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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2010

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2010 and ending 06-30-2011

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization THE ELLIS FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 48-1093604
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (620) 223-2232
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 54		F Gross receipts \$ 1,498,992
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Room/suite		
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 FORT SCOTT, KS 66701		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	F Name and address of principal officer CHRIS ELLIS PO BOX 54 FORT SCOTT, KS 66701		G Gross receipts \$ 1,498,992
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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

J Website: ► theellisfoundation.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1990 M State of legal domicile KS

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities To provide High School graduates who have limited financial resources, access to higher education. We do so by enabling individuals, corporations, foundations, and institutions to partner with us to provide scholarships that prepare capable students to become America's future leaders		
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	12
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	1,667,854	1,260,577
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
		0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		189,268
		54,427
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
		0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		1,857,122
		1,315,004

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	Prior Year	Current Year
	1,245,288	1,139,012
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		327,134
		349,910
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		89,532
		132,689
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,661,954
		1,621,611
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		195,168
		-306,607

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	3,948,625	3,698,455
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		710
		710
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		3,948,625
		3,697,745

Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer CHRIS ELLIS PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	2011-09-13 Date

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name CAROL J HILL	Preparer's signature CAROL J HILL	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Firm's name ► DIEHL BANWART BOLTON CPAs PA				Firm's EIN ►
	Firm's address ► PO BOX 469 FORT SCOTT, KS 66701				Phone no ► (620) 223-4300

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

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Our mission is to provide High School graduates access to higher education. We do so by enabling individuals, corporations, foundations, and institutions to partner with us to provide scholarships that prepare students to become America's future leaders

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 \$ 1,084,762 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO SUBMIT WRITTEN APPLICATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION. A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH FOUNDATION PERSONNEL IS REQUIRED FOR ALL POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 36,000 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE BEACON, INC. IN FORT SCOTT KANSAS. THE BEACON SERVES APPROXIMATELY 400 LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN BOURBON COUNTY KANSAS BY PROVIDING FOOD AND CLOTHING

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 10,000 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE KC SYMPHONY AT THE FINE ARTS CENTER

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) **See also Additional Data for Description**

(Expenses \$ 8,250 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e **Total program service expenses** \$ 1,139,012

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A.

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instruction)?

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.

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.

5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? 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.

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.

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.

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.

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.

11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.

b 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.

c 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.

d Did the organization report an amount for other assets 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.

e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.

f 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 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.

b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

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, Parts I and IV.

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 U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.

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 U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.

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 (see instructions).

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.

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.

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? **Note.** Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11a	Yes	
11b	Yes	
11c	Yes	
11d		No
11e		No
11f		No
12a	Yes	
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18		No
19		No
20a		No
20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21	Yes	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 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		23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		24a		No
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		24b		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		24c		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		25a		No
25b	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		25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		27		No
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)		28a		No
28b	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		28b		No
28c	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		32		No
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		33		No
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		34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		35		No
36	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	36		No
37	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		37		No
38	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		38	Yes	
	Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O				

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	7
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	8
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	Yes
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
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?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	No
a	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	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8	
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?	9a	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b	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	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	13a	
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year **1a** 12

b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent **1b** 12

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?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?

7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?

b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		No
6	Yes	
7a		No
7b		No
8a	Yes	
8b	Yes	
9		No

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

10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

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?

11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

b 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

b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done

13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

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

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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?

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?

	Yes	No
10a		No
10b		
11a	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
12c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15a	Yes	
15b		No
16a		No
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►
 MATT MESSER
 10 STATE ST
 FORT SCOTT, KS 66701
 (620) 223-2232

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

 Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Officer or director or Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DANNY ELLIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					6,000	0	0
(2) WILLA ELLIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(3) CHRIS ELLIS PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00	X		X			135,000	0	0
(4) CATHERINE ELLIS DIRECTOR	20 00	X					17,000	0	0
(5) DAVID WEBB DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(6) WENDY WEBB DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(7) TOM SCOTT DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(8) BETTY SCOTT DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(9) BOBBY PATTON DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(10) ELEANOR PATTON DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(11) MICHAEL CILLESSEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(12) KAYE CILLESSEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(13) DEAN HUBBARD DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
(14) ALETA HUBBARD DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►1

