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Form **990-PF**

**Return of Private Foundation**

OMB No 1545-0052

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation  
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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending , 20

Name of foundation  
**THE AVANESSIANS FOUNDATION**

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**P.O. BOX 73, BOWLING GREEN STATION**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**NEW YORK, NY 10274-0073**

**G** Check all that apply:  Initial return  Initial return of a former public charity  
 Final return  Amended return  
 Address change  Name change

**H** Check type of organization:  Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation  
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust  Other taxable private foundation

**I** Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ **34,242,110.**

**J** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

**A** Employer identification number  
**26-6671956**

**B** Telephone number (see instructions)  
**(518) 640-5000**

**C** If exemption application is pending, check here.

**D** 1 Foreign organizations, check here.   
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation.

**E** If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here.

**F** If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here.

<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))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	2,600,159.			
2	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B.				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	13.	13.		ATCH 1
4	Dividends and interest from securities	631,761.	631,761.		ATCH 2
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	356,210.			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	3,496,080.			
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		356,210.		
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	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	3,588,143.	987,984.		
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.		
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17	Interest. ATCH 3.	17,191.	17,191.		
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) [ 4 ].	52,097.	30,097.		
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (attach schedule) ATCH 5.	10,784.	10,034.		
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23.	90,072.	57,322.		
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	12,000.			12,000.
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	172,072.	57,322.		12,000.
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	3,416,071.			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		330,662.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

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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		2,877,629.	3,059,689.	3,059,689.
	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 schedule)				
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule) ATCH 6	14,824,606.	18,510,248.	26,552,431.	
	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) ATCH 7	7,750,887.	4,834,463.	4,629,990.		
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)	25,453,122.	26,404,400.	34,242,110.		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and 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	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	25,453,122.	26,404,400.		
	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)	25,453,122.	26,404,400.			
31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions)	25,453,122.	26,404,400.			

**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	25,453,122.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	3,416,071.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	28,869,193.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ATCH 8	5	2,464,793.
6	<b>Total net assets or fund balances at end of year</b> (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	26,404,400.

**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 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo, day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo, day, yr)
1a SEE PART IV SCHEDULE				
b				
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				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(j) F M V as of 12/31/69	(k) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(l) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)		{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2 356,210.
3 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		{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		3 0.

**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

1 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	1,147,015.	29,253,769.	0.039209
2013	231,000.	25,211,034.	0.009163
2012	2,017,130.	20,185,862.	0.099928
2011	161,000.	14,163,693.	0.011367
2010	1,478,446.	10,588,370.	0.139629
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0.299296
3 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			3 0.059859
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			4 33,561,744.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 2,008,972.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 9,307.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 2,018,279.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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			8 92,000.

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

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes sub-rows 6a-6d for credits and payments. Total tax due is 4,303.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows of activity statements. Includes questions about political participation, tax on political expenditures, and state reporting. Includes 'NEW YORK' as an answer for line 8a.

**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) . . . . .	11	Yes	No 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) . . . . .	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ C/O AYCO COMPANY L.P., NTG Telephone no. ▶ 518-640-5000 Located at ▶ 25 BRITISH AMERICAN BLVD. LATHAM, NY ZIP+4 ▶ 12110			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . . ▶ 15			
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? . . . . .	16	Yes	No 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
1a	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)? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	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? . . . . .	1c	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 ▶		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not 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) . . . . .	2b	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 ▶		
3a	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) . . . . .	3b	N/A
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	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?	4b	X

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

5a 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 . . . . .  Yes  No

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)*

6a 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*

7a 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

**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
ATCH 9		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
N/A		0.	0.	0.

**Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.** . . . . .  Yes  No 0.

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

<b>3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."</b>		
(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A	NONE	0.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services . . . . .		0.

**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 THE FOUNDATION IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES. ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO SUPPORT, BY CONTRIBUTIONS, OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(C)(3).	NONE
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	NONE
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3 N/A	NONE
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	

**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		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	24,795,550.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	3,499,575.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	5,777,712.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	34,072,837.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	34,072,837.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	511,093.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	33,561,744.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	1,678,087.

**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	1,678,087.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	18,613.
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	18,613.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	1,659,474.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	1,659,474.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	1,659,474.

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

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	92,000.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
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:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	92,000.
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	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	92,000.

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 . . . . .				1,659,474.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only . . . . .				
b Total for prior years 20 13 , 20 12 , 20 11 . . . . .				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010 . . . . .				0.
b From 2011 . . . . .				0.
c From 2012 . . . . .				788,213.
d From 2013 . . . . .				0.
e From 2014 . . . . .				0.
f Total of lines 3a through e . . . . .	788,213.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 92,000.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a . . . . .				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions) . . . . .				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions) . . . . .				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount . . . . .				92,000.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . . . . .				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 . (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a) )	788,213.			788,213.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b. . . . .				
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 . . . . .				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions . . . . .				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions . . . . .				
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016. . . . .				779,261.
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) . . . . .				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . . . .				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9.				
a Excess from 2011 . . . . .				0.
b Excess from 2012 . . . . .				0.
c Excess from 2013 . . . . .				0.
d Excess from 2014 . . . . .				0.
e Excess from 2015 . . . . .				0.

