Section 1: 8-A12B (FORM 8-A)

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation or organization)

41-1591444
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 Lake Street East, Mail Code EX0-03-A, Wayzata, Minnesota
(Address of principal executive offices)

55391-1693
(Zip Code)

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

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<th>Title of each class to be so registered</th>
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<td>Depositary Shares, each representing 1/1,000th interest in a share of Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock</td>
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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), check the following box. [ X ]

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), check the following box. [ ]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-181741 (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

(Title of Class)
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant’s Securities to be Registered.

The description of the Depositary Shares being registered hereby, including the Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock which is represented by the Depositary Shares, is set forth under (a) “Description of Preferred Stock” and “Description of Depositary Shares” in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-181741) of TCF Financial Corporation (“Registrant”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on May 29, 2012, and (b) the sections captioned “Description of Series A Preferred Stock” and “Description of Depositary Shares” in the Registrant’s final Prospectus Supplement dated June 18, 2012 filed with the Commission on June 19, 2012 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The foregoing Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

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<td>Form of Depositary Receipt (included as part of Exhibit 4.1).</td>
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized

TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION

/s/ William A. Cooper
William A. Cooper,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Michael S. Jones
Michael S. Jones, Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ David M. Stautz
David M. Stautz, Senior Vice President,
Controller and Managing Director of
Corporate Development
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: June 25, 2012