Form **990** | **Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

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

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning SEP 1, 2010 and ending AUG 31, 2011

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

C Name of organization: THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 1201 16TH STREET, NW — Room/suite: 416

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WASHINGTON, DC 20036

D Employer identification number: 23-7035089

E Telephone number: 202-822-7840

G Gross receipts $ 7,718,911.

F Name and address of principal officer: HARRIET SANFORD, PRESIDE SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.NEAFOUNDATION.ORG

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶ **L** Year of formation: 1969 **M** State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE NEA FOUNDATION THROUGH THE UNIQUE STRENGTH OF ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATORS, ADVANCES STUDENT

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	23
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	22
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	16
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	15
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.

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			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	4,304,603.	3,055,145.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	345,515.	977,189.
	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)	4,650,118.	4,032,334.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	3,012,000.	2,417,357.
	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)	1,606,063.	1,827,021.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 384,940.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	1,816,523.	2,034,325.
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	6,434,586.	6,278,703.
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,784,468.	-2,246,369.
			Beginning of Current Year	**End of Year**
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	44,021,476.	45,762,559.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,544,201.	1,328,978.
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	42,477,275.	44,433,581.

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 ▶ Harriet Sanford — Signature of officer — Date 4/17/12

▶ HARRIET SANFORD, PRESIDENT & CEO — Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Mich J. Cobb — Preparer's signature — Date 4/15/— Check ☐ if self-employed — PTIN

Firm's name ▶ THOMPSON, COBB, BAZILIO AND ASSOC — Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶ 1101 15TH ST., N.W., SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20005 — Phone no.

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

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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Part III | Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
THE NEA FOUNDATION, THROUGH THE UNIQUE STRENGTH OF ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATORS, ADVANCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BY INVESTING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT WILL PREPARE EACH OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN TO LEARN AND THRIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 $ 1,350,743. including grants of $ 1,111,806.) (Revenue $ ______)
CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS - IS AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT RATE FOR UNDER-ACHIEVING LOW INCOME AND MINORITY STUDENT GROUPS VIA TARGETED PHILANTHROPY. OUR RESEARCH-BASED STRATEGY SHOWS THAT DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LOCAL UNIONS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CREATES A POWERFUL FORCE FOR IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND A VEHICLE FOR SYSTEMIC REFORM.

GRANTS ARE AWARDED TO DISTRICT-BASED TEAMS COMPOSED OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE TEACHER'S UNION AND AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. TOGETHER, THESE PARTNERS FOCUS ON THEIR COMMUNITY'S MOST PRESSING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THEM. THE JOINT PLANNING ENSURES THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT IS OWNED BY ALL

4b (Code ______) (Expenses $ 524,483. including grants of $ 40,000.) (Revenue $ ______)
THE NEA FOUNDATION INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING & LEARNING - IS A STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPERIENCE THAT SUPPORTS LOCAL UNIONS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS' COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT, MEASURABLE CHANGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND EDUCATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT IMPROVE TEACHING AND STUDENT LEARNING.

THE INSTITUTE'S FIRST COHORT, WHICH LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER 2010, IS COMPRISED OF 10 LEADERSHIP TEAMS DRAWN FROM DISTRICTS ON THE MIDWEST AND NORTHEAST REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. THESE TEAMS INCLUDE LOCAL UNION, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. EACH HAS IDENTIFIED ISSUES MOST CRITICAL TO THEIR STUDENTS AND HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL: TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION

4c (Code ______) (Expenses $ 704,553. including grants of $ 658,103.) (Revenue $ ______)
GRANTS TO EDUCATORS - THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS NEW IDEAS AND PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN TEACHING AND LEARNING. OUR GOAL IS TO FUND AND SHARE SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE CHILDREN FOR BRIGHT AND REWARDING FUTURES.

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE BEST TEACHING METHODS COME FROM OUR GREATEST ASSETS, EDUCATORS. THAT IS WHY WE PROVIDED 154 GRANTS TO 271 DIFFERENT EDUCATORS AND REACHED 44,541 STUDENTS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ 2,460,180. including grants of $ 607,448.) (Revenue $ ______)

4e **Total program service expenses ▶** 5,039,959.

