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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)

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **07/01/09**, and ending **06/30/10**

- 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**MINNESOTA WEST FOUNDATION**

Doing Business As

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

1593 11TH AVENUE

Room/suite

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

GRANITE FALLS**MN 56241****D** Employer identification number**36-3266500****E** Telephone number**507-223-7252****G** Gross receipts \$ **1,522,006****H(a)** Is this a group return for

affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ► **www.mnwest.edu/foundation**

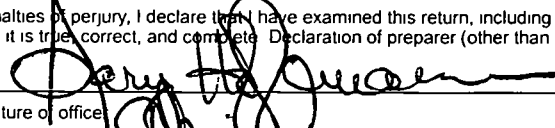
H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ►

L Year of formation **1983****M** State of legal domicile **MN****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities To offer scholarships to individuals and promote development opportunities at Minnesota West Community and Technical College through the development of external and internal constituencies of this corporation.			
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	0	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6		
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a		
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
	Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
		9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	274,555	542,340
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		18,168	9,320	
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		15,333	33,279	
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		308,056	584,939	
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		208,823	556,533	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)				
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		59,912	69,363	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)				
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (B), line 25) ► 6,869				
Expenses	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	33,559	77,834	
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	302,294	703,730	
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	5,762	-118,791	
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,086,637	938,444
		22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	19,861	14,013
			1,066,776	924,431

Part II Signature Block

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.			
	Signature of officer 		Date 12/8/10	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature PATRICK LOUWAGIE, CPA		Date 11/12/10	Check if self-employed ☐
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP PO Box 548 Marshall, MN 56258		Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) P00120374 EIN ► 41-0978542 Phone no ► 507-532-5735	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Form **990** (2009)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To offer scholarships to individuals and promote development opportunities at Minnesota West Community and Technical College through the development of external and internal constituencies of this corporation.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?☐ Yes ☒ No

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?☐ Yes ☒ No

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 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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 \$ **117,035** including grants of \$ **117,035**) (Revenue \$)
Students pursuing their educational goals at the five Minnesota West Community and Technical College campuses received financial assistance in the form of Minnesota West Scholarships.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ **450,978** including grants of \$ **439,498**) (Revenue \$)
University Promotion and Recruitment: Monies used to promote Minnesota West Colleges through the advertising media and to recruit outstanding individuals to attend Minnesota West Colleges.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **568,013**

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	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
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		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
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		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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		X
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		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	X	
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		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
- Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI - Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. - Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII - Did the organization report an amount for other assets related in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX - Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X - Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	Yes	No
		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
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		X
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		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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		X
b Is the organization 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		X
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		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
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)?		X
4b	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?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	10	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	10	
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?		X
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?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, 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		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
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?		
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11a Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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		X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
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?		X
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?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MN**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► **James A Smalley** **1011 First Street West**

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MN 56220

507-223-7252

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 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				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	542,340			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$	450,678			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			542,340			
Program Service Revenue	2a	Busn. Code				
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		10,067	10,067		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross Rents	47,531				
	b Less rental exps	41,898				
	c Rental inc or (loss)	5,633				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		5,633			5,633
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		894,422				
	b Less cost or other basis & sales exps	895,169				
	c Gain or (loss)	-747				
	d Net gain or (loss)		-747	-747		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			27,646	27,646		
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			27,646			
12 Total Revenue. See instructions			584,939	36,966	0	5,633

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	439,498	439,498		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	117,035	117,035		
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				
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	69,363		69,363	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	6,195		6,195	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	513		513	
12 Advertising and promotion	1,199		1,199	
13 Office expenses	19,324		19,324	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	11,871	6,455	5,416	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	925	925		
23 Insurance	1,765		1,765	
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 SUPPLIES	28,073	3,325	24,748	
b FUNDRAISING	6,869			6,869
c DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	800	775	25	
d MISCELLANEOUS	300		300	
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	703,730	568,013	128,848	6,869
26 Joint costs. Check here ☐ 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	112,212	1	47,235
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	899,346	2	50,208
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	19,596	4	18,378
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 72,108		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 19,071	55,483	10c 53,037
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	769,586
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		1,086,637	16	938,444
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,861	17	14,013
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		19,861	26
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	245,912	27	244,303
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	750,272	28	611,868
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	70,592	29	68,260
	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	1,066,776	33	924,431
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,086,637	34	938,444

