

# Travelers 1<sup>st</sup> Choice ACCOUNTANTS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE SMALL ACCOUNTING FIRM APPLICATION

# **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America**

Hartford, Connecticut

*Important Note:* This is an application for a claims-made policy. To be covered, a claim must be first made against an insured during the policy period or any applicable extended reporting period.

Throughout this application "you" and "your" means the entity or individual applying for this insurance.



PLEASE READ:

You are not eligible for this application *IF* you or your accounting firm:

- ▶ has a gross billable income exceeding \$500,000 for the current fiscal year
- ► requests a limit of liability greater than \$2,000,000
- ▶ generates billings or revenues from any of the following areas of practice:
  ☐ Audits/Attest
  ☐ Trustee or Bankruptcy Receiver Services
  - Forensic Accounting Business Valuations & Projections
  - ☐ Mergers & Acquisitions ☐ Tax Shelters
  - ☐ Securities ☐ Information Technology
  - Software Development

IF INELIGIBLE: Standard Firm Application forms are available from your agent or online at Travelers.com

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.	Date firm establis	hed:	2. Effective date requested:				
3.	3. Your full legal name:						
4.	. Your "trade name" or "doing business as" name:						
5.	Your address:	Street	Zip Code	City			
6.	Your primary con	tact: Name & Title	Website	Phone			
_	7. Your legal status:						
8. Do you have more than one office location? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, please give full address for each location)							

	ype of busines	s or profes	ssion, any shared services or	signage, and any sh		
GENERAL INFORMATION						
10. Are any principals, owners If Yes, please describe	•		n any other occupation(s) outs	_	□Yes □No	
11. Staff number: Full Time Professional Staff Part Time Professional Staff Sup			oort Staff			
12. Please complete the chart	below for all p	rincipals, o	owners, officers and other full-	-time professional st	aff:	
Name	Date of Hire	Years in Practice	Professional Membership or Association	Hours of CPE (past 12 Months)	Profession Code <sup>1</sup>	
<sup>1</sup> <u>Profession Code</u> : CPA= Certi Other Professional (describe it 13. a. Please indicate the gros	applicable)	·	Ç.	к от вооккеерініў Рі	oressional, OP =	
			ırrent Fiscal Year	Projected Next Fiscal Year		
Ending Date			ng Date Ending Date\$			
b. Total number of clients for the past year  4. Do you have any single client representing 15% or more of your gross billable income? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide client profile, services performed by you, percentage of your revenue, etc.						
15. Indicate the approximate pused. The total percentag			ear's gross billable income and	d whether engagem	ent letters are	
Area of Practice				Percentage of Income	Are Engagement Letters Used?	
A. GENERAL BOOKEEPING	& FINANCIAL				Letters osca.	
1. Bookkeeping/Write-ups/	Payroll Proces	sing		%	☐ Yes ☐ No	
<ol> <li>Bookkeeping or Account Services)</li> </ol>	ing Software I	nstallation	or Consulting (no Design	%	☐ Yes ☐ No	
3. Reviews				%	☐ Yes ☐ No	
4. Compilations				%	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Area of Practice	Percentage of Income	Are Engagement Letters Used?			
B. TAX SERVICES		Letters osca.			
1. Tax - Individual	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
2. Tax – Business	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
3. Tax – Estate	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
C. INVESTMENT ADVICE AND CONSULTING					
Basic Personal Financial Planning (no Specific Investment Advice)	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
2. Personal Investment Advice*	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Management or Business Consulting (describe)	- %	☐ Yes ☐ No			
4. Business Investment Advice*	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
5. Litigation Support	%	☐ Yes ☐ No			
D. OTHER					
1. Describe:	- %	☐ Yes ☐ No			
2. Describe:	- %	☐ Yes ☐ No			
*If any income is shown in C.2 OR C.4, please complete the Investment Advice/Final Supplement.  16. Approximate percentage of Gross Billable Income from the following:  a. High Net Worth Individuals (>\$10,000,000 Assets) %  b. Large Public Companies (>\$25,000,000 Revenue) %  c. Large Private Companies (>\$25,000,000 Revenue) %	ncial Planning P	ractice			
RISK MANAGEMENT					
17. Do you have a training program in place for all new professionals? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
18. Do you maintain a calendar system to ensure the timely completion of reports, filin	gs, and tax returr	ns? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
9. Within the past five years, have you sued to collect fees?   Yes  No  If yes, please describe all collection suits including name of clients, services rendered, dates of services, suit date, fee amounts, status or outcome of suit and whether your firm is still providing services for this Client:					
CLAIM HISTORY					
. Have you or any member of your firm ever had their accounting license suspended or revoked or been subject to any kind of professional investigation or disciplinary action by any regulatory entity or accounting professional body, or been indicted for, or convicted of a felony, or paid any criminal or civil penalty or fine (including a tax preparer's fine) in connection with your professional services?   Yes  No If yes, please provide full details.					
	. In the past five years, has any professional liability claim or suit been made against the firm, any predecessor in business or any current or former partner, officer, shareholder or employed accountant?   Yes  No  If yes, please complete the Claim, Suit, or Incident Supplement for each claim.				
<ul> <li>Does any accountant for whom coverage is sought know of any incident, act, error or omission that could result in a claim or suit against your firm or any predecessor firm or any of the current or former members of the firm?</li> <li>Yes No If yes, please complete the Claim, Suit, or Incident Supplement for each claim or incident.</li> </ul>					

