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**Return of Private Foundation  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation**

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**2015**

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**For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **2015, and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION 100 MECHANIC STREET, BUILDING 80 SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550		<b>A</b> Employer identification number 04-6028058						
<b>G</b> Check all that apply: <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Final return</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity	<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	<b>B</b> Telephone number (see instructions) (508) 765-7085
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<input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation						
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 1,233,790.		<b>D</b> 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>J</b> Accounting method: <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Accrual</td> </tr> </table> (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Accrual	<b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Accrual						

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
<b>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses</b> (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)				
<b>REVENUE</b>				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
2 Ck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities	20,844.	20,844.	20,844.	
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	135,473.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 221,133.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		135,473.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
11 Other income (attach schedule)				
12 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	156,317.	156,317.	20,844.	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.			
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach sch) See St 1	2,025.	2,025.	2,025.	
c Other professional fees (attach sch) See St 2	12,881.	12,881.	12,881.	
17 Interest				
18 Other income (attach schedule) See instrs 2015-2018	2,936.	2,936.	2,936.	
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
24 <b>Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23	17,842.	17,842.	17,842.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid Part XV	114,275.			114,275.
26 <b>Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	132,117.	17,842.	17,842.	114,275.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	24,200.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		138,475.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			3,002.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	60,018.	40,782.	40,782.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) ▶ 2,134.			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	2,134.	2,134.	2,134.
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments – US and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
12	Investments – mortgage loans				
13	Investments – other (attach schedule)	1,291,214.	1,190,874.	1,190,874.	
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
15	Other assets (describe ▶)				
16	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	1,353,366.	1,233,790.	1,233,790.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	24	Unrestricted	1,353,366.	1,233,790.	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions)	1,353,366.	1,233,790.	
	31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions)	1,353,366.	1,233,790.	

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year – Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,353,366.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	24,200.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,377,566.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 4	5	143,776.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,233,790.

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
<b>1 a LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	P	Various	Various
<b>b VARIOUS SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST</b>	P	Various	12/31/15
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 108,821.			108,821.
b 112,312.		85,660.	26,652.
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			108,821.
b			26,652.
c			
d			
e			

<b>2</b> Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<input type="checkbox"/> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 <input type="checkbox"/> If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	<b>2</b>	135,473.
<b>3</b> Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3</b>

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?  Yes  No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

<b>1</b> Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries			
(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	79,675.	1,335,247.	0.059671
2013	92,975.	1,254,931.	0.074088
2012	76,555.	1,138,665.	0.067232
2011	75,555.	1,166,573.	0.064767
2010	85,293.	1,184,796.	0.071990
<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d)			<b>2</b> 0.337748
<b>3</b> Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			<b>3</b> 0.067550
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			<b>4</b> 1,272,072.
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3			<b>5</b> 85,928.
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			<b>6</b> 1,385.
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6			<b>7</b> 87,313.
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			<b>8</b> 114,275.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)**

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary – see instrs)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	1,385.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	1,385.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 <b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	1,385.
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2015 estimated tax pmts and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6 a	2,360.	
b Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	2,360.	
8 Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		0.
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		975.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be credited to 2016 estimated tax	11	975.	Refunded

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>		X
c Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation $\rightarrow$ \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers $\rightarrow$ \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers $\rightarrow$ \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?		N/A
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <u>MA</u>		
b If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? <i>If 'No,' attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)			X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)			X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address	X		
14 The books are in care of ▶ <u>AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(508) 765-9711</u> Located at ▶ <u>100 MECHANIC ST. SOUTHBRIDGE MA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>01550</u> ▶ N/A				
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	N/A		
16 At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?				
			Yes	No
16				X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶				

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1 a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	1 b	N/A
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1 c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If 'Yes,' list the years ▶ 20 __ , 20 __ , 20 __ , 20 __		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see instructions.)	2 b	N/A
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20 __ , 20 __ , 20 __ , 20 __		
3 a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.)	3 b	N/A
4 a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4 b	X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**

**5 a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?  Yes  No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?  Yes  No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?  Yes  No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)  Yes  No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?  Yes  No

**b** If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?  Yes  No

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?  Yes  No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d) N/A

**6 a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

**7 a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?  Yes  No

**b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?  Yes  No

	<b>5 b</b>	N/A
	<b>6 b</b>	X
	<b>7 b</b>	N/A

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP. AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP. SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
GARY BRIDGMAN 100 MECHANIC STREET SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
JOHN VAN DYKE JOHN VAN DYKE DARIEN, CT 06820	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.
ALLEN SKOTT ALLEN SKOTT FAIRFIELD, CT 06824	Trustee 0	0.	0.	0.

