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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	2008 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008 and ending 06-30-2009		D Employer identification number 03-0197728	
B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization STERLING COLLEGE	
		Doing Business As	
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 72	Room/suite
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CRAFTSBURY COMMON, VT 05827	
F Name and address of Principal Officer WILLIAM R WOOTON PO BOX 72 CRAFTSBURY COMMON, VT 05827		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "No," attach a list See instructions)	
J Web site: WWW STERLINGCOLLEGE EDU		H(c) Group Exemption Number	
K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ trust ☐ association ☐ other		L Year of Formation 1958	M State of legal domicile VT

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE STERLING COLLEGE COMMUNITY COMBINES STRUCTURED ACADEMIC STUDY WITH EXPERIENTIAL CHALLENGES AND PLAIN HARD WORK TO BUILD RESPONSIBLE PROBLEM SOLVERS WHO BECOME STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS THEY PURSUE PRODUCTIVE LIVES		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	20
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	20
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	100
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	2
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	565,628	588,095
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,564,231	3,035,947
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	40,446	24,173
	12	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	88,958	82,616
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,259,263	3,730,831
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	785,192	948,906
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,480,737	1,761,924
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	(Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 <u>79,451</u>)		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	1,356,194	1,210,246
	18	Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	3,622,123	3,921,076
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-362,860	-190,245
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	2,858,073	2,560,951
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	697,255	740,342
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,160,818	1,820,609

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				
	*****		2009-12-15		
	Signature of officer		Date		
	WILLIAM R WOOTON PRESIDENT Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature  BRET HODGDON		Date 2009-12-23	Check if self-employed 	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4  DAVIS & HODGDON ASSOCIATES CPAS PLC 33 BLAIR PARK RD STE 201 WILLISTON, VT 05495			EIN 	
				Phone no  (802) 878-1963	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

THE STERLING COLLEGE COMMUNITY COMBINES STRUCTURED ACADEMIC STUDY WITH EXPERIENTIAL CHALLENGES AND PLAIN HARD WORK TO BUILD RESPONSIBLE PROBLEM SOLVERS WHO BECOME STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS THEY PURSUE PRODUCTIVE LIVES

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,345,130 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,282,290)

PROVIDED ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 403,533 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 753,657)

PROVIDED FOOD SERVICES, HOUSING, BOOKSTORE AND OTHER SERVICES TO STUDENTS

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 316,971 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

COSTS INCURRED IN RECRUITING, ENROLLING AND PROVIDING HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES TO STUDENTS

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,104,589 including grants of \$ 948,906) (Revenue \$)

SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH TUITION AND FEES COSTS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES, INCLUDES A LIBRARY FOR THE CONTINUED EDUCATION AND USE OF STUDENTS

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 1,104,589 including grants of \$ 948,906) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 3,170,223 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	Yes
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable 	11	Yes
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 	13	Yes
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II 	21	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III 	22	Yes
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25	24a	No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No

Part IV **Checklist of Required Schedules** *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35	No
36	501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a12		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a100		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . Note: <i>If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>			
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		No
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		No
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		No
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		No
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		No
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<i>For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.</i>			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	20
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	20
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	the governing body?	8a	Yes
b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b	
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10	Yes
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	11	No

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? <i>If "No", go to line 13</i>	12a	No
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	No
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O	15b	No
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed _____
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ own website ☒ another's website ☒ upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. MS DEBORAH CLARK PO BOX 72 CRAFTSBURY COMMON, VT 05827 (802) 586-7711

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

[illegible]

[illegible]

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation

2	Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization	
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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
	b	Membership dues				
			1b			
	c	Fundraising events				
			1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	192,766		
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		395,329		
			1f			
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 16,772					
h	Total (Add lines 1a-1f)		588,095			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a	TUITION & FEES		2,282,290	2,282,290	
	b	AUXILIARY SERVICES		706,732	706,732	
	c	OTHER PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		46,925	46,925	
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f \$ 3,035,947				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)		24,173	24,173	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5	Royalties				
	6a	(i) Real				
		81,958				
		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses				
	c	Rental income or (loss)		81,958		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		81,958		81,958
	7a	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	c	Gain or (loss)				
	d	Net gain or (loss)				
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000				
		a				
	b	Less direct expenses				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000				
a						
b	Less direct expenses					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
	a					
	6,576					
b	Less cost of goods sold					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		658	658		
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a						
b						
c						
d	All other revenue _____					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$					
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		3,730,831	3,060,778		81,958

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).					
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	948,906	948,906		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	135,225	103,622	26,452	5,151
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,269,302	972,658		48,348
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	48,718	37,332	9,530	1,856
9	Other employee benefits	184,878	128,105	50,047	6,726
10	Payroll taxes	123,801	94,868	24,217	4,716
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	114		114	
c	Accounting	17,700		17,700	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	106,598	56,409	50,189	
12	Advertising and promotion	16,503	14,100	2,403	
13	Office expenses	126,267	79,232	39,878	7,157
14	Information technology	4,719	3,031	1,688	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	409,671	351,497	57,330	844
17	Travel	35,410	27,577	7,833	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings	5,497	4,683	764	50
20	Interest	46,051		46,051	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	122,765	122,765		
23	Insurance	63,697	25,616	38,081	
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	FOOD	134,133	134,133		
b	SCHOOL TRIPS	91,263	59,762	28,992	2,509
c	PASS THROUGH GRANTS	30,660	30,660		
d	MEMBERSHIPS	26,940	15,730	10,776	434
e	MISCELLANEOUS	26,451	18,699	6,092	1,660
f	All other expenses	-54,193	-59,162	4,969	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,921,076	3,170,223	671,402	79,451
26	Joint Costs. Check ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	175,454	1	127,150	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	7,122	2	568	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	72,217	3	27,148	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	22,539	4	83,600	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5		
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use	9,987	8	3,508	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	11,737	9	27,207	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis				
		10a	3,434,350		
	b Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>				
		10b	1,807,014	10c	1,627,336
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	835,415	11	633,127	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>		12		
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13		
14 Intangible assets		14			
15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>		15	31,307		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,858,073	16	2,560,951		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,152	17	128,837	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue	44,996	19	39,302	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21		
	22 Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	590,107	23	572,203	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24		
	25 Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	697,255	26	740,342	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,466,364	27	1,098,363	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	104,865	28	132,657	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	589,589	29	589,589	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,160,818	33	1,820,609	
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,858,073	34	2,560,951	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ cash ☒ accrual ☐ other			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	Yes	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization STERLING COLLEGE	Employer identification number 03-0197728
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