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		X
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*	4	X	
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*	5		X
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*	6		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	X	
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*	11a	X	
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*	11b		X
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*	11c		X
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*	11d		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	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*	11f	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*	12a	X	
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*	12b		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I*	17		X
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18	X	
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? **Note.** Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)	20b		

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	X	
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22	X	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No", go to line 25*	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	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		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	34		X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35		X
a	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* ☐ Yes ☒ No			
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X	

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	54			
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	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	16			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			2b	X	
	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		X
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		X
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		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		X
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		X
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).**					
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?			7a	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	X	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c		X
d	*If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year*	7d				
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h		
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?			8		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**					
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a				
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b				
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter.					
a	*Gross income from members or shareholders*	11a				
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b				
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b				
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?			13a		
	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		X
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 line 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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 23			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 22			
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?		2	X	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		3		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		5		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		6		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		7a		X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		7b		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following				
a	The governing body?		8a	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O*		9		X

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

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X	
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*	12a	X	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done*	12c	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions.)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ SEE SCHEDULE O

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply

[X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] Upon request

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

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. ▶

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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 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) Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
HARRIET SANFORD PRESIDENT & CEO	37.50	X		X				226,932.	0.	60,867.
LAURI FITZ-PEGADO PAST CHAIR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ELIZABETH OLIVER-FARROW CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
JOHN WILSON SECRETARY/TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
PETER BELK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
R. JOSEPH BOWER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
KIMBERLY OLIVER BURNIM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARK CHICHESTER VICE-CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
JEREMIAH COLLINS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DEBORAH COWAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
THERESE CRANE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CLARA FLOYD DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BRENNA ISAACS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
LIONEL JOHNSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
HERB LEVITT DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
LORI MCFARLING DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
LARRY NELSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position: Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
PETE ROMERO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DENNIS VAN ROEKEL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
KEVIN WELNER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JESSIE WOOLLEY-WILSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ROBERT ADAMS, JR. DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JERRY JOHNSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
NANCY MOLL SVP OF FINANCE	37.50			X				135,673.	0.	40,932.
EDITH WOOTEN SVP OF COMMUNICATION	37.50					X		113,947.	0.	29,144.
1b Sub-total ▶								476,552.	0.	130,943.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ▶								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ▶								476,552.	0.	130,943.

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 ▶ 3

		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		X
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	X	
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		X

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
EI-J PRODUCTIONS 3225 SOUTH MACDILL AVENUE, TAMPA, FL 33629	GALA PRODUCTION COMPANY	180,331.
COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP 1029 VERMONT AVE, NW, WASHINGTON , DC 20005	CONSULTANT - DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS	165,324.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 2

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						
1 a Federated campaigns	1a	10,223.				
b Membership dues	1b					
c Fundraising events	1c	408,839.				
d Related organizations	1d					
e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2636083.				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $						
h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f ▶			3055145.			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
2 a						
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) ▶			678,285.			678,285.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
5 Royalties ▶						
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6 a Gross Rents						
b Less. rental expenses						
c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities 3,879,241.	(ii) Other				
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	3,580,337.					
c Gain or (loss)	298904.					
d Net gain or (loss) ▶			298,904.	298,904.		
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 408,839. of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	106240.				
b Less direct expenses	b	106240.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶			0.			
9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶						
10 a 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				
11 a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12 **Total revenue.** See instructions. ▶			4032334.	298,904.	0.	678,285.

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	1,659,357.	1,659,357.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	758,000.	758,000.		
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	464,403.	297,218.	88,237.	78,948.
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	946,049.	619,878.	172,146.	154,025.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	131,311.	84,312.	25,700.	21,299.
9 Other employee benefits	192,232.	124,533.	37,692.	30,007.
10 Payroll taxes	93,026.	60,478.	17,178.	15,370.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	9,566.		9,566.	
c Accounting	22,000.	14,080.	4,180.	3,740.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	252,584.		252,584.	
g Other	794,123.	671,275.	80,948.	41,900.
12 Advertising and promotion	28,554.	27,203.	1,351.	
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology	10,482.	10,482.		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	25,294.	25,294.		
17 Travel	419,779.	349,909.	68,205.	1,665.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	12,726.	7,323.	5,403.	
20 Interest	1,621.		1,621.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	11,631.	7,444.	2,210.	1,977.
23 Insurance	7,736.	5,892.	973.	871.
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 PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT	195,330.	195,330.		
b GIVE-AWAYS & NONCASH AW	49,237.	18,362.	29,562.	1,313.
c PRINTING	38,050.	10,057.	9,483.	18,510.
d EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MA	37,431.	34,716.	2,715.	
e SUPPLIES	29,244.	14,332.	14,912.	
f All other expenses	88,937.	44,484.	29,138.	15,315.
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	6,278,703.	5,039,959.	853,804.	384,940.
26 **Joint costs.** Check here ▶ ☐ 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			1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,834,201.	2	1,949,664.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		305,346.	4	229,955.
	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)			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		17,726.	9	7,582.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 121,371.			
	b	Less. accumulated depreciation	10b 91,406.	33,593.	10c	29,965.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		41,830,610.	11	43,545,393.
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		44,021,476.	16	45,762,559.
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		636,830.	17	504,452.
	18	Grants payable		813,661.	18	729,597.
	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		93,710.	25	94,929.
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		1,544,201.	26	1,328,978.
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ [X] and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**				
	27	Unrestricted net assets		41,149,704.	27	43,537,710.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		1,327,571.	28	895,871.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ [ ] and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		42,477,275.	33	44,433,581.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		44,021,476.	34	45,762,559.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI [X]

