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Form

990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

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

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation The Poplar Foundation		A Employer identification number 62-1586727	
% DALLAS GEER		B Telephone number (see instructions) (901) 818-5103	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 6410 Poplar Avenue Suite 720		Room/suite	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Memphis, TN 381194843		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change		☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ 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		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 ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 250,354,023		J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per (a) books	Net investment (b) income	Adjusted net (c) income	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	2,000,000			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	67	67		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	1,146,624	1,146,624		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	9,148,931			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		9,148,931		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	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	12,295,622	10,295,622		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	760,500			
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	171,525			
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	9,000	0	0	0
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	240,175			214,625
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	380,844			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .	411			
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.	13,094			
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).	212,840			74,895
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,788,389	0	0	289,520
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	6,836,153			6,836,153
	26 Total expenses and disbursements.Add lines 24 and 25	8,624,542	0	0	7,125,673
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	3,671,080			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		10,295,622		
	c Adjusted net income(if negative, enter -0-) . . .				

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	3,186,744	794,786	794,786
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	260,881	260,803	260,803
	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) ▶ _____ 356,000 Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	410,000	356,000	356,000
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	142,288	352,461	352,461
	10a	Investments—U S 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)	275,248,963	248,587,959	248,587,959
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ 36,006 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 33,992	2,424	2,014	2,014
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16	Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		279,251,300	250,354,023	250,354,023
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 ▶ _____)	8,682	9,316	
	23	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)	8,682	9,316	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted	279,242,618	250,344,707	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	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	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	279,242,618	250,344,707	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	279,251,300	250,354,023	

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)	1 279,242,618
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2 3,671,080
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 282,913,698
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5 32,568,991
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6 250,344,707

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo , day, yr)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (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			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or (l) Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) 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	9,148,931
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	}	3	

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 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	26,329,393	283,350,823	0 092922
2013	12,473,169	258,862,732	0 048184
2012	12,192,553	203,927,627	0 059789
2011	19,274,663	222,215,723	0 086739
2010	15,118,996	189,667,048	0 079713

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 367347
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 073469
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	264,722,228
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	19,448,877
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	102,956
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	19,551,833
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	7,125,673

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 page 18 of the instructions)

1a		Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b		Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	205,912
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	
3		Add lines 1 and 2.		3	205,912
4		Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	
5		Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	205,912
6		Credits/Payments			
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015		6a	350,000	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source		6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868).		6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld		6d		
7		Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	350,000
8		Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ 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	
10		Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid		10	144,088
11		Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ☐ 144,088 Refunded ☐		11	

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

1a	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?		Yes	No
		1a		No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for 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>	1b		No
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____			
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>	2		No
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>	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
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>	5		No
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?	6	Yes	
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>	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ TN _____			
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 General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	8b	Yes	
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>	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i>	10		No

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		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ▶DALLAS GEER Telephone no ▶(901) 818-5174 Located at ▶6410 POPLAR AVENUE SUITE 720 MEMPHIS TN ZIP+4 ▶38119			
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 ▶ 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? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☒ Yes ☐ 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)? ☐ Yes ☒ 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). ☐ Yes ☒ 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. ▶ ☐	1b		No
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		No
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? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
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		
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____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☒ Yes ☐ 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? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.</i>) ☐	3b		No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
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		No

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)?

5b

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).

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?

6b

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?

7b

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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
G STALEY CATES 6410 Poplar Avenue Suite 720 Memphis, TN 381194843	DIRECTOR/CHAIRMAN 2 0	0	0	0
ANDREW R MCCARROLL 6410 Poplar Avenue Suite 720 Memphis, TN 381194843	DIR/SEC 1 0	0	0	0
KEVIN COMPTON 6410 Poplar Avenue Suite 720 Memphis, TN 381194843	DIRECTOR 1 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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
DALLAS GEER 104 SAINT ALBANS FAIRWAY MEMPHIS, TN 38111	CFO 40 0	171,000	42,750	0
THOMAS MARINO 135 SOUTH ROSE MEMPHIS, TN 38117	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40 0	270,000	53,000	
ELLIOT PERRY 3306 DARBY DAN COVE GERMANTON, TN 38168	PROGRAMS 40 0	171,000	42,750	
GLENDA YARBROUGH 3628 ROSEDALE DRIVE MEMPHIS, TN 38111	PROGRAMS 40 0	148,500	37,125	

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

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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
JOHN BRYSON 6465 MAY CREEK COVE MEMPHIS,TN 38119	LEAD DEV CONSULTING	164,625
9SEVEN EXECUTIVE 405 DUNNWOOD CT MT JULIET,TN 37122		
	LEAD DEV TRANSPORT	54,452
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.		

