

LLC Formation Cost Worksheet

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Estimate the true first-year cost of forming your LLC. State fees vary widely — look up your state on its Secretary of State website and enter the exact numbers in the right column.

A. Your Situation

Tick what applies, then fill the right-hand column as you research your own numbers.

- ☐ Single-member LLC
- ☐ Multi-member LLC
- ☐ Forming in my home state
- ☐ Forming in another state (Delaware/Wyoming/etc.)
- ☐ Using a formation service

B. State Filing Costs

Item	Typical Range	Your Estimate
Articles of Organization filing fee	\$35 – \$500	\$
Name reservation (optional)	\$0 – \$50	\$
Certified copy of formation	\$5 – \$40	\$
Expedited processing (optional)	\$0 – \$100	\$

State Filing Costs subtotal: _____

C. Registered Agent

Item	Typical Range	Your Estimate
Registered agent service (per year)	\$0 – \$300	\$
Commercial / virtual address (optional)	\$0 – \$200	\$

Registered Agent subtotal: _____

D. Ongoing / First-Year

Item	Typical Range	Your Estimate
Annual report or franchise fee	\$0 – \$800	\$
Initial business license / permit	\$0 – \$400	\$
Operating agreement (DIY free / service)	\$0 – \$200	\$
EIN (free at IRS.gov / paid service)	\$0 – \$100	\$

Ongoing / First-Year subtotal: _____

E. Optional Service Fees

Item	Typical Range	Your Estimate
LLC formation package	\$0 – \$350	\$
Banking resolution / kit	\$0 – \$150	\$

Optional Service Fees subtotal: _____

F. First-Year Grand Total Estimate

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G. Ways to Lower Your Cost

- ☐ Be your own registered agent if you have a reliable in-state address
- ☐ Get your EIN free directly at IRS.gov
- ☐ File directly with the state instead of a paid package
- ☐ Skip expedited processing if you are not in a rush
- ☐ Compare filing + annual fees before choosing a formation state

Notes

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