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,032,334.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,278,703.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,246,369.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	42,477,275.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	4,202,675.
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	44,433,581.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII [ ]

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 [ ] Cash [X] Accrual [ ] Other ______ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both [X] Separate basis [ ] Consolidated basis [ ] Both consolidated and separate basis			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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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Employer identification number: 23-7035089

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 [X] An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)
8 [ ] A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)
9 [ ] An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
10 [ ] An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
11 [ ] An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

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

e [ ] By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box [ ]

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

		Yes	No
(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?	11g(i)		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)		

h 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	Yes	No	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 ")	3,421,169.	2,861,564.	2,787,251.	4,304,603.	3,055,145.	16,429,732.
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	3,421,169.	2,861,564.	2,787,251.	4,304,603.	3,055,145.	16,429,732.
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)						568,249.
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						15,861,483.

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	3,421,169.	2,861,564.	2,787,251.	4,304,603.	3,055,145.	16,429,732.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,498,554.	931,402.	581,260.	447,228.	678,285.	6,136,729.
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						22,566,461.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) | 12 |

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	70.29 %
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	64.37 %

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 a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

17a **10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 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 ▶ ☐

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. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.	OMB No 1545-0047 **2010** Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations· Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then
- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization	Employer identification number
THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION	23-7035089

Part I-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
2 Political expenditures ▶ $ 0.
3 Volunteer hours 0.

Part I-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $ 0.
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $ 0.
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $
4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
B Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	37,960.	
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	0.	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	37,960.	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	6,240,743.	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	6,278,703.	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	463,935.	

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000.

	(a)	(b)
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	115,984.	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0.	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0.	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	☐ Yes	☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount				463,935.	463,935.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					695,903.
c Total lobbying expenditures				37,960.	37,960.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount				115,984.	115,984.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					173,976.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				37,960.	37,960.

Part II-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."**

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i Also, complete this part for any additional information

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number 23-7035089

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6

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

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

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

- ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
- ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
- ☐ Protection of natural habitat
- ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
- ☐ Preservation of open space

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

			Held at the End of the Tax Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ ______

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ ______

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ ______

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ ______

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ ______

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

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

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

		Amount
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	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	41,830,610.	38,728,800.	45,922,684.		
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	5,179,864.	4,859,574.	-3,711,124.		
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	3,465,081.	1,757,764.	3,482,760.		
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	43,545,393.	41,830,610.	38,728,800.		

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

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		69,777.	51,452.	18,325.
e Other		51,594.	39,954.	11,640.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				29,965.

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		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶		

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
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total (Col (b) must 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
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.)* ▶	

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS	12,831.
(3) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HELD AS FISCAL	
(4) AGENT	82,098.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)* ▶	94,929.

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 (ASC 740)

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,032,334.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,278,703.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,246,369.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	4,202,675.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	9	4,202,675.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,956,306.