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	
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	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
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	266,439,848
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	1,966,505
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	347,178
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	268,753,531
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	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	268,753,531
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	4,031,303
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	264,722,228
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	13,236,111

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	13,236,111
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	205,912
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	205,912
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	13,030,199
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	13,030,199
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	13,030,199

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	7,125,673
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	0
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	7,125,673
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	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	7,125,673

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				13,030,199
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 2013 , 2012 , 2011		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.	5,609,949			
b From 2011.	8,231,447			
c From 2012.	2,255,542			
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.	13,000,000			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	29,096,938			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 7,125,673				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
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.				7,125,673
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	5,904,526			5,904,526
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	23,192,412			
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.				
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 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				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).				
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	23,192,412			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.	7,936,870			
b Excess from 2012.	2,255,542			
c Excess from 2013.				
d Excess from 2014.	13,000,000			
e Excess from 2015.				

Part XIV

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

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

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))

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

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.

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

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	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
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	6,836,153
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Form **990-PF** (2015)

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	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
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CHICKASAW COUNCIL 558 171 S HOLL Memphis,TN 38112	NONE	PC	URBAN EDUCATION AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	10,000
Catholic Memphis Urban Schools Inc 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive Memphis,TN 381347389	NONE	PC	Urban Education	6,204,064
Collegiate School of Memphis 675 National Ave Memphis,TN 38122	NONE	PC	Urban Education	100,000
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER MEMPHIS 1900 UNION AVE Memphis,TN 38104	NONE	PC	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	5,000
COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS OF TENNESSEE 401 COMMERVE STREET PH NASHVILLE,TN 37219	NONE	PC	URBAN EDUCATION	84,000
LEADING EDUCATORS 1824 ORETHA CASTLE HALEY BLVD NEWORLEANS,LA 70113	NONE	PC	URBAN EDUCATION	128,667
MEMPHIS COLLEGE OF ART TEACHER TOWN COMMONS 4TH FL 477 S MAIN STREET Memphis,TN 38103	NONE	PC	EDUCATION	1,040
NEW MEMPHIS INSTITUTE 22 N FRONT STREET SUITE 500 Memphis,TN 38103	NONE	PC	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	138,382
SCHOOLSEED PO BOX 111169 Memphis,TN 38111	NONE	PC	Urban Education	15,000
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION 2800 GRAYS CREEK ARLINGTON,TN 38002	NONE	PC	URBAN Education	150,000
Total				6,836,153

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TAX PREPARATION FEES	9,000			

TY 2015 Contractor Compensation Explanation

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Contractor	Explanation
JOHN BRYSON	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. TALENT RECRUITMENT.

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TY 2015 Depreciation Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** The Poplar Foundation**EIN:** 62-1586727

Category / Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
LONGLEAF PARTNERS FUND	AT COST	30,343,769	30,343,769
LONGLEAF PARTNERS INT'L FUND	AT COST	39,685,559	39,685,559
RUSSELL 2000 OPTION	AT COST	0	0
LONGLEAF PARTNERS SMALL CAP	AT COST	10,488,487	10,488,487
LONGLEAF GLOBAL FUND	AT COST	95,981,290	95,981,290
AOPTIX	AT COST	32,155,108	32,155,108
LONGLEAF ASIA FUND	AT COST	745,233	745,233
THE KITCHEN LLC	AT COST	501,543	501,543
ASIAN FUND APAC LC	AT COST	17,451,843	17,451,843
EUROPE FUND	AT COST	21,235,127	21,235,127

TY 2015 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Description	Amount
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS (DUE TO INVESTMENT	32,568,991
PRESENTATION ON FMV BASIS)	0

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INSURANCE	109,968			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	168			
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,579			
PROGRAM SERVICES	74,895			74,895
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	14,508			
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS	2,344			
BANK FEE	271			
TELEPHONE AND DATA	7,107			

TY 2015 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	8,682	9,316

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TY 2015 Other
Notes/Loans Receivable
Long Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Borrower's Name	Relationship to Insider	Original Amount of Loan	Balance Due	Date of Note	Maturity Date	Repayment Terms	Interest Rate	Security Provided by Borrower	Purpose of Loan	Description of Lender Consideration	Consideration FMV
NOTE RECEIVABLE - BDC (NON-PROFIT ORG)			330,000				0 %				
NOTE RECEIVABLE - VERITAS (SCHOOL)			0				0 %				
NOTE RECEIVABLE - ADVANCE MEM			26,000				0 %				

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR NON	240,175			214,625
PROFITS IN MEMPHIS				

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: The Poplar Foundation

EIN: 62-1586727

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES	340,429			
PAYROLL TAXES	40,415			

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.	OMB No 1545-0047 2015
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Name of the organization The Poplar Foundation	Employer identification number 62-1586727
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Organization type (check one)

Filers of: Form 990 or 990-EZ Form 990-PF	Section: ☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation ☐ 527 political organization ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation
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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 other 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 33¹/₃% 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 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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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			Person ☒
	Southeastern Asset Management Inc 6410 Poplar Avenue Suite 900	\$ 2,000,000	Payroll ☐
	Memphis, TN 38119		Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
			Person ☐
		\$	Payroll ☐
			Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

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

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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No.from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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(a) No.from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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(a) No.from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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