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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	1,260,577				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		98,788				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		►	1,260,577			
Program Service Revenue	Business Code						
	2a						
	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)	►					
			57,790	57,790			
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	►					
	5 Royalties	►					
		(I) Real	(II) Personal				
	6a Gross Rents						
	b Less rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss)		►					
Other Revenue	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(I) Securities	(II) Other				
		180,625					
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	183,988					
	c Gain or (loss)	-3,363					
	d Net gain or (loss)		►	-3,363	-3,363		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
	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		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		►					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		►	1,315,004	54,427	0	0	

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	54,250	54,250		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	1,084,762	1,084,762		
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	158,000		158,000	
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	165,355		165,355	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,133		1,133	
10 Payroll taxes	25,422		25,422	
a Fees for services (non-employees) Management				
b Legal	684		684	
c Accounting	7,135		7,135	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	20,277		20,277	
g Other	20		20	
12 Advertising and promotion	3,398		3,398	
13 Office expenses	18,319		18,319	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	20,719		20,719	
17 Travel	25,686		25,686	
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	34,928		34,928	
23 Insurance	750		750	
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a OTHER EXPENSES	773		773	
b				
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,621,611	1,139,012	482,599	0
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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	979,562	1	848,141
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,053,291	2	1,041,761
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers, and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,461	9	12,804
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	524,070	10a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	59,928	10b	423,279
			10c	464,142
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	491,032	12	1,331,607
	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)	3,948,625	16	3,698,455
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	710
	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	0	26	710
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,223,439	27	2,601,204
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	725,186	28	1,096,541
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	3,948,625	33	3,697,745
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,948,625	34	3,698,455

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,315,004
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,621,611
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-306,607
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	3,948,625
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	55,727
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	3,697,745

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/>	2a	No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? <input type="checkbox"/>	2b	Yes
2c If "Yes," to 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	2c	No
2d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated 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? <input type="checkbox"/>	3a	No
3b 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	3b	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2010**

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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Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**Employer identification number**

48-1093604

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

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

e a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other

f 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)

g 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

h 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?

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

i Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	578,909	1,097,547	2,153,385	1,667,854	1,260,577	6,758,272
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	578,909	1,097,547	2,153,385	1,667,854	1,260,577	6,758,272
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)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,758,272

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	578,909	1,097,547	2,153,385	1,667,854	1,260,577	6,758,272
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	216,174	116,637	115,621	61,199	110,154	619,785
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)						7,378,057
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	

13 **First Five Years** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►✓**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. 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—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. 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—2009. 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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010. 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—2009. 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.** 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

2010

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Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**Employer identification number**

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or 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 importantly land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

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

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

a Public exhibition
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations

d Loan or exchange programs
e Other

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV 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	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or 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 Yes No

(ii) related organizations Yes No

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No

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

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

	Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	6,000				6,000
b Buildings	418,898		14,263		404,635
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment	53,581		19,071		34,510
e Other	45,591		26,594		18,997
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					464,142

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
See Additional Data Table		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ►	1,331,607	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

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

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC740)

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,315,004
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,621,611
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-306,607
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	55,727
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	55,727
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-250,880

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	1,370,731
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	55,727
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	55,727
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,315,004
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	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,315,004

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,621,611
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	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,621,611
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	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,621,611

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, 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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22
► **Attach to Form 990**

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.  

