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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)
All other organizations with gross receipts less than $200,000 and total assets less than $500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements*

OMB No 1545-1150

2012

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A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable
- [x] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [ ] Initial return
- [ ] Terminated
- [ ] Amended return
- [ ] Application pending

C Name of organization
AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
PO BOX 62

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
AUSTIN, MN 55912

D Employer identification number
41-6020807

E Telephone number
(507) 437-8736

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method [x] Cash [ ] Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check ▶ [ ] if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one)— [x] 501(c)(3) [ ] 501(c)( ) ◀(insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

K Check ▶ [ ] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than $50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are $200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 135,455

Part I **Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [x]

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	133,750
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	
	4	Investment income		4	1,705
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events			
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than $15,000)	6a		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds $15,000)	6b		
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)		6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		8	
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	135,455
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10	40,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	300
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		16	779
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	41,079
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	94,376
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	252,464
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	346,840

Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II . . . . . ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	252,464	22	346,840
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25	**Total assets**	252,464	25	346,840
26	**Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	252,464	27	346,840

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III . ☐

Expenses (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS TO ASSIST THEM IN PAYING THE EXPENSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION (20 STUDENTS) (Grants $ 40,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	28a	40,000
29 (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	29a	
30 (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . ▶	32	40,000

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. . . . . ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) **(if not paid, enter -0-)**	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

Part V **Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . . ☑

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	**33**		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	**34**		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	**35a**		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a **Form 990-T** for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	**35b**		
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	**35c**		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	**36**		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ **37a** 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	**37b**		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? . .	**38a**		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . **38b**			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . **39a**			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities **39b**			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0 , section 4912 ▶ 0 , section 4955 ▶ 0			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	**40b**		No
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . ▶ 0			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ 0			
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	**40e**		No

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ MN

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ ALICE HOLST Telephone no ▶ (507) 437-8736

Located at ▶ PO BOX 62 AUSTIN, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55912

			Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	**42b**		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	**42c**		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶			

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here . . . . . ▶ ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . ▶ **43**

			Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	**44a**		No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? *If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ*	**44b**		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	**44c**		No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*	**44d**		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	**45a**		No
45b	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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	**45b**		No

		Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	**46**		No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

			Yes	No
47	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	**47**		No
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	**48**		No
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	**49a**		No
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	**49b**		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee paid more than $100,000	**(b)** Average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	**(d)** Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	**(e)** Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

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

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

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

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

****** 2013-04-23

Signature of officer Date

LOWELL FOSTER PRESIDENT

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	SHERRI WESSELS			P00888088

Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP — Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749

Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 217 AUSTIN, MN 55912 — Phone no (507) 434-7000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

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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Name of the organization
AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Employer identification number
41-6020807

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☑ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a ☐ Type I **b** ☐ Type II **c** ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated **d** ☐ Type III - Non-functionally integrated

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 monetary 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	76,123	71,363	39,934	40,730	133,750	361,900
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	76,123	71,363	39,934	40,730	133,750	361,900
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)						292,036
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						69,864

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	76,123	71,363	39,934	40,730	133,750	361,900
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	8,314	3,840	783	2,213	1,705	16,855
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)						378,755

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

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	**14**	18 450 %
15	Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	**15**	15 170 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2012.** 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—2011.** 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—2012.** 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—2011.** 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2012** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from **2011** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2012.** 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—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶☐

