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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
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)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2009Open to Public
Inspection**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning****and ending**

- B** Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization**AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

807 WEST OAKLAND AVE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

AUSTIN, MN 55912**D Employer identification number****41-6020807****E Telephone number****507-433-3483****F Group Exemption Number**

▶

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶**I Website:** ▶ **N/A****H Check** ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K Check** ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ▶ \$ **78,515.****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

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Net Assets

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	71,363.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	3,840.
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	3,312.
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	3,312.
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0.
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	75,203.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) STMT 2	10	87,000.
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
16	Other expenses (describe ▶ FILING FEES)	16	75.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	87,075.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-11,872.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	257,427.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	245,555.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	257,427.	245,555.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25 Total assets	257,427.	245,555.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0.	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	257,427.	245,555.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	N/A
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.	37a	0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0.; section 4912 ▶ 0.; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		0.
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		0.
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ MN		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ MARY HUNTLEY Telephone no. ▶ 507-433-3483		
Located at ▶ 807 WEST OAKLAND AVE, AUSTIN, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55912		
b 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)?	42b	X
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.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶		
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		N/A
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

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Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 46 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 | 46 | X |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | X |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | X |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | X |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | |
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

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.		
	<div> <div>Signature of officer</div> <div>Michael C. Ruzek</div> <div>Date</div> <div>May 13, 2010</div> </div>		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	MICHAEL RUZEK, PRESIDENT		
	Type or print name and title		
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Preparer's identifying number (See instr.)	Phone no.
LOWELL FOSTER		5/12/10	
LARSONALLEN LLP		P00001022	
P.O. BOX 217		EIN	41-0746749
AUSTIN, MN 55912		Phone no.	507-434-7000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Employer identification number

41-6020807

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 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).**

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).**

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 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 supported organization(s)

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	74,697.	80,697.	89,697.	76,123.	71,363.	392,577.
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 lines 1 through 3	74,697.	80,697.	89,697.	76,123.	71,363.	392,577.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						341,462.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						51,115.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	74,697.	80,697.	89,697.	76,123.	71,363.	392,577.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	560.	6,844.	9,326.	8,314.	3,840.	28,884.
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						421,461.
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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	12.13	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	61.99	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>			
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. 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% support tests - 2008. 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 ▶ ☐

FORM 990-EZ	GAIN (LOSS) FROM PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	STATEMENT	1
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DESCRIPTION	GROSS SALES PRICE	COST OR OTHER BASIS	EXPENSE OF SALE	NET GAIN OR (LOSS)
HORMEL FOODS CORP STK (100 SHRS)	3,312.	3,312.	0.	0.
TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 5	3,312.	3,312.	0.	0.

FORM 990-EZ	CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	STATEMENT	2
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CLASS OF ACTIVITY/GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS	GRANTEE'S RELATIONSHIP	AMOUNT
GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY 99 CANAL CENTER PLAZA ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	NONE	45,000.
GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS	NONE	42,000.

TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10	87,000.
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FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 3

- A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO
- B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO

AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Attachment to 2009 Form 990EZ, Schedule A Section C
10% facts-and-circumstances test

Organization history:

Austin Community Scholarship Committee (ACSC) was organized in 1963 by a group of Austin MN community leaders interested in promoting scholarships for college students that have completed their first two years of college. The organization provides scholarships currently to selected students whose residence is in either Mower County MN or in London Township in Freeborn County MN or in Union or Otranto Townships in Mitchell County in IA.

The amount of the scholarships has ranged from \$375/student in the early years of the organization up to \$2,000/student in 2009. The number of students receiving scholarships each year has varied as well ranging from 3 in the initial year up to 21 students in 2009. Cumulatively through 2009, 545 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$613,435 to 366 different students (some students have received scholarships in more than one year).

Sources of support:

The philosophy of ACSC since inception has been to award scholarships to students who have already completed their second year of college to enable them to continue their higher education. Then upon completion of college and in the workforce, they are encouraged (but not required) to in turn make contributions in a like amount back to the organization so additional scholarships can be awarded to future students in a like manner. Thus one primary source of funds with which to make the annual scholarships is the anticipated contributions from the broad number of past recipients.

ACSC also receives contributions each year from the general public, local businesses, and from a 509(a)(3) supporting organization.

Each year scholarship applicants must complete an application to be considered for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying students based on various criteria including grades, college education history, financial need, etc. The application includes a narrative encouraging successful applicants to support ACSC financially once they have completed their schooling.

ACSC issues a news release in the local newspaper each year informing the general public about the organization, its history, structure and purpose. This news release is also one of the methods by which financial support from the general public is solicited and as a way of notifying qualifying students of the application process.

Since contributions from past recipients and the general public have been less than expected, the ACSC has implemented a number of proactive plans seeking expanded public support. In 2009, the directors of ACSC began a thorough process of reviewing student directories for past graduates of Austin High School. The objective of this review

is to develop an ongoing data base of past students and their current addresses for purposes of direct mailings. It is intended that this data base will be updated and expanded each year. A full color tri-fold brochure has been prepared along with a cover letter telling about the history of ACSC. The letter and brochure are scheduled to be mailed in spring 2010 (and annually thereafter) to past scholarship recipients and their parents included in this data base to solicit donations for ACSC.

Speaking engagements are also planned for local service clubs. This will give the directors of ACSC an opportunity to further expand the awareness of the community about its history, purpose, and the scholarships available for qualifying students. Since many of these local service clubs are organized to support youth, this also is a way for ACSC to expand its donor base.

The objective of the annual news releases, direct mailings and public speaking engagements is to further expand the base of support for ACSC thus providing even more funding for additional scholarships in the future.

Governing body:

Austin Community Scholarship Committee has nine board members/directors representing a broad cross section of the general public. These members/directors include business owners, attorneys, employees, a teacher, homemakers, a retiree, and an accountant. None of the members/directors are related to each other or have any direct affiliation with any of the recurring donors to ACSC. Replacement board members/directors are nominated based on their community involvement and ability to represent a broad cross-section of the general public.

Availability of scholarships:

Currently, all students who are residents of either Mower County MN or London Township in Freeborn County MN or Union or Otranto Townships in Mitchell County IA that have completed two years of college are eligible to apply for scholarships.

As explained above, each year ACSC issues a news release in the local newspaper to notify qualifying students about the availability of scholarships and the application process. In addition, information about the scholarship program is also provided to area high school and college councilors that advise students pursuing a college education. Scholarship applications can also be accessed through the local Riverland Community College website. Finally, the planned speaking engagements at local service clubs will also assist in expanding the awareness of the scholarship opportunities.

Publicly supported organization:

Based on the actual broad based operations of the Austin Community Scholarship Committee as explained above, the organization believes the facts-and-circumstances test is met thus continuing its qualification as a publicly supported organization.