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	9,128,265.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	4,202,675.		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	893,256.		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	5,095,931.
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	4,032,334.
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)*			5	4,032,334.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	7,171,959.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	893,256.		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	893,256.
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	6,278,703.
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)*			5	6,278,703.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

PART V, LINE 4: A PORTION OF THE FOUNDATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE UTILIZED TO HELP FUND THE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR VARIOUS FOUNDATION PROGRAMS. THE APPROVED SPENDING RATE AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE FOUNDATION'S ENDOWMENT ARE REVIEWED ANNUALLY DURING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

PART X, LINE 2: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASC 740, INCOME TAXES, THE FOUNDATION EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS AND DETERMINED THAT ITS TAX

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

POSITIONS ARE MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT TO BE SUSTAINED ON EXAMINATION. ACCORDINGLY, THERE ARE NO UNRECOGNIZED BENEFITS OR APPLICABLE INTEREST AND PENALTIES THAT SHOULD BE RECORDED.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization: THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Employer identification number: 23-7035089

Part I **Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17 Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

a ☐ Mail solicitations
b ☐ Internet and email solicitations
c ☐ Phone solicitations
d ☐ In-person solicitations
e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
g ☐ Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least $5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	**(ii)** Activity	**(iii)** Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	No	**(iv)** Gross receipts from activity	**(v)** Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. **(i)**	**(vi)** Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

LHA **Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than $15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b List events with gross receipts greater than $5,000

		(a) Event #1 (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events NONE (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	515,079.			515,079.
	2 Less Charitable contributions	408,839.			408,839.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	106,240.			106,240.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	10,000.			10,000.
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	96,240.			96,240.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(106,240.)
	11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶				0.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				( )
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: ____________

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain ____________

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain ____________

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility 13a %

b An outside facility 13b %

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ $ ______ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ $ ______

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party.

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ $ ______

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ $

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions)

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Name of the organization THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Employer identification number 23-7035089

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? [X] 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 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
MILWAUKEE TEACHER'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - 5130 WEST VLIET STREET - MILWAUKEE, WI 53208		501(C)(5)	532,233.	0.			CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- THE NEA FOUNDATION CREATED THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS INITIATIVE TO
FOUNDATION FOR LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - PO BOX 1608, FT. - MEYER, FL 33901		501(C)(3)	50,000.	0.			CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MS 33-182, P.O. BOX 34165 SEATTLE, WA 98124-1165		SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOO	280,000.	0.			CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
OMAHA SCHOOLS FOUDATION 3215 CUMING STREET OMAHA, NE 68131-2024		501(C)(3)	50,000.	0.			CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION - 2390 ALUMNI DRIVE, UNIT 32-6, - STORRS, CT 06269-3206		501(C)(3)	200,000.	0.			CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
PEARSON FOUNDATION 247 MILLER AVENUE MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		501(C)(3)	75,072.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS - THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF ONE TIME PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE THE

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ▶ 13.

3 Enter total number of other organizations ▶ 2.

SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (H) DESCRIPTIONS

Part II **Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States** (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - 60 WEST GUDE DRIVE - ROCKVILLE, MD 20850		501(C)(3)	45,000.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
INSTITUTE FOR ONE WISCONSIN 152 W. JOHNSON STREET MADISON, WI 53703		501(C)(3)	30,000.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION - 4301 CONNETICUT AVENUE, NW - WASHIGNTON, DC 20008		501(C)(3)	40,000.	0.			COMMUNICATIONS - THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECT EXPENSES TO INCREASE THE
THE NATIONAL FORUM TO ACCELERATE MIDDLE-GRADES REFORM - PO BOX 224 - SAVOY, IL 61874		501(C)(3)	20,000.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
DONORSCHOOSE.ORG 213 WEST 35TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10001		501(C)(3)	60,500.	0.			INNOVATION - THE FOUNDATION'S INNOVATION PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF TWO DISTINCT INITIATIVES:
GRANTMAKERS FOR EDUCATION 720 SW WASHINGTON STREET PORTLAND, OR 97205		501(C)(3)	15,000.	0.			INNOVATION - REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
COLUMBUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 929 EAST BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43205		501(C)(5)	57,000.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 185 ARPS HALL, 1945 N. HIGH STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43210		501(C)(3)	123,007.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE
NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME 1200 COMMERCIAL EMPORIA, KS 66801		501(C)(3)	25,000.	0.			OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS-REFERENCE DESCRIPTION FROM ABOVE

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
Part III can be duplicated 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
GRANTS TO EDUCATORS - GRANTS TO SUPPORT NEW IDEA AND PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN TEACHING AND LEARNING. THE TWO CATEGORIES OF GRANTS ARE: 1) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - $2,000 OR $5,000 GRANTS FOR PREK-16	154	659,000.	0.		
AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE - RECOGNIZES, REWARDS AND PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.	5	75,000.	0.		
CHALLENGE TO INNOVATE - IS A WEB-BASED, OPEN INVITATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND OTHERS TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE EDUCATION'S MOST PRESSING CLASSROOM PROBLEMS.	9	19,000.	0.		
BILL MILES SCHOLARSHIP - SUPPORTS STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE IN THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUITS, TALENT, LEADERSHIP AND A SPIRIT OF SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.	5	5,000.	0.		

