

BlackRock Multi-Sector Income Trust  
Form 8-A12B  
February 20, 2013

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**BLACKROCK MULTI-SECTOR INCOME TRUST**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State of Incorporation**

**or Organization)**

**100 Bellevue Parkway Wilmington, Delaware**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**46-1559941**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification Number)**

**19809**  
**(Zip Code)**

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-185205

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class                                                    | Name of Each Exchange on Which                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| to be so Registered<br>Common Shares of Beneficial Interest            | Each Class is to be Registered<br>New York Stock Exchange |
| Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None |                                                           |

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

The description of the Registrant's securities to be registered is incorporated by reference to the description contained under the caption "Description of Shares" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (Nos. 333-185205 and 811-22774) as filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on November 30, 2012 (Accession No. 0001341004-12-001403) ("Registration Statement on Form N-2"), as amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the Commission on January 9, 2013 (Accession No. 0001341004-13-000047), Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the Commission on January 15, 2013 (Accession No. 0001193125-13-012322) and Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the Commission on January 24, 2013 (Accession No. 0001193125-13-022143).

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits, no exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

BLACKROCK MULTI-SECTOR INCOME TRUST

By: /s/ John Perlowski  
Name: John Perlowski  
Title: President