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**Return of Private Foundation  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust  
Treated as a Private Foundation**

**2009**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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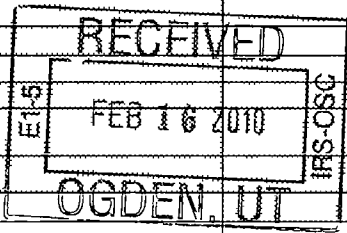
**For calendar year 2009, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **2009, and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

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Use the IRS label Otherwise, print or type See Specific Instructions	AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION 100 MECHANIC STREET, BUILDING 80 SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	<b>A</b> Employer identification number 04-6028058 <b>B</b> Telephone number (see the instructions) (508) 765-7085 <b>C</b> If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/> <b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) \$ 1,160,860.		<b>J</b> Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see the instructions).)	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (att sch)	25,000.			
2 Ck <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundn is not req to att Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities	18,762.	18,762.	18,762.	
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain/(loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-11,864.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	87,156.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain			0.	
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit/(loss) (att sch)				
11 Other income (attach schedule)				
<b>12 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	31,898.	18,762.	18,762.	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.			
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach sch) See St 1	3,200.	3,200.	3,200.	
c Other prof fees (attach sch) See St 2	9,997.	9,997.	9,997.	
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule) See Stmt 3	70.	70.	70.	
19 Depreciation (attach sch) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
<b>24 Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23	13,267.	13,267.	13,267.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid Part XV	119,115.			119,115.
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	132,382.	13,267.	13,267.	119,115.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-100,484.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter 0)		5,495.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter 0)			5,495.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end of year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
ASSETS	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing		35,078.	13,565.	13,565.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3	Accounts receivable	▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts	▶			
	4	Pledges receivable	▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts	▶			
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see the instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch)	▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts	▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10a	Investments — U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
		b Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule)				
		c Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis	▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	▶				
12	Investments — mortgage loans					
13	Investments — other (attach schedule)			965,286.	1,147,295.	1,147,295.
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis	▶				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	▶				
15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
16	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers — see instructions Also, see page 1, item I)			1,000,364.	1,160,860.	1,160,860.
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)			0.	0.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	24	Unrestricted		1,000,364.	1,160,860.	
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund				
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see the instructions)			1,000,364.	1,160,860.	
31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see the instructions)			1,000,364.	1,160,860.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year — Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,000,364.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-100,484.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 4	3	262,270.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,162,150.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 5	5	1,290.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,160,860.

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
1 a VARIOUS - SCHEDULE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST	P	Various	Various
b VARIOUS - SCHEDULE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST	P	Various	Various
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 2,378.		2,523.	-145.
b 84,778.		96,497.	-11,719.
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from column (h))
(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	
a			-145.
b			-11,719.
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	[ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 ]	2	-11,864.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)		3	-145.
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

Yes  No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (column (b) divided by column (c))
2008	73,551.	1,280,178.	0.057454
2007	84,329.	1,578,213.	0.053433
2006	88,221.	1,519,102.	0.058074
2005	79,993.	1,462,358.	0.054701
2004	62,933.	1,428,997.	0.044040

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.267702
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.053540
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5	4	1,064,404.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	56,988.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	55.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	57,043.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	119,115.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see the instructions)**

1 a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instr.)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	55.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, column (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	55.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	0.
5	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	55.
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2009 estimated tax pmts and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a	650.
b	Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	650.
8	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	9	0.
10	<b>Overpayment</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	10	595.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be <b>Credited to 2010 estimated tax</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Refunded</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	495.

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1 a		X
b		X
c		X
d		
e		
2		X
3		X
4 a		X
4 b	N/A	
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8 a		
8 b	X	
9		X
10	X	

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**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities Continued**

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <span style="float:right">▶ N/A</span>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION Telephone no ▶ (508) 765-9711 Located at ▶ 100 MECHANIC ST. SOUTHBRIDGE MA ZIP + 4 ▶ 01550			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <span style="float:right">▶ 15</span>	N/A	▶	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <span style="float:right">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>	1b	N/A
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a	At the end of tax year 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If 'Yes,' list the years ▶ 20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see the instructions)	2b	N/A
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <span style="float:right">▶ 20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__</span>		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2009 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009)	3b	N/A
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	4b	X

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**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required** (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?  Yes  No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?  Yes  No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?  Yes  No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions)  Yes  No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?  Yes  No

b If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? 5b N/A

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶

c If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? N/A  Yes  No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No 6b X

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 6b X

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?  Yes  No 7b N/A

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP. AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP. SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
GARY BRIDGMAN 100 MECHANIC STREET SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
JOHN VAN DYKE JOHN VAN DYKE DARIEN, CT 06820	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
ALLEN SKOTT ALLEN SKOTT FAIRFIELD, CT 06824	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1— see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
	0	0.	0.	0.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶ 0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors** (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services – (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ 0

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED TO SELECTION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR EDUCATIONAL AWARDS. EXPENSES ARE MINIMAL.	
2 -----	
3 -----	
4 -----	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2 -----	
All other program-related investments. See instructions. 3 -----	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶ 0.

