Access the following website to obtain an EIN via Online, Telephone Service, Fax or Mail:
http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=97860,00.html

Click here to apply for an EIN online.
Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) Online

Check Out Our Interview-style Application

No need to file a Form SS-4. We ask you the questions and you give us the answers. After all validations are done you will get your EIN immediately upon completion. You can then download, save, and print your EIN confirmation notice.

This EIN is your permanent number and can be used immediately for most of your business needs, including opening a bank account, applying for business license, and filing a tax return by mail. However, no matter how you apply (phone, fax, mail, or online), it will take up to two weeks before your EIN becomes part of the IRS’s permanent records. You must wait until this occurs before you can file an electronic return, make an electronic payment, or pass an IRS Taxpayer Identification Number matching program.

Important information for Sole Proprietors

A sole proprietor can have only one EIN, regardless of the number or types of businesses you operate. If you were previously assigned an EIN as a sole proprietor, you must continue to use that number. If you were previously assigned an EIN as a Household Employer, you should use that number for your sole proprietor needs as well. If you are unable to locate your sole proprietor EIN, follow the instructions located here. If you need to update your business address information, complete Form SS-222 (PDF) and mail it to us.

Important Information for Home-care Service Recipients

If you are a home-care service recipient who has a previously assigned EIN either as a sole proprietor or as a household employer, do not apply for a new EIN. Use the EIN previously provided. If you cannot locate your EIN for any reason, follow the instructions on the Misplaced Your EIN? Web page.

If you are a home-care service recipient who does not have an EIN, do not use the online application to apply for one. You must apply for your EIN using one of the other methods (phone, fax or mail). For additional information, visit the How to Apply for an EIN Web page.

Attention Tax Exempt/Non Profit Organizations

At the beginning of the online EIN application process, you will be asked to check a box that best describes your legal structure. The legal structure for all Tax Exempt/Non Profit Organizations is found under the 7th option, “View Additional Types, Including Tax-Exempt and Governmental Agencies.” Non-profit organizations include corporations, trusts, limited liability companies, and unincorporated associations that qualify for tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 501(a) as described in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization (PDF).

This Application Is Available During the Following Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Eastern time
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern time
Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Eastern time

APPLY ONLINE NOW
References/Related Topic

Click here to continue to the EIN Application online.
EIN Assistant

Important Information Before You Begin
Use this assistant to apply for and obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Do I need an EIN?
Do I need a new EIN?

About the EIN Assistant
✓ You must complete this application in one session, as you will not be able to save and return at a later time.
✓ For security purposes, your session will expire after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you will need to start over.
✓ You will receive your EIN immediately upon verification. When will I be able to use my EIN?
✓ If you wish to receive your confirmation letter online, we strongly recommend that you install Adobe Reader before beginning the application if it is not already installed.

Restrictions
✓ If a third party designee (TPD) is completing the online application on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer must authorize the third party to apply for and receive the EIN on his or her behalf.
✓ The business location must be within the United States or U.S. territories.
✓ Foreign filers without an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cannot use this assistant to obtain an EIN.
✓ If you were incorporated outside of the United States or the U.S. territories, you cannot apply for an EIN online. Please call us at 215-516-6899 (this is not a toll free number).

Begin Application >>

If you are not comfortable sending information via the Internet, download the Form 8844 PDF file and the instructions for alternative ways of applying.

IRS Privacy Policy

Click here to start EIN Application online.
Individuals will need to select “Sole Proprietor”.

Click here to continue the application process.
You have chosen Sole Proprietor.

Sole proprietor includes individuals who are in business for themselves, or household employers. Read the descriptions below and choose the type for which you are applying.

- **Sole Proprietor**
  A sole proprietorship is a business that has only one owner and is not incorporated or registered with the state as a limited liability company (LLC). A sole proprietor can be a self-employed individual or an independent contractor. Sole proprietors (self-employed individuals) report all business income and expenses on their individual tax returns (Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Schedule C, E, or F). A sole proprietor may or may not have employees.

- **Household Employer**
  You are a household employer if you have hired someone to do household work and **that worker is your employee**. Household employees include: babysitters, nannies, au pairs, cleaning people, housekeepers, maids, drivers, health aides, private nurses, caretakers, yard workers, and similar domestic workers.

**Individuals will need to select “Sole Proprietor”.**

Click here to continue the application process.
Please confirm your selection.

Confirm your selection of **Sole Proprietor** as the type of structure applying for an EIN.

**What it is...**

- A sole proprietorship is a business owned by one individual.
- A sole proprietor can be a self-employed individual or an independent contractor.
- All business income and expenses are reported on the individual's federal income tax return.
- A sole proprietor may or may not have employees.

**IMPORTANT:** A sole proprietor may have only one EIN, regardless of the number of businesses you own or operate. If you already have an EIN, you must use that number for all of your sole proprietor businesses.

**What it is not...**

- The business cannot be **incorporated** or registered with the state as a **limited liability company (LLC)**.

If you need to change your type of structure, we recommend that you do so **now**, otherwise you will have to start over and re-enter your information. Additional help may be found by reviewing **all types of organizations and structures** before making your selection.
“Why are you requesting an EIN?”

“Banking Purposes” should be selected as that is the closest to the reason for obtaining an EIN.
If you are applying for an EIN for yourself, select this option.

**Required fields**
Must match IRS records or this application cannot be processed.
The only punctuation and special characters allowed are hyphen (-) and ampersand (&).

First name *  John
Middle name/initial
Last name *  Doe
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.)  [Select One]
SSN/TIN *  [### - ### - ####]

Choose One: *
☐  I am the sole proprietor.
☐  I am a third party applying for an EIN on behalf of this sole proprietor.

Before continuing, please review the information above for typographical errors.

Click here to continue the application process
Where is the Sole Proprietor physically located?

* Required fields

The only special characters allowed for street and city are - and /
Note: Must be a U.S. address. Do not enter a P.O. box. For military addresses click here.

Street * 112 Main Avenue
City * Mountain City
State/U.S. territory * MARYLAND (MD)
ZIP code * 99912
Phone number * 999 - 111 - 2222

Do you have an address different from the above where you want your mail to be sent?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Before continuing, please review the information above for typographical errors.

Click here to continue the application process

Continue >>
Tell us about the Sole Proprietor.

*Required fields
The only punctuation and special characters allowed are hyphen (-) and ampersand (&).
The trade name may not contain an ending such as 'LLC', 'LC', 'PLL', 'PA', 'Corp', or 'Inc'.

Name of Sole Proprietor
John Doe

Trade name/Doing business as (if different from name)

County where Sole Proprietor is located
Montgomery

State/Territory where Sole Proprietor is located
MARYLAND (MD)

Sole Proprietor start date
August 2009

Click here to continue the application process.
Tell us more about the Sole Proprietor.

* Required fields

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Before continuing, please review the information above.

Click here to continue the application process
Select “Other” for the type of business. Click here to continue the application process.
Select "Other" and enter "Fulfilling Federal Law Requirements"
How would you like to receive your EIN Confirmation Letter?

You have two options for receiving your confirmation letter. Please choose one below:

- **Receive letter online.** This option requires Adobe Reader. You will be able to view, print, and save this letter immediately. It will not be mailed to you.

- **Receive letter by mail.** The IRS will send the letter to the mailing address you provided - allow up to 4 weeks for delivery.

Select this option to receive your letter online providing your EIN.

Click here to continue the application process and receive your letter providing your EIN.
Helpful information regarding your EIN
http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=98350,00.html