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 – see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
None				
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Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors** (continued)

**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
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<b>Total</b> number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		<b>0</b>

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc

	Expenses
1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED TO SELECTION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR EDUCATIONAL AWARDS. EXPENSES ARE MINIMAL.	
2 -----	
3 -----	
4 -----	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)**

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount	
1 N/A		
2 -----		
All other program-related investments See instructions.		
3 -----		
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3		<b>0.</b>

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**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes		
<b>a</b> Average monthly fair market value of securities	1 a	1,241,044.
<b>b</b> Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	50,400.
<b>c</b> Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	1,291,444.
<b>e</b> Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	0.
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,291,444.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	19,372.
5 <b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,272,072.
6 <b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6	63,604.

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here  and do not complete this part.)

1 Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	63,604.
2a Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	1,385.
<b>b</b> Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2 b	
<b>c</b> Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	1,385.
3 Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	62,219.
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5	62,219.
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7 <b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	62,219.

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc, purposes		
<b>a</b> Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1 a	114,275.
<b>b</b> Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	1 b	
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b> Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3 a	
<b>b</b> Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	
4 <b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	114,275.
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	1,385.
6 <b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	112,890.

**Note.** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				62,219.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015.				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			0.	
b Total for prior years: 20__, 20__, 20__		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015.				
a From 2010	26,157.			
b From 2011	17,324.			
c From 2012	19,801.			
d From 2013	32,016.			
e From 2014	15,254.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	110,552.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: \$ 114,275.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				62,219.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	52,056.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	162,608.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	26,157.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	136,451.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011	17,324.			
b Excess from 2012	19,801.			
c Excess from 2013	32,016.			
d Excess from 2014	15,254.			
e Excess from 2015	52,056.			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) N/A

**1** a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling ▶

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section  4942(j)(3) or  4942(j)(5)

**2** a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

	Prior 3 years				(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
<b>a</b> 'Assets' alternative test – enter					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> 'Endowment' alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
<b>c</b> 'Support' alternative test – enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)**

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2) )  
None

**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest  
None

**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:**

Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

**a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed  
  
See Statement 5

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include  
  
See Statement for Line 2a

**c** Any submission deadlines.  
  
See Statement for Line 2a

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors  
  
See Statement for Line 2a

**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)

**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE			EDUCATIONAL	110,000.
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE			CHARITABLE DONATIONS	4,275.
<b>Total</b>				▶ <b>3 a</b> 114,275.
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total</b>				▶ <b>3 b</b>



Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of.

(1) Cash

(2) Other assets

b Other transactions:

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization

(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization

(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets

(4) Reimbursement arrangements

(5) Loans or loan guarantees

(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

Table with columns Yes, No and rows 1 a (1), 1 a (2), 1 b (1), 1 b (2), 1 b (3), 1 b (4), 1 b (5), 1 b (6), 1 c. All 'No' boxes are checked (X).

d If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no, (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

Yes No (X) No

b If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer or trustee (Handwritten signature)

Date (Handwritten date)

Trustee (Title)

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

Preparer information section including Print/Type preparer's name (HAROLD HOUGH), Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed (X), PTIN (P00035610), Firm's name (Bisceglia, Steiman & Fudeman, LLP), Firm's address (446 Main St. 2nd Floor, Worcester, MA 01608), Firm's EIN (04-3338777), and Phone no (508) 799-2491.

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## AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION

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**Statement 1**  
**Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b**  
**Accounting Fees**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Total	\$ 2,025.	\$ 2,025.	\$ 2,025.	\$ 0.

**Statement 2**  
**Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c**  
**Other Professional Fees**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES				
Total	\$ 12,881.	\$ 12,881.	\$ 12,881.	\$ 0.

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18**  
**Taxes**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL TAX ON INCOME	\$ 2,901.	\$ 2,901.	\$ 2,901.	
STATE TAXES	35.	35.	35.	
Total	\$ 2,936.	\$ 2,936.	\$ 2,936.	\$ 0.

