

Is idealist.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

idealist.org

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

idealist.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 45%.

What this site appears to be

Idealist is an established nonprofit platform connecting people with volunteer opportunities, social-impact jobs, internships, events, and organizations. It also provides career resources and paid or partner services for nonprofits and employers.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	9 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

Idealist is an established nonprofit platform connecting visitors with volunteering, nonprofit jobs, internships, events, organizations, and social-impact career resources, while supporting organizational listings, recruiting services, partnerships, and donations.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site's coherent nonprofit marketplace presentation, clean page-level assessment, absence of phishing or brand-impersonation indicators, and established domain history support a legitimate identity rather than an impersonation or scam profile. Normal account login and standard platform interaction are appropriate.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents a coherent nonprofit mission, service structure, search functionality, and standard signup workflow.
- Page analysis recorded no red flags, phishing indicators, suspicious forms, or suspected brand impersonation.
- The domain was registered in 1996 and is 29.96 years old.
- Reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents a nonprofit employment, volunteering, and community marketplace rather than a financial service requiring the licensing disclosures applicable to regulated financial platforms. No licensing claim or registration number is shown in the supplied site content; this is a limited transparency point for institutional due diligence, not evidence of deception. The operating identity and business model are otherwise presented consistently.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes organizational listings, recruitment services, community opportunities, and employer resources.
- No license authority or license number is stated in the supplied page content.
- The site is hosted on AS54113 (FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US).
- TLS is issued by YR1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-09-17.

What to Verify Next

For formal partnership or procurement, confirm the contracting entity and applicable nonprofit status through independently sourced records. Before account creation, review the site's current privacy, account, and data-use terms; standard use and login remain appropriate.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides a public signup workflow.
- The platform exposes organizational and employer-facing functions relevant to institutional engagement.

Summary Verdict

Idealist presents as a legitimate, established, high-trust nonprofit platform with a coherent purpose, clean reputation, and no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. Its overall posture supports normal interaction and standard account use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is delivered through Fastly's edge-hosting infrastructure, providing a conventional protective delivery layer. This is a mitigating infrastructure signal only and does not independently establish legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users and institutions may proceed with normal platform interaction, applying ordinary account-security and procurement controls appropriate to the sensitivity of the engagement.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-02 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of idealist.org.

- The request stayed on idealist.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Gandi SAS. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by dnsmadeeasy.com, across 6 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-08-21. NOTED
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Gandi SAS
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	151.101.2.49
Name servers	ns10.dnsmadeeasy.com, ns11.dnsmadeeasy.com, ns12.dnsmadeeasy.com, ns13.dnsmadeeasy.com, ns14.dnsmadeeasy.com, ns15.dnsmadeeasy.com
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-09-17
Domain age	30.0 years
Domain expiry	2027-08-21
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 9 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about idealist.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.