

# **Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability**

"Enhancing Trust in Christ-Centered Churches and Ministries"

The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability ([ECFA<sup>1</sup>](https://www.ecfa.org)), based in the Washington, D.C. area with offices presently in Winchester, Virginia, is an American financial standards association representing evangelical Christian organizations which qualify for tax-exempt, nonprofit status and receive tax-deductible contributions. Founded in 1979, ECFA accredits over 2,200 member organizations which have demonstrated compliance with its financial standards. As an accrediting organization, ECFA provides a seal of approval to those members who adhere to their [Seven Standards of Accountability](#).

The mission of ECFA is to assist religious charitable organizations to gain and maintain the public respect and confidence in the operations of the respective charity through the compliance with the Standards, and to protect the donor public from possible unethical conduct in the management of the affairs of the charities.

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