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

THE FOUNDATION USUALLY ISSUES GRANTS FOR NO MORE THAN A 12 MONTH PERIOD. FOUNDATION PROGRAM STAFF PERFORMS SITE VISITS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR GRANTS TOTALING MORE THAN $50,000. SITE VISITS CAN ALSO BE MADE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS FOR GRANTS OF $50,000 OR LESS. THE GRANTEE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE FOUNDATION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE GRANT FUNDED PROJECT AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR AND THE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS IS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECEIPT, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOTH PROGRAMMATIC AND FINANCIAL REPORTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE FOUNDATION HAS A POLICY OF RETAINING AT LEAST 10% OF THE GRANT FUNDS

SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (A) DESCRIPTIONS

Part IV Supplemental Information

FOR DISBURSEMENT AFTER THE FINAL PROGRAMMATIC AND FINANCIAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED ON ALL GRANTS OF $5,000 OR MORE.

PART II, LINE 1, COLUMN (H):

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT:

MILWAUKEE TEACHER'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- THE NEA FOUNDATION CREATED THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS INITIATIVE TO ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT RATE FOR UNDER-ACHIEVING LOW INCOME AND MINORITY STUDENT GROUPS, THEREBY CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR HIGHER ACHIEVING, MORE AFFLUENT PEERS. THE FOUNDATION'S RESEARCHED-BASED STATEGY SHOWS THAT DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LOCAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, IS A POWERFUL FORCE FOR IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND A VEHICLE FOR SYSTEMIC REFORM. THE NEA FOUNDATION'S WORK IN CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING NOT ONLY THE TEACHERS WHO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION, BUT THE PRINCIPALS WHO LEAD BUILDINGS, THE SUPERINTENDENT WHO RUNS THE DISTRICT, THE FAMILIES WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND THE TEACHER ASSOCIATION LEADERS WHO NEGOTIATE THE WORKING CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: PEARSON FOUNDATION

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS - THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF ONE TIME PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE THE FOUNDATION'S CORE MISSION AND GOALS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE:

COMMUNICATIONS - THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECT EXPENSES TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: DONORSCHOOSE.ORG

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: INNOVATION - THE FOUNDATION'S INNOVATION PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF TWO DISTINCT INITIATIVES: THE PARTNERSHIP WITH DONORSCHOOSE.ORG AND THE CHALLENGE TO INNOVATE (C2I) INITIATIVE. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SPEND MORE THAN $350 EACH YEAR OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS TO PURCHASE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS - OVER $1 BILLION IN ADDED COSTS. TO HELP ALLEVIATE THIS BURDEN, THE FOUNDATION LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH DONORSCHOOSE.ORG. DURING THE PILOT INITIATIVE, FOR EVERY $ DONATED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO FUND DONORSCHOOSE.ORG PROJECTS POSTED BY TEACHERS, THE FOUNDATION MATCHED THE CONTRIBUTION UP TO $250. DURING THIS INITIATIVE, FOUNDATION FUNDS HELPED TO FUND PROJECTS FROM 142 TEACHERS WHICH REACHED 11,645 STUDENTS. C2I, IS A WEB-BASED, OPEN INVITATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND OTHERS TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE EDUCATION'S MOST PRESSING CLASSROOM PROBLEMS. THE C2I PLATFORM IS HOUSED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S OPEN INNOVATION PORTAL AND HAD 2,384 IDEAS.

PART III, COLUMN (A):

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: GRANTS TO EDUCATORS - GRANTS TO SUPPORT NEW IDEA AND PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN TEACHING AND LEARNING. THE TWO CATEGORIES OF GRANTS ARE: 1) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - $2,000 OR $5,000 GRANTS FOR PREK-16 EDUCATORS TO PROMOTE CLASSROOM INNOVATION AND TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN CRITICAL THINKING TO DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF STANDARDS-BASED MATTER. 2) LEARNING & LEADERSHIP - $2,000 OR $5,000

Part IV **Supplemental Information**

GRANTS FOR ALL PREK-16 EDUCATORS TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING SKILLS AND TO SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES.

SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization: THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Employer identification number: 23-7035089

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply. ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Compensation survey or study ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?	4a		X
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b		X
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c		X
	Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
a	The organization?	5a		X
b	Any related organization? If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5b		X
6	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
a	The organization?	6a		X
b	Any related organization? If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6b		X
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7		X
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8		X
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 HARRIET SANFORD	(i)	204,932.	0.	22,000.	40,438.	20,429.	287,799.	298,596.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2 NANCY MOLL	(i)	109,833.	3,840.	22,000.	24,676.	16,256.	176,605.	176,228.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3	(i)							
	(ii)							
4	(i)							
	(ii)							
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12	(i)							
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13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION	23-7035089

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
ACHIEVEMENT BY INVESTING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT WILL PREPARE EACH OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN TO LEARN AND THRIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
PARTIES-INCREASING ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND CHANCES FOR SUCCESS.

THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED GRANT FUNDS TO 9 DIFFERENT DISTRICT-BASED TEAMS DURING THIS YEAR, WORKED IN 960 DIFFERENT SITES AND REACHED 542,103 STUDENTS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
FOR THEIR STUDENTS. THESE 10 LEADERSHIP TEAMS WORKED IN 814 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND REACHED 495,625 STUDENTS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:
OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS - THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF ONE TIME PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE THE FOUNDATION'S CORE MISSION AND GOALS.
EXPENSES $ 391,989. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 264,698. REVENUE $ 0.

AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE - THE FOUNDATION'S AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES, REWARDS AND PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING. SELECTED FROM THE NEA SATE ASSOCIATIONS' NOMINEES, THE FOUNDATION NAMES FIVE NATIONAL FINALISTS AND A WINNER IS CHOSEN FROM THE FIVE FINALISTS.

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THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED GRANT FUNDS TO 31 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND 5 INDIVIDUAL EDUCATORS DURING THE YEAR.

EXPENSES $ 371,127. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 94,500. REVENUE $ 0.

NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT - THE FOUNDATION'S INITIAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OF INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE THE FOUNDATION'S CORE MISSION AND GOALS.

EXPENSES $ 235,152. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 132,750. REVENUE $ 0.

INNOVATION - THE FOUNDATION'S INNOVATION PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF TWO DISTINCT INITIATIVES: THE PARTNERSHIP WITH DONORSCHOOSE.ORG AND THE CHALLENGE TO INNOVATE (C2I) INITIATIVE. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SPEND MORE THAN $350 EACH YEAR OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS TO PURCHASE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS -OVER $1 BILLION IN ADDED COSTS. TO HELP ALLEVIATE THIS BURDEN, THE FOUNDATION LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH DONORSCHOOSE.ORG. DURING THE PILOT INITIATIVE, FOR EVERY $ DONATED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO FUND DONORSCHOOSE.ORG PROJECTS POSTED BY TEACHERS, THE FOUNDATION MATCHED THE CONTRIBUTION UP TO $250. DURING THIS INITIATIVE, FOUNDATION FUNDS HELPED TO FUND PROJECTS FROM 142 TEACHERS WHICH REACHED 11,645 STUDENTS.

C2I, IS A WEB-BASED, OPEN INVITATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND OTHERS TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE EDUCATION'S MOST PRESSING CLASSROOM PROBLEMS. THE C2I PLATFORM IS HOUSED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S OPEN INNOVATION PORTAL AND HAD 2,384 REGISTRANTS DURING THE YEAR WHO POSTED 463 IDEAS.

EXPENSES $ 105,712. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 71,500. REVENUE $ 0.

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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION - THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECT EXPENSES IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DETAILED ABOVE.

EXPENSES $ 891,339. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 4,000. REVENUE $ 0.