1	☐	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2	☒	A school described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E)
3	☐	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). (Attach Schedule H)
4	☐	A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
5	☐	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
6	☐	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7	☐	An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
8	☐	A community trust described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
9	☐	An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See Section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III)
10	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See Section 509(a)(4). (See instructions)
11	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See Section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally Integrated d ☐ Type III - Other
e	☐	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	☐	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	☐	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization? (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	☐	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3						
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total Add lines 1-5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
cTotal of lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18	Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	
19a	33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 03-0197728
Name: STERLING COLLEGE

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
REID BRYANT , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
JOHN ELDER PHD , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
PETE CHEHAYL , TREASURER	2	X		X				0	0	0
KATE CLARK JD , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
AMY GOLODETZ , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ABIGAIL FAULKNER , V CH & SEC	2	X		X				0	0	0
WENDY KOENIG , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
LINDA FRIEHLING , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
PENNY SCHMITT , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
DICK GAFFNEY PHD , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ANN GUYER , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ANDREW HARVARD JD , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
GAIL HENRY , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
DAVID MCLEAN , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ED NEF AB , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
GREG LEECH , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ROBERT SHELTON JD , CHAIR	2	X		X				0	0	0
DAVID STONER , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0
ROSS VIRGINIA PHD , TRUSTEE	2	X						0	0	0

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate Contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate Grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes☒ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes☒ No	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of certified historic structure☐ Preservation of open space											
2	Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
		<table><tr><th></th><th>Held at the End of the Year</th></tr><tr><td>a</td><td>Total number of conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Total acreage restricted by conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06</td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	a	Total number of conservation easements	b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
	Held at the End of the Year											
a	Total number of conservation easements											
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements											
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)											
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06											
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶											
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶											
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes☒ No											
6	Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ▶											
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$											
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes☒ No											
9	In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☒ No

Part IV

Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	589,589				
b Contributions	244,830				
c Investment earnings or losses	-126,292				
d Grants or scholarships	-75,000				
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	633,127				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 6 880 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 93 120 %

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

3a(i)

No

3a(ii)

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

No

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (Investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		2,968,466	1,469,898	1,498,568
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		242,996	207,067	35,929
e Other		222,888	130,049	92,839
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				1,627,336

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

Schedule D (Form 990) 2008

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements			
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,730,831
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,921,076
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-190,245
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-149,964
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-149,964
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-340,209

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return			
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	3,586,785
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-149,964
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	5,918
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-144,046
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,730,831
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	3,730,831

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,926,994
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	5,918
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	5,918
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,921,076
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	3,921,076

Part XIVSupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 8	COGS AMOUNT 5,918 COGS AMOUNT -5,918
REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 2D	COGS AMOUNT 5,918
EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII, LINE 2D	COGS AMOUNT 5,918

SCHEDULE E

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Schools

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. To be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

Name of the organization

STERLING COLLEGE

Employer identification number

03-0197728

- 1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?
- 2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- 3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe If "No," please explain

STERLING RECRUITS ITS STUDENTS NATIONALLY AND THE RACIALLY NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY OF THE INSTITUTION IS CLEARLY STATED IN ALL RECRUTING MATERIALS MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT THE PLACEMENT OF ADS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OR IN THE LOCAL BROADCAST MEDIA WOULD NOT SERVE THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OF SUCH POLICIES AND THAT COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 403 IS SATISFIED

- 4 Does the organization maintain the following?
- a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?
- b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?
- c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?
- If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)

- 5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to

a Students' rights or privileges?

b Admissions policies?

c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?

d Scholarships or other financial assistance?

e Educational policies?

f Use of facilities?

g Athletic programs?

h Other extracurricular activities?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)

6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

If you answered "Yes" to either 6a or b, please explain using an attached statement

- 7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation

YES NO

1

Yes

2

Yes

3

Yes

4a

Yes

4b

Yes

4c

Yes

4d

Yes

5a

No

5b

No

5c

No

5d

No

5e

No

5f

No

5g

No

5h

No

6a

Yes

6b

No

7

Yes

Schedule I
(Form 990)

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Name of the organization
STERLING COLLEGE

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed.

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1(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3

Enter total number of other organizations

Part IIIGrants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS	92	948,906			

Part IVSupplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	LIVES

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ALL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH TUITION AND FEES COSTS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES, INCLUDES A LIBRARY FOR THE CONTINUED EDUCATION AND USE OF STUDENTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 10	A DRAFT OF THIS FORM 990 WAS PROVIDED TO THE COLLEGE'S MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO BEING FILED

Form **4562**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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2008
Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return STERLING COLLEGE	Business or activity to which this form relates INDIRECT DEPRECIATION	Identifying number 03-0197728
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .▶	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	122,765

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System						
(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System						
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)			
21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21		
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr	22		122,765
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23		

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	