain "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C.".

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days with the **Department of State** for a \$50 filing fee.

### South Carolina

In South Carolina, your LLC's name must be readily distinguishable from any other business entity's name that is registered or reserved with the state. Your business name may not state or imply that it was organized for some different purpose than what is stated in its articles of organization.

Your new LLC's name must end with the words "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company" or the abbreviations "LLC," "L.L.C.," "LC," or "L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing the application to **Reserve an LLC Name** along with a \$25 check since the reservation must be done by mail.

#### South Dakota

It may not be the same as or descriptively similar to the name of any domestic or foreign LLC unless consent is obtained. The name must not imply it is organized for any purpose other than that stated in the Articles of Organization. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name may be reserved for 120 days with the **Secretary of State** for a \$25 filing fee.

### Tennessee

The name of your new Tennessee LLC must be easy to distinguish from any other business entity's name that is registered or reserved with the state, including nonprofit organizations. Your new LLC's name may not include the words "Corporation" or "Incorporated." Use of the words "Bank," "Credit Union," "Mortgage" and "Trust" requires approval by the Department of Financial Institutions.



Your new LLC's name must end with the words "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviations "LLC" or "L.L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name may be reserved for four months with the **Secretary of State** for a \$20 filing fee.

#### Texas

It may not be the same as or deceptively similar to the name of any domestic or foreign LLC or reserved or registered name. However, a name already in use may be used if the LLC gets written consent from the existing name holder. Your Texas LLC name must not imply a purpose other than that stated in the Certificate of Formation. It can't suggest affiliation with any federal or state government entity or agency.



Symbols cannot be used in the name. Names submitted with superscript letters or numbers, or subscript letters or numbers will not appear in that format in the official company name. (For example, H 2 0 would appear as H20.) The name may not contain the word "Lottery." The name must not imply a purpose other than that stated in the Certificate of Formation.

Use of words tied to education (such as but not limited to "College," "School" and "Seminary" cannot be used without approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Use of words such as "Bank," "Trust" and those implying ties to Veterans ("Veterans," "War," etc.) also require approvals prior to use. The name of the LLC must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Ltd. Co.," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days with the **Secretary of State** with a \$40 filing fee.

### Utah

Your new LLC's business name must be distinguishable from all other Utah LLCs, corporations, and other business entities authorized to conduct business by the Utah Secretary of State. Without the written consent of the U.S. Olympic Committee, your name cannot contain the words "Olympic," "Olympiad," or "Citius Altius Fortius." Use of the words "Bank," "College," "Institute" and "University" requires additional state department approvals as well. The LLC name must include "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LLC" or another acceptable version of this entity type as its last words.

An available LLC name may be reserved for 120 days through **One Stop** for a \$22 fee and that

reservation can be renewed once for up to 120 more days.

#### Vermont

It must be distinguishable from, and not the same as, deceptively similar to, or likely to be confused with or mistaken for any name granted, registered or reserved under chapter or with the Secretary of State. The name may not contain language stating or implying the LLC is organized for purposes other than those permitted by state law. The name must not have the word "Cooperative" or any abbreviation thereof. The Vermont LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Ltd. Co." "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name may be reserved for up to 120 days with the **Secretary of State** for \$20, and that reservation can be renewed one time for an additional 120 days.

# Virginia



Your new LLC's name must be distinct from all other Virginia business names that are either registered or reserved with the Virginia Department of State Corporations Bureau. You must include "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company" or their respective abbreviations at the end of the name. However, your new LLC's name is not allowed to include the words "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Limited Partnership," or the abbreviations "Corp.," "Inc.," "L.P.," or "L.P."

An available LLC name can be reserved for up to 120 days through the **State Corporation Commission** for a \$10 fee. This can be done online or by **mail**.

# Washington

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Washington LLC that's not being used by another business in Washington. The name must contain the words "Limited Liability Company," the words "Limited Liability" with the abbreviation "Co." or the abbreviations "L.L.C." or "LLC" (as in "Seattle Residential Realtors LLC," for example).

An available LLC name can be reserved for up to 180 days by filing the **Reservation of Name**\_application. There is no online option, the application must be mailed out along with a check of \$30. Include an additional \$50 for expedited processing.

# West Virginia

Your new LLC's name must be distinguishable from all other West Virginia business names registered or reserved with the Secretary of State's office. The words "Bank," "Loan" and "Home Loan" require approval from the Department of Financial Institutions. The word "Trust" cannot be used in a name. Use of the word "Co-Operative" is restricted as well.

The LLC's name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company" or the abbreviations "LLC," "L.L.C.," "LC" or "L.C." The word "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and the word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing out the **Name Reservation** application. The application must be mailed out along with a \$15 check for filing fees.

## Wisconsin

You will need a distinctive, original name for your Wisconsin LLC that's not used by another business in Wisconsin. The word "Bank" and variations cannot be used, and use of the word "Cooperative" is restricted. Your Wisconsin LLC name can't suggest affiliation with any federal or state government entity or agency. Your name must have the words "Limited Liability Company" or "LLC" at the end.



An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing the **Name Reservation** application. The application must be mailed out along with a \$15 check for filing fees. For expedited processing add \$25.

# Wyoming

You will need a name for your Wyoming LLC that's not in use by another business in your state. Use of the word "Trust" is restricted. Use of the words "Academy," "Education," "University" and "School" requires approval by the Department of Education. The LLC name must end with "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "Ltd. Co.," "LC," "LLC" or "L.L.C."

An available LLC name can be reserved for 120 days by filing the **Name Reservation** application. The application must be mailed out along with \$60 check for filing fees.