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990-PF, Part III, Line 5**  
**Other Decreases**

Net Unrealized Gains or Losses on Investments	\$ 143,776.
Total	\$ 143,776.

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2a-d**  
**Application Submission Information**

Name of Grant Program:	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Name:	GARY BRIDGMAN
Care Of:	AMERICAN OPTICAL CORPORATION
Street Address:	14 MECHANIC STREET
City, State, Zip Code:	SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550
Telephone:	(508) 765-7085
E-Mail Address:	
Form and Content:	TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION; TRANSCRIPTS; FORMAL LETTER

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Statement 5 (continued)  
Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2a-d  
Application Submission Information

Submission Deadlines: OF APPLICATION; SAT SCORES; ESSAY ON CAREER OBJECTIVE.  
APRIL 25TH ANNUALLY  
Restrictions on Awards: CHILDREN OF AMERICAN OPTICAL EMPLOYEES.

**AMERICAN OPTICAL FOUNDATION  
FORM 990-PF - PART XV  
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<u>NAME &amp; INSTITUTION</u>	<u>IF RECIPIENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, RELATIONSHIP TO FOUNDATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
NEOA	None	Educational	\$ 100
NEPVA	None	Educational	150
MAFOP	None	Educational	250
Old Sturbridge Village	None	Educational	2,500
NEPVA	None	Educational	50
DARE	None	Educational	150
American Legion	None	Educational	100
MAFOP	None	Educational	250
Charlton Police	None	Educational	125
<b>Total Contributions</b>			<u>3,675</u>
<b>MATCHING GIFTS</b>			
Randolph College - John VanDyke	None	Educational	500
University of Virginia	None	Educational	100
<b>Total Matching Gifts</b>			<u>600</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			<u>4,275</u>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
Amy Larochele - MCPHS	None	Educational	5,000
Adam Darling - UMASS Amherst	None	Educational	1,000
Nathan Ferron - WPI	None	Educational	5,000
Abigail Aman - Elmira College	None	Educational	1,500
Carl Zanatian - Ohio State University	None	Educational	1,500
Erin Jovan - Assumption College	None	Educational	5,000
Olivo - Brigham Young University	None	Educational	5,000
Noura Wahib - University of Rhode Island	None	Educational	5,000
Eric Lincoln - UMASS Dartmouth	None	Educational	5,000
Scott Perlik - Johns Hopkins	None	Educational	1,500
Jason Perlik - Boston University	None	Educational	1,000
Lauryn Larson - Fitchburg State	None	Educational	5,000
Meghan Freitas - Monroe Community College	None	Educational	500
Matthew Freitas - Monroe Community College	None	Educational	500
Allison Reding - SUNY Fredonia	None	Educational	1,000
Olivo - Brigham Young University	None	Educational	5,000
Jason Peck - UMASS Dartmouth	None	Educational	10,000
Amy Larochele - MCPHS	None	Educational	5,000
Erin Jovan - Assumption College	None	Educational	5,000
Vanessa Riggi - SUNY Geneseo	None	Educational	1,000
Adam Darling - UMASS Amherst	None	Educational	1,000
Abigail Aman - Elmira College	None	Educational	1,500
Brett Horr - UMASS Amherst	None	Educational	5,000
Scott Perlik - Johns Hopkins	None	Educational	1,500
Jason Perlik - Boston University	None	Educational	1,000
Allison Reding - SUNY Fredonia	None	Educational	1,000
Nathan Ferron - WPI	None	Educational	5,000
Anthony Zanatian - Michigan State University	None	Educational	1,500
Jason Perlik - Boston University	None	Educational	1,000
Ismaely Deleon - Worcester State College	None	Educational	5,000
Noura Wahib - University of Rhode Island	None	Educational	5,000
Adam Darling - UMASS Amherst	None	Educational	1,000
Erin Jovan - Assumption College	None	Educational	5,000
Brett Horr - UMASS Amherst	None	Educational	5,000
Allison Reding - SUNY Fredonia	None	Educational	1,000
<b>Total Scholarships</b>			<u>110,000</u>
<b>Total Contributions, Scholarships &amp; Matching Gifts - 2015</b>			<u>114,275</u>