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) NOT APPLICABLE

1a 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)

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

ARMEN A. AVANESSIANS, TRUSTEE

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

N/A

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:

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c Any submission deadlines

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

**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
a <i>Paid during the year</i>  ATCH 10				
Total ..... ► 3a				92,000.
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total ..... ► 3b				





**Schedule B**  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**

Name of the organization

THE AVANESSIANS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

26-6671956

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions

**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Name of organization **THE AVANESSIANS FOUNDATION**

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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ARMEN A. AVANESSIANS P.O. BOX 73, BOWLING GREEN STATION NEW YORK,, NY 10274-0073	\$ 2,600,159.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
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Name of organization THE AVANESSIANS FOUNDATION

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**Part II** Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	12,230 SHARES GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.	\$ 2,600,159.	07/20/2015

**FORM 990-PF - PART IV  
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME**

Kind of Property		Description				P or D	Date acquired	Date sold
Gross sale price less expenses of sale	Depreciation allowed/ allowable	Cost or other basis	FMV as of 12/31/69	Adj. basis as of 12/31/69	Excess of FMV over adj basis		Gain or (loss)	
		TOTAL CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS					194,734.	
3,141,501.		TAXABLE FIXED INCOME MGR PRT 1 PROPERTY TYPE: OTHER 2,980,645.				P	VAR	VAR
159,845.		PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES GS #4036 PROPERTY TYPE: SECURITIES 159,225.				P	VAR	VAR
TOTAL GAIN (LOSS) .....							<u>356,210.</u>	

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990PF, PART I - INTEREST ON TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
GOLDMAN SACHS #5024	13.	13.
TOTAL	<u>13.</u>	<u>13.</u>

ATTACHMENT 2

FORM 990PF, PART I - DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
GOLDMAN SACHS #4718	601,316.	601,316.
GOLDMAN SACHS #3443	381.	381.
GOLDMAN SACHS #4036 - DIVIDENDS	185.	185.
GOLDMAN SACHS #4036 - INTEREST	29,879.	29,879.
TOTAL	<u>631,761.</u>	<u>631,761.</u>

ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990PF, PART I - INTEREST EXPENSE

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME
ACCRUED INTEREST PAID	17,191.	17,191.
TOTALS	<u>17,191.</u>	<u>17,191.</u>

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ATTACHMENT 4

FORM 990PF, PART I - TAXES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
FEDERAL TAXES	22,000.	0.
FOREIGN TAXES	30,097.	30,097.
TOTALS	<u>52,097.</u>	<u>30,097.</u>

ATTACHMENT 5

FORM 990PE, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME
FILING FEES	750.	0.
MANAGEMENT FEES	10,034.	10,034.
TOTALS	<u>10,784.</u>	<u>10,034.</u>

ATTACHMENT 6

FORM 990PF, PART II - CORPORATE STOCK

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BEGINNING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING FMV</u>
GOLDMAN SACHS #4718	14,824,606.	15,451,967.	23,501,902.
GOLDMAN SACHS #4036	0.	3,058,281.	3,050,529.
TOTALS	<u>14,824,606.</u>	<u>18,510,248.</u>	<u>26,552,431.</u>

ATTACHMENT 7

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER INVESTMENTS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BEGINNING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING FMV</u>
GS ABSOLUTE RETURN TRACKER FD	3,750,887.	3,815,108.	3,613,947.
TAXABLE FIXED INCOME MGR PRT 1	3,000,000.	19,355.	20,393.
GS GLOBAL OPP OFFSHORE FUND	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	995,650.
TOTALS	<u>7,750,887.</u>	<u>4,834,463.</u>	<u>4,629,990.</u>

ATTACHMENT 8

FORM 990PF, PART III - OTHER DECREASES IN NET WORTH OR FUND BALANCES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
APPRECIATION OVER DONOR'S COST BASIS FOR STOCK DONATED TO FOUNDATION	2,464,793.
TOTAL	<u>2,464,793.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

ATTACHMENT 9

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>	<u>EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES</u>
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ARMEN A. AVANESSIANS P.O. BOX 73, BOWLING GREEN STATION NEW YORK, NY 10274-0073	TRUSTEE - AS NEEDED	0.	0.	0.
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GRAND TOTALS				0.
				0.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/66

ATTACHMENT 10

<u>RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR</u> AND <u>FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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SEE ATTACHED LIST	NONE	FOR GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES ONLY	92,000
	501(C)(3)		

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID	<u>92,000</u>
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**THE AVANESSIANS FOUNDATION**  
**YE: 12/31/2015**  
**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION LIST**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
07/28/15		Armenian Relief, New York, NY	65,000.00
03/24/15	131	MIT, Cambridge, MA	5,000.00
05/14/15	132	Barnard College, New York, NY	10,000 00
10/20/15	134	Community Impact, New York, NY	2,000.00
11/24/15	135	American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC	10,000 00
<b>Total Charitable Contributions Paid</b>			<b><u>\$92,000.00</u></b>

**All contributions were made to the general purpose  
fund of public charitable organizations that were classified  
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**