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**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b> Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b> Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	1,056,291.
<b>b</b> Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	24,322.
<b>c</b> Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	1,080,613.
<b>e</b> Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	0.
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	1,080,613.
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	16,209.
<b>5</b> Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	1,064,404.
<b>6</b> Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	53,220.

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here  and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b> Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	53,220.
<b>2a</b> Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	55.
<b>b</b> Income tax for 2009 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	55.
<b>3</b> Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	53,165.
<b>4</b> Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	53,165.
<b>6</b> Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	53,165.

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b> Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b> Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	119,115.
<b>b</b> Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b> Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b> Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	119,115.
<b>5</b> Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	55.
<b>6</b> Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	119,060.

**Note:** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				53,165.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009				
a Enter amount for 2008 only			0.	
b Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009				
a From 2004				
b From 2005	12,581.			
c From 2006	13,396.			
d From 2007	7,149.			
e From 2008	10,816.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	43,942.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 119,115.				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				53,165.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	65,950.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	109,892.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount – see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount – see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2009 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2010				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	109,892.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2005	12,581.			
b Excess from 2006	13,396.			
c Excess from 2007	7,149.			
d Excess from 2008	10,816.			
e Excess from 2009	65,950.			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, enter the date of the ruling

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section  4942(j)(3) or  4942(j)(5)

2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	
b 85% of line 2a				
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed				
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities				
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c				
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon				
a 'Assets' alternative test - enter				
(1) Value of all assets				
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)				
b 'Endowment' alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed				
c 'Support' alternative test - enter				
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)				
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)				
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization				
(4) Gross investment income				

**Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)**

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2) )  
None

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest  
None

**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:**

Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc, (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed

See Statement 7

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

See Statement for Line 2a

c Any submission deadlines.

See Statement for Line 2a

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

See Statement for Line 2a

**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)

**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a <i>Paid during the year</i> SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE			EDUCATIONAL	119,115.
<b>Total</b>				▶ 3a 119,115.
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total</b>				▶ 3b





Schedule B  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF

OMB No 1545 0047

2009

Name of the organization

AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

04-6028058

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

- 501(c)(\_\_\_\_) (enter number) organization
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule See instructions

**General Rule –**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor (Complete Parts I and II)

**Special Rules –**

- For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1 Complete Parts I and II
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals Complete Parts I, II, and III
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc, purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000 (if this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc, purpose Do not complete any of the Parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc, contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990EZ, or 990-PF.**

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION

04-6028058

**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	MAURICE & JANE CUNNIFFE ----- 63 JOHN STREET ----- GREENWICH, CT 06831 -----	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
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-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)



Name of organization <b>AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION</b>	Employer identification number <b>04-6028058</b>
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**Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc, individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year.** (Complete cols (a) through (e) and the following line entry )

For organizations completing Part III, enter total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc, contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once – see instructions ) ▶ \$ **N/A**

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	N/A		
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

## AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION

04-6028058

Statement 1  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b  
Accounting Fees

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	\$ 3,200.	\$ 3,200.	\$ 3,200.	
Total	<u>\$ 3,200.</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 2  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c  
Other Professional Fees

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	\$ 9,997.	\$ 9,997.	\$ 9,997.	
Total	<u>\$ 9,997.</u>	<u>\$ 9,997.</u>	<u>\$ 9,997.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 3  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18  
Taxes

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
STATE TAXES	\$ 70.	\$ 70.	\$ 70.	
Total	<u>\$ 70.</u>	<u>\$ 70.</u>	<u>\$ 70.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 4  
Form 990-PF, Part III, Line 3  
Other Increases

FASB 124 UNREALIZED GAIN				\$ 262,270.
Total				<u>\$ 262,270.</u>

Statement 5  
Form 990-PF, Part III, Line 5  
Other Decreases

FEDERAL TAXES				\$ 1,290.
Total				<u>\$ 1,290.</u>

## AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION

04-6028058

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Line 10**  
**Substantial Contributors During the Tax Year**

Name of Substantial Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Substantial Contributor \_\_\_\_\_

MAURICE &amp; JANE CUNNIFFE

63 JOHN STREET  
GREENWICH, CT 06831

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2a-d**  
**Application Submission Information**

Name of Grant Program:

Name:

Care Of:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone:

Form and Content:

Submission Deadlines:

Restrictions on Awards:

AMERICAN OPTICAL CORPORATION

14 MECHANIC STREET

SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550

(508) 765-7085

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION; TRANSCRIPTS; FORMAL LETTER  
OF APPLICATION; SAT SCORES; ESSAY ON CAREER OBJECTIVE.