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____

If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to line 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?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

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?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		
3b		

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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.")	370,403	355,380	239,973	274,555	542,340	1,782,651
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	370,403	355,380	239,973	274,555	542,340	1,782,651
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)						357,406
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,425,245

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	370,403	355,380	239,973	274,555	542,340	1,782,651
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	11,836	29,449	41,313	18,168	10,067	110,833
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
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						1,893,484
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	37,713
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	75.27 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	70.70 %
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 ► ☒		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		

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 ► ☐						

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 ► ☐		

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

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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MINNESOTA WEST FOUNDATION**36-3266500****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 can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring 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 important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _ _ _ _ _

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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 section 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 acquisition, 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 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 the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- c Beginning balance
 d Additions during the year
 e Distributions during the year
 f Ending balance

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 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		65,864	14,394	51,470
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		6,244	4,677	1,567
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				53,037

Schedule D (Form 990) 2009

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	584,939
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	703,730
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-118,791
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-23,554
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 through 8	9	-23,554
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-142,345

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	603,283
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-23,554
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	41,898
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	18,344
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	584,939
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	584,939

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	745,628
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	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	41,898
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	41,898
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	703,730
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	703,730

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part III, Line 4 - Collections and Relation to Exempt Purpose

The Artley family (on behalf of artist, Bob Artley), transferred to

Minnesota West Foundation a portion of the Artley family artistic

collection. This collection is to be administered, displayed, and cared

for by Minnesota West Community and Technical College on behalf of the

Foundation for the benefit of the public. If the Foundation is unable to

abide by specific conditions set forth by the family, the collection is to

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

be returned to the Artley family.

Part XI, Line 8 - Reconciliation of Changes - Other

EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED TO REPORT NET REVENUE \$ 41,898

EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED TO REPORT NET REVENUE \$ -41,898

Part XII, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included in Financials - Other

EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED TO REPORT NET REVENUE \$ 41,898

Part XIII, Line 2d - Expense Amounts Included in Financials - Other

EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED TO REPORT NET REVENUE \$ 41,898

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)****Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

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

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MINNESOTA WEST FOUNDATION**36-3266500****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" to

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 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ☐

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
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			295,277 FMV		2 GEARBOX	
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			100,000 FMV		WIND GENERATORS	
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			15,000 FMV		HARP	
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			11,050 FMV		MAN LIFT & LADD	
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			8,086 FMV		PNEUMATIC COMPO	
	MN WEST COLLEGE 1593 11TH AVENUE GRANITE FALLS MN 56241	41-6007162			10,085 FMV		VARIOUS	

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

3 Enter total number of other organizations

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2009

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)****Noncash Contributions**

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► Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization

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36-3266500**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (Gearbox)	X	1	295,277	
26 Other ► (Manlift & ladde)	X	1	11,050	
27 Other ► (Harp)	X	1	15,000	
28 Other ► (Wind Generators)	X	1	100,000	

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 11A - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

THE BOARD WILL REVIEW COPY OF FILED 990 THE BOARD MEETING AFTER THE FILING.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The organization regularly and consistently monitors and enforces
compliance with the conflict of interest policy.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

The conflict of interest policy and year's financial statemetns may be
accessed on our website.

Form **4562**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009Attachment
Sequence No **67**

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

MINNESOTA WEST FOUNDATION

Identifying number

36-3266500

Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation**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	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
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 2008 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 2010 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 instr.)**

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	2,444

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 2009	17	0
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 2009 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 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

(a) Class life	(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
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 instructions	22	2,444
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	

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