23. Have you carried any professional liability insurance during the past 3 years? 

Yes 

No If yes, complete the following chart for any professional liability insurance coverage carried by your firm during the past three years.

	Carrier	Policy Period	Limits	Deductible	Premium	Retroactive Date
Current year						
Prior Year 1						
Prior Year 2						

Please forward a copy of your current declarations page.

24.	4. Have you or any person or entity seeking coverage under this proposed policy ever been declined professional						
	liability insurance or had such insurance non-renewed or cancelled, other than for nonpayment of premium?						
	(Missouri applicants: do not respond) □Yes □No If yes, please provide details:						

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE

For information about how Travelers compensates independent agents, brokers, or other insurance producers, please visit this website: http://www.travelers.com/w3c/legal/Producer\_Compensation\_Disclosure.html

If you prefer, you can call the following toll-free number: 1-866-904-8348. Or you can write to us at Travelers, Enterprise Development, One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183.

### **FRAUD WARNINGS**

# Attention: Insureds in Arkansas, D.C., Louisiana, Maryland, and New Mexico

Any person who knowingly (and willfully in D.C. and MD) presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly (and willfully in D.C. and MD) presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

#### Attention: Insureds in Colorado

It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

#### Attention: Insureds in Florida

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

# Attention: Insureds in Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties. (In New York, the civil penalty is not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.)

# Attention: Insureds in Maine, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington

It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

#### SIGNATURE AND AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned authorized representative of the firm, or individual if this application is for an individual, agrees to all of the following:

- The statements and representations made in this application are true and complete and will be deemed material to the acceptance of the risk assumed by Travelers in the event an insurance policy is issued.
- If the information supplied in this application changes between the date of the application and the effective date of any insurance policy issued by Travelers in response to this application, you will immediately notify us of such changes, and we may withdraw or modify any outstanding quotation or agreement to bind coverage.
- Travelers is authorized to make an investigation and inquiry in connection with this application.
- Travelers is not bound or obligated to issue any insurance policy or to provide the insurance requested in this application.

Signature* (Partner, Member, Off	icer, Shareholder)		Date					
Name (print)		Title						
If you are electronically submitting this application to Travelers, apply your electronic signature to this form by checking the Electronic Signature and Acceptance box below. By doing so, you hereby consent and agree that your use of a key bad, mouse, or other device to check the Electronic Signature and Acceptance box constitutes your signature, acceptance, and agreement as if actually signed by you in writing and has the same force and effect as a signature affixed by hand.								
☐ Electronic Signature and Acceptance								
<b>Important note</b> : This application is not a representation that coverage does or does not exist for any particular claim or loss, or type of claim or loss, under any insurance policy issued by Travelers. Whether coverage exists or does not exist for any particular claim or loss under any such policy depends on the facts and circumstances involved in the claim or loss and all applicable wording of the policy actually issued.								
INSURANCE AGENT OR BROKER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:								
Submitting agency name			□Direct	□Sub-produced				
Address (street, city, state, zip cod	le)							
Phone	Fax	Email						
Licensed Producer Name		License	Number					
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:								

In the section below you may provide additional information to any of the questions in this application (please reference

the question number).