APRIL 25TH ANNUALLY

CHILDREN OF AMERICAN OPTICAL EMPLOYEES.

**AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION  
FORM 990-PF - PART XV  
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>NAME &amp; INSTITUTION</u>	<u>IF RECIPIENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, RELATIONSHIP TO FOUNDATION MANAGER</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Southbridge Firefighters	None	Educational	\$ 250
United Way	None	Educational	2,500
Old Sturbridge Village	None	Educational	5,000
Charlton Firefighters	None	Educational	250
Charlton Firefighters	None	Educational	150
Charlton Police	None	Educational	295
<b>Total Contributions</b>			<u>8,445</u>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
Stephen Palmer - Wentworth Inst. Of Techn	None	Educational	13,150
Alexa Speed - Binghamton University	None	Educational	1,000
Kristin Bukepile - Western Washington Univ.	None	Educational	1,000
Emily Mayard - Univ of Central Florida	None	Educational	625
Ashley Power - Univ. of Mass (Amherst)	None	Educational	5,000
Ryan Spencer - Indiana University	None	Educational	625
Katie Logan - Bryant University	None	Educational	625
Eric Hollencamp - Rose-Hulman Inst Techn.	None	Educational	1,000
Jenelle Storch - Texas A & M Univ.	None	Educational	625
Jessica Ramirez - Eastfield College	None	Educational	500
Corey Tunt - Illinois State University	None	Educational	625
Nathan Lamay - University of Mass. (Amherst)	None	Educational	5,000
Cynthea Clark - Becker College	None	Educational	500
Kristine Riggi - Sunny Geneseo	None	Educational	1,500
Carl Novak - Dyourville College	None	Educational	1,000
Johanna Novak - Dyourville College	None	Educational	250
Gary Merritt - Genessee Community College	None	Educational	750
Alexa Speed - Binghamton University	None	Educational	1,000
McKenzie D'Angelo - Genessee C.C	None	Educational	750
Kacey Stephens - Southern Illinois	None	Educational	625
Jordan Schultz - Ozark Christian College	None	Educational	625
Katie Logan - Bryant University	None	Educational	1,250
Stephen Palmer - Wentworth Inst. Of Techn.	None	Educational	15,100
Kristen Houatchantara - Wentworth Inst	None	Educational	5,000
Sarah Merritt - Brockport College	None	Educational	750
Gary Merritt - Genessee Community College	None	Educational	750
Kristina Riggi - Sunny Genesco	None	Educational	750
Eric Hollencamp - Rose-Hulman Inst Techn.	None	Educational	1,000
Emily Mayard - Univ of Central Florida	None	Educational	625
Nathan Lamay - University of Mass. (Amherst)	None	Educational	5,000
Kristina Riggi - Sunny Genesco	None	Educational	750
Joshua Mess - Genessee C.C	None	Educational	335
McKenzie D'Angelo - Suny Brockport	None	Educational	750
Kacey Stephens - Southern Illinois	None	Educational	625
Janelle Storch - Texas A & M	None	Educational	625
<b>Subtotal - Scholarships</b>			<u>70,085</u>

**AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION  
FORM 990-PF - PART XV  
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>NAME &amp; INSTITUTION</u>	<u>IF RECIPIENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, RELATIONSHIP TO FOUNDATION MANAGER</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
From Previous Page			70,085
Ashley Power - Univ of Massachusetts	None	Educational	5,000
Jeffery Frechette - Univ of Mass. (Dartmouth)	None	Educational	5,000
Alexa Speed - Binghamton	None	Educational	1,000
Cynthea Clark - Becker College	None	Educational	500
Stephen Palmer - Wentworth Inst	None	Educational	5,800
Kristen Houatchantara - Wentworth Inst	None	Educational	5,000
Kristine Riggi - Sunny Geneseo	None	Educational	1,500
Cynthea Clark - Becker College	None	Educational	500
Emily Mayard - Univ of Central Florida	None	Educational	625
Gary Merritt - Genessee C.C	None	Educational	750
Stephen Palmer - Wentworth Inst	None	Educational	<u>13,600</u>
<b>Total Scholarships</b>			<u>109,360</u>
<b><u>MATCHING GIFTS</u></b>			
D. Butler - Nichols College	None	Eduoational	130
J Van Dyke - Randolph-Macon Woman's Coll	None	Educational	500
W Cotter - University of Virginia	None	Educational	300
Fairleigh-Dickinson University	None	Educational	50
D Butler - Maine Maritime Academy	None	Educational	200
Dave Butler - Nichols College	None	Educational	<u>130</u>
<b>Total Matching Gifts</b>			<u>1,310</u>
<b>Total Contributions, Scholarships &amp; Matching Gifts - 2009</b>			<u>\$ 119,115</u>