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code 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
(1) ROB LIDDELL FOUNDATION 3000 BERRY ROAD STE 120 NORMAN, OK 73072	20-4020550	501(C)3	5,000	0			FACILITY FOR WOMEN WITH DRUG ADDICTIONS
(2) THE BEACON 525 EAST 6TH FORT SCOTT, KS 66701	48-0996386	501(C)3	36,000	0			ASSIST LOCAL NOT FOR PROFIT WHO PROVIDES FOOD AND CLOTHING TO OVER 400 LOW INCOME FAMILIES
(3) FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION 2108 HORTON FORT SCOTT, KS 66701	23-7415312	501(C)3	10,000	0			CO-SPONSOR KC SYMPHONY AT FSCC FINE ARTS CENTER

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS		675,686		BOOK/FMV	
(2) MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS		409,076		BOOK/FMV	

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENTS AND PAID DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE FOUNDATION REGARDING THEIR ENROLLMENT AND GRADES

NonCash Contributions

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990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.Name of the organization
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48-1093604

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining oncash contribution amounts
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	X	2	98,788	FMV - DATE STOCK RECEIVED
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 ►(_____)				
26 Other ►(_____)				
27 Other ►(_____)				
28 Other ►(_____)				
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	

	Yes	No
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?	30a	No
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?	31	No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	No
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		

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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2		CHRIS ELLIS IS THE SON OF DANNY & WILLA ELLIS CATHERINE ELLIS IS THE WIFE OF CHRIS ELLIS DAVID & WENDY WEBB ARE HUSBAND & WIFE TOM & BETTY SCOTT ARE HUSBAND & WIFE BOBBY & ELEANOR PATTON ARE HUSBAND & WIFE MICHAEL & KAYE CILLESSEN ARE HUSBAND & WIFE DEAN & ALETA HUBBARD ARE HUSBAND & WIFE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		WHEN THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS NAMED 2 MEMBERS THOSE MEMBERS HAVE NO AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO THE POLICIES OR PROCEDURES OF THE FOUNDATION

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AS PART OF THE MEETING MATERIALS ANY DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE FORM 990 ATTACHED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS ALL POLICIES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE DISCLOSED AND DOCUMENTED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SETS THE COMPENSATION OF ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND THOSE AMOUNTS ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	INTERESTED PARTIES MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FOUNDATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE IN FORT SCOTT KANSAS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Form 990, Part XI, line 5	Net unrealized gains on investments 55,727

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code	(Expenses \$	8,250	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
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DONATIONS TO THE ROB LIDDELL FOUNDATION, FRIENDS OF UNIVERSTIY ACADEMY, SYMPHONY IN THE FLINT HILLS, AND THE UNITED WAY OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

Additional Data

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Form 990, Schedule D, Part VII - Investments— Other Securities

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
COLUMBIA DIVIDEND INCOME FUND	246,129	F
ISHARES DJ SELECT DIVIDEND INDEX FUND	103,194	F
ABRAXAS PETE CORP	95,750	F
FERRELLGAS PARTNERS	112,850	F
COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND	24,552	F
ISHARES MSCI EAFE INDEX FUND	24,056	F
VANGUARD MSCI EMERGING MKTS	24,310	F
GENERAL ELECTRIC CAP CORP	51,510	F
WACHOVIA CORP GLOBAL	53,768	F
DELL INC	50,433	F
JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	50,373	F
WALMART	50,660	F
AT&T	50,650	F
TOTAL CAP	52,177	F
ST LOUIS COUNTY MO BOND	180,094	F
WESTPAC BKG CORP	50,954	F
GENERAL MOTORS BOND	27,354	F
DUKE REALTY CORP	28,020	F
PIMCO COMMODITY REAL RETURN STRATEGY FUND	54,773	F

Form 4562

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

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Attachment
Sequence No 67Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

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

Name(s) shown on return
THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179*Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.*

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	500,000
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	2,000,000
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 2009 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 2011 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ►	13	

*Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.***Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

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

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 2010	17	34,928
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 2010 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 2010 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	34,928
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

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

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation/deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost

25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) **25**

		%						
		%						
		%						

26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use

		%						
		%						
		%						

27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use

		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		

28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 **28**

29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1 **29**

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person

If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

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

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

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

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?													Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners														
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?														
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?														
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)														

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year

42 A amortization of costs that begins during your 2010 tax year (see instructions)

43 A amortization of costs that began before your 2010 tax year **43**

44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report **44**