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

ORGANIZATION HISTORY AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (ACSC) WAS ORGANIZED IN 1963 BY A GROUP OF AUSTIN MN COMMUNITY LEADERS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS THAT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE. THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHOSE RESIDENCE IS IN EITHER MOWER COUNTY MN OR IN LONDON TOWNSHIP IN FREEBORN COUNTY MN OR IN UNION OR OTRANTO TOWNSHIPS IN MITCHELL COUNTY IN IA. THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS HAS RANGED FROM $375/STUDENT IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE ORGANIZATION UP TO $2,000/STUDENT IN RECENT YEARS. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR HAS VARIED AS WELL RANGING FROM 3 IN THE INITIAL YEAR UP TO A HIGH OF 21 STUDENTS IN 2009. CUMULATIVELY THROUGH 2012, SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TOTALING $729,435. SOURCES OF SUPPORT. THE PHILOSOPHY OF ACSC SINCE INCEPTION HAS BEEN TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THEIR SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION. THEN UPON COMPLETION OF COLLEGE AND IN THE WORKFORCE, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED (BUT NOT REQUIRED) TO IN TURN MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN A LIKE AMOUNT BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION SO ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS CAN BE AWARDED TO FUTURE STUDENTS IN A LIKE MANNER. THUS ONE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDS WITH WHICH TO MAKE THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS IS THE ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE BROAD NUMBER OF PAST RECIPIENTS. ACSC ALSO RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS EACH YEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND FROM A 509(A)(3) SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION. EACH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS BASED ON VARIOUS CRITERIA INCLUDING GRADES, COLLEGE EDUCATION HISTORY, FINANCIAL NEED, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, ETC. THE APPLICATION INCLUDES A NARRATIVE ENCOURAGING SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS TO SUPPORT ACSC FINANCIALLY ONCE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SCHOOLING. ACSC ISSUES A NEWS RELEASE IN TWO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS EACH YEAR INFORMING THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION, ITS HISTORY, STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE. THIS NEWS RELEASE IS ALSO ONE OF THE METHODS BY WHICH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS SOLICITED AND AS A WAY OF NOTIFYING QUALIFYING STUDENTS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS. SINCE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PAST RECIPIENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE BEEN LESS THAN EXPECTED, THE ASCS HAS IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF PROACTIVE PLANS SEEKING EXPANDED PUBLIC SUPPORT. IN 2009, THE DIRECTORS OF ACSC BEGAN A THOROUGH PROCESS OF REVIEWING STUDENT DIRECTORIES FOR PAST GRADUATES OF AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS REVIEW WAS TO DEVELOP AN ONGOING DATA BASE OF PAST STUDENTS AND THEIR CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR PURPOSES OF DIRECT MAILINGS. THIS DATA BASE HAS BEEN UPDATED AND EXPANDED EACH YEAR. A FULL COLOR TRI-FOLD BROCHURE HAS BEEN PREPARED ALONG WITH A COVER LETTER TELLING ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ACSC. EACH YEAR THIS LETTER AND BROCHURE ARE MAILED TO WELL OVER 300 PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND THEIR PARENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DATA BASE, TO OTHER RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS TO SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR ACSC. IT IS PLANNED TO CONTINUE THESE DIRECT MAILINGS ANNUALLY IN THE FUTURE TO FURTHER BROADEN THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION. DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS ACSC BOARD MEMBERS MADE PRESENTATIONS TO LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS RESULTING IN DONATIONS FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND FROM THEIR MEMBERS. THESE PRESENTATIONS GIVE THE DIRECTORS OF ACSC AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER EXPAND THE AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ITS HISTORY, PURPOSE, AND THE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING STUDENTS. SINCE MANY OF THESE LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT YOUTH, THIS ALSO IS A WAY FOR ACSC TO EXPAND ITS DONOR BASE. A PRESENTATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO A COMMUNITY LANDLORD ASSOCIATION IN 2010. AGAIN, THIS FURTHER EXPANDED THE AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE ACSC AND IT ALSO RESULTED IN A DONATION FROM THIS ORGANIZATION AS WELL, THUS BROADENING THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF ACSC. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ANNUAL NEWS RELEASES, DIRECT MAILINGS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IS TO FURTHER EXPAND THE BASE OF SUPPORT FOR ACSC THUS PROVIDING EVEN MORE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FUTURE AND TO HELP INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS. GOVERNING BODY. AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS NINE UNPAID VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTORS REPRESENTING A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THESE MEMBERS/DIRECTORS INCLUDE BUSINESS OWNERS, ATTORNEYS, EMPLOYEES, A TEACHER, HOMEMAKERS, A RETIREE, AND A CPA. NONE OF THE MEMBERS/DIRECTORS ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER OR HAVE ANY DIRECT AFFILIATION WITH ANY OF THE RECURRING DONORS TO ACSC. REPLACEMENT BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTORS ARE NOMINATED BASED ON THEIR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ABILITY TO REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS. CURRENTLY, ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF EITHER MOWER COUNTY MN OR LONDON TOWNSHIP IN FREEBORN COUNTY MN OR UNION OR OTRANTO TOWNSHIPS IN MITCHELL COUNTY IA THAT HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS EXPLAINED ABOVE. EACH YEAR ACSC ISSUES A NEWS RELEASE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER TO NOTIFY QUALIFYING STUDENTS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS. IN ADDITION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS ALSO PROVIDED TO AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COUNCILORS THAT ADVISE STUDENTS PURSING A COLLEGE EDUCATION. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE LOCAL RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEBSITE. FINALLY, THE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AT LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ALSO ASSISTS IN EXPANDING THE AWARENESS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION. BASED ON THE ACTUAL BROAD BASED OPERATIONS OF THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AS EXPLAINED ABOVE, THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THE FACTS-AND-CIRCUMSTANCES TEST IS MET THUS CONTINUING ITS QUALIFICATION AS A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION.

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Employer identification number
41-6020807

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4	INVESTMENT INCOME 1,705
GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTEE NAME INDIVIDUALS NOT OVER $5,000/SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AMOUNT GIVEN 40,000
OTHER EXPENSES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	DESCRIPTION FILING FEES AMOUNT 25 DESCRIPTION PRINTING AMOUNT 475 DESCRIPTION POSTAGE/POST OFFICE BOX AMOUNT 279 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 779

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Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

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Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(a) Name and title	**(b)** Average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)**Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) **(if not paid, enter -0-)**	**(d)** Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	**(e)** Estimated amount of other compensation
MICHAEL RUZEK DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
CRAIG JOHNSON DIRECTOR & SEC /TREAS	0 20	0	0	0
ALICE HOLST ASST SEC /TREAS	1 00	300	0	0
PATRICIA STEVENS DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
ROBERT THATCHER DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
KATHRYN GREEN DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
THOMAS SHERMAN DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
SCOTT RICHARDSON DIRECTOR	0 10	0	0	0
LOWELL FOSTER DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT	0 50	0	0	0
ERIC VAUGHN DIRECTOR & VICE PRESIDENT	0 10	0	0	0