COMMUNICATIONS - THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECT EXPENSES TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

EXPENSES $ 464,861. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 40,000. REVENUE $ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: FAMILY OR BUSINESS RELASHIONSHIP

CLARA FLOYD - OFFICER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

BRENNA ISAACS - OFFICER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

DENNIS VANROEKEL - OFFICER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

JOHN WILSON - OFFICER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: FORM 990 REVIEW PROCEDURES PRIOR TO FILING THE RETURN:

THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THE FOUNDATION'S ACCOUNTING FIRM BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION'S REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE DRAFT FORM 990 FOLLOWS:

-THE FOUNDATION'S SVP OF FINANCE REVIEWS A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 FOR COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY. THE DRAFT FORM 990 IS REVISED AS NECESSARY AFTER THE SVP OF FINANCE'S REVIEW.

-THE REVISED DRAFT FORM 990 IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT & CEO FOR HER REVIEW. THE DRAFT FORM 990 IS REVISED, AS NECESSARY, AFTER THE PRESIDENT & CEO'S REVIEW.

-THE COMPLETED FORM 990 IS THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S FOR THEIR REVIEW.

-ANY COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ARE CONSIDERED AND THE FORM 990

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WILL BE MODIFIED AS NECESSARY.

-THE PRESIDENT & CEO THEN SIGNS THE COMPLETED RETURN WHICH IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS AND FOUNDATION STAFF COMPLETE AND SIGN CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS ANNUALLY NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. THE PRESIDENT AND CEO REVIEWS THE STAFF MEMBERS COMPLETED FORMS FOR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND SIGNS OFF ON EACH FORM. THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETED FORMS FOR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND SIGNS OFF ON EACH FORM. IF THERE IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THE STAFF OR BOARD MEMBER DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY DECISIONS RELATED TO THE CONFLICT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. NEW BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS WHO JOIN THE FOUNDATION DURING THE YEAR COMPLETE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS WHEN THEY JOIN THE FOUNDATION. THESE FORMS ARE REVIEWED AND SIGNED OFF ON BY APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: PRESIDENT & CEO AND OFFICER COMPENSATION DESCRIPTION:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS OF THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT & CEO. DURING THE CURRENT YEAR THE FOUNDATION ENTERED INTO A THREE YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT & CEO. THE COMMITTEE UTILIZES THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN THE ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS:

-THE COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT & CEO, ESTABLISHES ANNUAL GOALS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND REVIEWS THE PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THESE GOALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND AT YEAR END. THE ANNUAL GOALS ARE BASED ON THE FOUNDATION'S STRATEGIC PLAN, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF

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OPERATIONAL METRIC TARGETS AND OPERATING WITHIN THE BOARD APPROVED BUDGET.

-THE FOUNDATION HAS ALSO HAD AN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION STUDY PERFORMED IN EARLY 2009 FOR THE PRESIDENT & CEO AND SVP OF FINANCE SALARIES TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPENSATION IS COMPARABLE WITH OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THE FOUNDATION INTENDS TO HAVE THIS EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION STUDY UPDATED EVERY THREE YEARS TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE CONTINUES TO BE REASONABLE COMPARED TO OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

-BASED UPON THE PROCEDURES DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT & CEO'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE OR PERFORMANCE PAYMENT REQUESTS.

-THE FOUNDATION TREASURER THEN INFORMS THE SVP OF FINANCE OF ANY ADJUSTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT & CEO'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE OR ANY REQUEST FOR A PERFORMANCE PAYMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL,AK,AR,AZ,CA,CO,CT,DC,FL,IL,KS,KY,MA,MD,ME,MI,MN,MS,NC,NH,NJ,NM,NY,ND,OH OK,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WA,WV,WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE FOUNDATION'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

NET UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS: 4,202,675.

Form **8868** (Rev. January 2011)

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Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

OMB No 1545-1709

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I** and check this box ▶ [X]
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions) For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit *www.irs.gov/efile* and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ▶ [ ]

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Type or print		
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Name of exempt organization THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION	**Employer identification number** 23-7035089
	Number, street, and room or suite no If a P O. box, see instructions 1201 16TH STREET, NW, NO. 416	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON, DC 20036	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) [0 1]

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

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  Telephone No ▶ 202-822-7843 FAX No ▶
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ▶ [ ]
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) ______ . If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ [ ] . If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until APRIL 15, 2012 , to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶ [ ] calendar year ______ or

▶ [X] tax year beginning SEP 1, 2010 , and ending AUG 31, 2011

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return [ ] Change in accounting period

3a	If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions	3a	$ 0.
b	If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	$ 0.
c	**Balance due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	3c	$ 0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions