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Form 990-EZ

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 lass than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

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Inspection ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 01 , 2009, and ending JUN 30,2010 Check if applicable: Name of organization, number and street, city, town, state, and ZIP code D Employer identification number Ptease Address change use IRS label or Name change 81-0468050 print or MONTANA RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Initial return type E Telephone number 406-443-2629 Terminated Specific Instruc-PO BOX 1612 Amended return F Group Exemption tions HELENA MT 59624-1612 Number ▶0000 G Accounting method: | Cash Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach Accrual a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ). Other (specify) I Website: H Check▶ if the organization is not required ▶N/A 4947(a)(1) or J Tax-exempt status to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) K Check ▶ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organizationand its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. 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. 220,631. Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.) Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 22,314. Membership dues and assessments 3 3 150,356. 4 5a 5 a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory **b** Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 5 c Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1) 4,628. 6b b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) 6 c 4,628. 7 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7 b b Less: cost of goods sold c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 7 c Other revenue (describe ▶ ENDORSEMENTS 8 43,333. Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 9 220,631. Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) 10 10 11 Benefits paid to or for members 11 54,960. 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors Š $6,\overline{488}$. 13 13 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14 9,944. Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15 11,836. 15 16 Other expenses (describe ▶SEE STMT 16 94,360. Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 17 17 177,588. 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 43,043. 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) 46,987. 19 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 90,030. 21 If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. Balance Sheets. (A) Beginning of year (B) End of year (See the instructions for Part II.) 22 Cash, savings, and investments 46,987. 22 46,603. 23 24 24 Other assets (describe ▶ 25 25 Total assets 46,987. 46,603. 26 26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) 46,987 46,603

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For	m 990-EZ (2009) MONTANA	RURAL EDUCAT	ION ASSOCIAT	'ION	81	-04	68050	
Pa	art III Statement of Progr	am Service Accomp	lishments (See t	the instructions for Par	t III.)	/Ba	Exp guired for s	enses
Wh	at is the organization's primary exe	empt purpose? SUPP	ORTS EDUCATI	ON IN RURAL	MT		(c)(3) and	
Des	scribe what was achieved in carryin	ng out the organization's e	xempt purposes. In a cle	ear and concise manne	r,	orga	anizations a	and section
	scribe the services provided, the nu					for c	r(a)(1) trus others.)	sts; optional
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	(Grants \$) If this amount includes	foreign grants, check he	ere	<u> </u>	30a		
31	Other program services (attach se	•			· <u></u> .			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes	foreign grants, check he	ere	▶	31a		
32	Total program service expenses	(add lines 28a through 31	a)			32	17	7,588.
P	art IV List of Officers, Dir	ectors, Trustees, an	d Key Employees.	List each one even if no	t compens	ated (Se	e instructions	for Part IV)
	4 2 24		(b) Title & average	(c) Compensation		ntribution		(e) Expense
	(a) Name and ac	dress	hours per week devoted to position	(If not paid, enter -0)	employee & defe	benefit p med com		account and her allowance:
DZ	AVID PUYEAR		DIRECTOR					
PO		MT 59624	40	59,560.				
	RIS KUEHN		DIRECTOR		<u> </u>			
P		MT 59624	D111201011	0			İ	
	M THARP	111 33021	DIRECTOR					
	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624	DIRECTOR	0			İ	
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	RIAN MILLER	MT 59624	DIRECTOR	0			İ	
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_	RYAN DUVALL	NT 50604	DIRECTOR					
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_	ICK CAMERON		DIRECTOR					
	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624		0	<u> </u>	_		
	AYNE KOTERBA		DIRECTOR					
	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624		0				
	OB STOKES		DIRECTOR					
_	D BOX 161 HELENA	<u>MT 59624</u>		0				
DI	ENNIS GERKE		DIRECTOR					
P	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624		0				
DZ	AVE SELVIG		DIRECTOR		i			
P	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624		0				
J	OHN MCNEIL		DIRECTOR					
P	BOX 161 HELENA	MT 59624		1,888.				
W	ADE JOHNSON		DIRECTOR					
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33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed			
	description of each activity	33		Х
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of			
	the changes	34		Х
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.			
а	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		х
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes,"			
	complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		Х
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0		l	
b	Did the organization file Form1120-POL for this year?	37b	ıi	X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employeer were		! !	
	any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	r	X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	1		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities			
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:	1		
40 a	section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit			
J	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	40ъ		Х
С	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization	100		
·	managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
ď	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c			
u	reimbursed by the organization			
_	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			
٠	If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. >	400		
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42 a	·	$\frac{-44}{01}$	<u> </u>	029
ь	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority	01-		
J	over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial		Yes	No
		42b	1 53	
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	720		<u>X</u>
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements foForm TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank			
	and Financial Accounts.			
_	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	_I	
C	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	726	Ll	X
42	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu oForm 1041 - Check here			
43	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	• • • • •	•	' L
	and enter the amount of tax-exemptimizes traceived of accided during the tax year			
		1	Ven	N-
44	Did the experience maintain any dense advised 6 and 0 K IIV as II Ferry 000 asset to experience deserted of	ا	Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of	44		,
	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,"		— - ₁	
	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 for lines 50 and 51.	n 4947(a)(1) nonexempt (chantable trusts must a	nswer questions 46 - 49b and	complete t	ne tab	les
46 Did	the organization engage in direct or inc	direct political campaign a	ctivities on behalf of or	in opposition to		Yes	No
	ididates for public office? If "Yes," comp				46		Х
47 Did	the organization engage in lobbying ac	ctivities? If "Yes," complete	e Schedule C, Part II		47	Х	
48 Is th	ne organization a school as described i	n section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)?	If "Yes," complete Sch	edule E	48		Х
49a Did	the organization make any transfers to	an exempt non-charitable	e related organization?		. 49a		X
b If "Y	es," was the related organization a sec	ction 527 organization?			49b		
	mplete this table for the organization's f th received more than \$100,000 of com	-			d key empl	loyees) who
		(b) Title and average	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to	(e) Ex	pense	
(a) Na	ame and address of each employee	hours per week		employee benefit plans &	accou	nt and	
	paid more than \$100,000	devoted to position	•	deferred compensation	other all	owanc	es
NONE						•	
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51 Comp	al number of other employees paid over	e highest compensated in	dependent contractors	who each received more than	\$100,000	of	
	ensation from the organization. If there Name and address of each independen		n \$100 000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compe	encatio	
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d Tot	al number of other independent contract	ctors each receiving over	\$100,000				
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May the II	RS discuss this return with the prepare		uctions	· >	X Yes	П	No
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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527 ▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.

Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions. If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

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If the				ete Part II-6. Do no	t complete Part II-A.
	of organization			Employer i	dentification number
	-	ATION ASSOCIATION		1 ' -	
Par	I-A Complete if the	organization is exempt under se	ction 501(c) or is a se		
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1	Provide a description of the orga	nization's direct and indirect political came	paign activities in Part IV.		
	Political expenditures		•	▶\$	47.
	Volunteer hours			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		ete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3). any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 any excise tax incurred by the organization managers under section 4955 curred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? de? Part IV ete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). ectly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities he filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527			
Part	Complete if the	organization is exempt under se	ction 501(c)(3).		.
1	Enter the amount of any excise t	ay incurred by the organization under sem	tion 4955	► €	
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					Yes No.
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	If "Yes," describe in Part IV				. []
Pari		organization is exempt under se	ction 501(c), except s	section 501(c)(3).
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1	Enter the amount directly expend	ded by the filing organization for section 52	27 exempt function activities	s ▶ \$	
2	Enter the amount of the filing org	ganization's funds contributed to other orga	anizations for section 527	-	
	exempt function activities			▶\$	
3	Total of direct and indirect exem	pt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2	2. Enter here and on Form	_	
	1120-POL, line 17b			▶\$	
4	Did the filing organization fileFor			_	. Yes X No
5	State the names, addresses and	employer identification number (EIN) of a	Il section 527 political organ	nizations to which p	payments were made.
	For each organization listed, ent	er the amount paid from the filing organiza	ition's funds. Also enter the	amount of political	
	that were promptly and directly d	elivered to a separate political organizatio			contributions received
	committee (PAC) If additional sp		n, such as a separate segre		
	(a) Name	pace is needed, provide information in Par	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		r	t IV.	egated fund or a po	olitical action
		r	t IV.	egated fund or a po (d) Amount paid from filing	(e) Amount of political contributions received
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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Pa	_	te if the organization testion 501(h)).	n is exempt under	section 501(c)(3) a	nd filed Form 5768	(election
<u> </u>		rganization belongs to ar	affiliated group			
	, <u> </u>	•	A and "limited control" pr	rovisions annly		
		Limits on Lobbying			(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1	a Total lobbying expen	ditures to influence publ	ic opinion (grass roots lol	bbying)		
		=	islative body (direct lobb			
	c Total lobbying expen	ditures (add lines 1a and	d 1b)			
	d Other exempt purpos	•				
		e expenditures (add line	s 1c and 1d)			
		•	unt from the following tab		1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	If the amt. on line 16		The lobbying nontaxat			
	Not over \$500,000	(.,	20% of the amount on I			
	Over \$500,000 but n	ot over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the exces			
		not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the exces			
		not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess			
	Over \$17,000,000	111000101 417,000,000	\$1,000,000.	3 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0		
		ole amount (enter 25% of		<u>.</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	-	line 1a. If zero or less, o				
	_	line 1c. If zero or less, e				
		-	nter -0- er line 1h or line 1i, did the	e omanization file Form	4720 reporting	1
	section 4911 tax for					☐ Yes ☐ No
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	10.		made a section 501(h) e		complete all of the five	
	(3)	•	See the instructions for i		-	
			ving Expenditures Durin			
_		Loppi	ing Expenditures Durin	g 4-Teal Averaging Fer	100	
C	alendar year (or fiscal	 	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
	year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(6) 2008	(4) 2009	(e) Total
	a Lobbying non-					
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	taxable amount	<u> </u>	J	l		-
	b Lobbying ceiling	Í				
	amount (150% of					
	line 2a, column(e))				Т	
	c Total lobbying					
	expenditures					
	d Grassroots non-	1				
	taxable amount			l		-
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Percenten	Expenses	Net investment	Adjusted net	Charitable
, Description	per books	income	income	purposes
RATE SERVICES	641.			
CCOUNTING	500.			İ
NNUAL CONFERENCE	8,010.			
ANK SERVICE FEE	35.]
UES AND FEES	2,823.			
IFTS	200.			
NSURANCE	4,989.			Ì
EGAL	20,857.			
OBBYING	47.			
EETING COSTS	4,860.			
ATIONAL CONFERENCE	13,787.			
SUBSCRIPTIONS	218.			
RAVEL	9,970.			
SECRETARIAL SERVICES	11,688.			
EACHER RECRUITMENT	725.			
ADMIN SEARCH PROGRAM	7,932.			
DATA ENTRY	783.			
CONSULTANT REIMBURSEMENTS	4,395.			
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	1,900.			
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