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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 JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST		A Employer identification number 71-6182849	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) C/O SIMMONS PO BOX 3010		B Telephone number (see instructions) (479) 751-4011	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code RUSSELLVILLE, AR 72811		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 194,191		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
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 books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	6,883	6,883		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 _____	3,510			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 107,114				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		80		
	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	10,393	6,963		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	2,926	1,653		1,273
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule). 	450	254		196
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) 	148	84		64
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	3,524	1,991		1,533
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	8,000			8,000
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	11,524	1,991		9,533
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,131			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		4,972		
	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			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	23,455	14,496	14,496
	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)	51,255	40,849	40,747
	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)	130,145	147,519	138,948
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	27	883		
16	Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	204,882	203,747	194,191	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	85	99	
	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	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)	85	99	
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			
	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	5,000	5,000	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	199,797	198,648	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	204,797	203,648	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	204,882	203,747		

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	204,797
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,131
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	1
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	203,667
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	19
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	203,648

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	80
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	9,513	203,774	0 046684
2013	9,728	205,044	0 047443
2012	10,977	207,407	0 052925
2011	10,101	208,741	0 048390
2010	11,549	208,884	0 055289

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 250731
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 050146
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	198,269
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	9,942
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	50
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	9,992
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	9,533

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

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-)

3

Add lines 1 and 2.

4

Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)

5

Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-

6

Credits/Payments

a

2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015

6a

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.

8

Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached.

9

Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed**

10

Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid**.

11

Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2015 estimated tax** ☐ **Refunded** ☐

1

99

2

3

99

4

5

99

6a

6b

6c

6d

7

8

9

99

10

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?

1a

No

b

Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?
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.

1b

No

c

Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

1c

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?
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.

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? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.*

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?
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.

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

7

Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.*

7

Yes

8a

Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions):
☐ _____

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? *If "No," attach explanation.*

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)?
If "Yes," complete Part XIV.

9

No

10

Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.*

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 ▶SIMMONS FIRST TRUST CO Telephone no ▶(479) 967-6763 Located at ▶PO BOX 3010 RUSSELLVILLE AR ZIP+4 ▶72811			
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)? ☐	1b		
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		
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		
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
SIMMONS TRUST CO SIMMONS TRUST CO PO BOX 3010 RUSSELLVILLE, AR 72811	TRUSTEE 1 00	2,926	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
NONE				

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
NONE		

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 PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS	8,000
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	
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	182,312
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	18,976
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	201,288
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	201,288
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	3,019
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets.Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	198,269
6	Minimum investment return.Enter 5% of line 5.	6	9,913

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	9,913
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	99
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	99
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	9,814
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	9,814
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amountas adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	9,814

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	9,533
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	9,533
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	9,533
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				9,814
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.	1,216			
b From 2011.				
c From 2012.	711			
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	1,927			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4				
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.				9,533
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).)	281			281
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	1,646			
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 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).	935			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	711			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.				
b Excess from 2012.	711			
c Excess from 2013.				
d Excess from 2014.				
e Excess from 2015.				

Part XIV

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 170(c)(2)(B)(i) or 170(c)(2)(B)(ii): ☐ 170(c)(2)(B)(i) or ☐ 170(c)(2)(B)(ii)

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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c Any submission deadlines
NONE

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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	8,000
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

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
AARON W COLLIER CHARLESTON AR CHARLESTON CHARLESTON,AR 72933	NONE	N/A	SCHOLARSHIP	1,600
REBECCA P WOOTTON CHARLESTON AR CHARLESTON CHARLESTON,AR 72933	NONE	N/A	SCHOLARSHIP	1,600
KAYLEN M HAMILTON CHARLESTON AR CHARLESTON CHARLESTON,AR 72933	NONE	N/A	SCHOLARSHIP	1,600
KRISTA M MEADOR CHARLESTON AR CHARLESTON CHARLESTON,AR 72933	NONE	N/A	SCHOLARSHIP	1,600
CHRISTOPHER LYBRAND CHARLESTON AR CHARLESTON CHARLESTON,AR 72933	NONE	N/A	SCHOLARSHIP	1,600
Total  3a				8,000

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST
EIN: 71-6182849

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INDIRECT ACCOUNTING FEES	450	254		196

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TY 2015 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST
EIN: 71-6182849

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
125 SHS ISHARES MSCI JAPAN INDEX	2015-04	PURCHASE	2015-11		1,509	1,669			-160	
17 SHS ISHARES INDIA 50	2015-02	PURCHASE	2015-11		478	554			-76	
43 SHS MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS	2015-06	PURCHASE	2015-07		590	781			-191	
633 058 SHS PIMCO FOREIGN BOND - US	2015-02	PURCHASE	2015-05		6,866	6,926			-60	
587 39 SHS PIMCO FOREIGN BD FD- IN	2015-01	PURCHASE	2015-03		5,557	5,915			-358	
159 314 SHS PIMCO SENIOR FLOATING	2015-03	PURCHASE	2015-06		1,599	1,604			-5	
27 SHS VANGUARD FTSE PACIFIC	2015-02	PURCHASE	2015-11		1,541	1,637			-96	
116 SHS VANGUARD FTSE EUROPE	2015-03	PURCHASE	2015-11		6,008	6,510			-502	
9 SHS VANGUARD REIT	2014-04	PURCHASE	2015-03		728	645			83	
12 SHS VANGUARD MID-CAP	2015-03	PURCHASE	2015-06		1,556	1,511			45	
96 SHS VANGUARD LARGE-CAP	2014-06	PURCHASE	2015-01		9,046	8,253			793	
24 SHS VANGUARD LARGE-CAP	2014-02	PURCHASE	2015-02		2,255	2,051			204	
4 SHS VANGUARD SMALL-CAP	2015-01	PURCHASE	2015-11		466	464			2	
52 SHS WISDOMTREE HIGH DIVIDEND FD	2014-10	PURCHASE	2015-02		3,207	3,058			149	
127 SHS WISDOMTREE HIGH DIVIDEND FD	2014-10	PURCHASE	2015-02		7,894	7,425			469	
58 SHS WISDOMTREE HIGH DIVIDEND	2014-05	PURCHASE	2015-02		3,605	3,293			312	
16 SHS WISDOMTREE JAPAN HEDGED EQUIT	2014-12	PURCHASE	2015-04		925	823			102	
93 SHS WIDSOMTREE EUROPE HEDGED EQUI	2015-02	PURCHASE	2015-03		6,178	5,513			665	
466 645 SHS PIMCO SHORT TERM INST	2013-12	PURCHASE	2015-03		4,569	4,600			-31	
273 287 SHS PIMCO SENIOR FLOATING RA	2013-05	PURCHASE	2015-06		2,744	2,842			-98	
58 SHS SELECT SECTOR SPDR FINANCIAL	2013-12	PURCHASE	2015-11		1,416	1,199			217	
43 SHS SELECT SECTOR SPDR TECH	2012-11	PURCHASE	2015-01		1,785	1,222			563	
11 SHS WISDOMTREE JAPAN HEDGED EQ	2014-01	PURCHASE	2015-04		636	526			110	
1840 736 SHS FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN	2007-02	PURCHASE	2015-08		20,046	19,402			644	
975 973 SHS FIDELITY INTERM BD FD	2001-07	PURCHASE	2015-02		10,745	10,023			722	
51 375 SHS PIMCO SHORT ERM INST	2010-09	PURCHASE	2015-03		503	510			-7	
468 493 SHS PIMCO SHORT TERM INST	2010-09	PURCHASE	2015-11		4,582	4,648			-66	

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
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EIN: 71-6182849

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COLUMBIA ACORN INTL		
MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS ETF	1,160	713
SELECT SECTOR SPDR FINANCIAL	1,355	1,668
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TECHNOLOGY	1,048	1,585
SPDR KBW REGIONAL BANKING	910	922
SPDR S&P HOMEBUILDERS	934	855
VANGUARD DEVELOPED MARKETS INDEX INS		
VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MKTS	2,083	1,603
VANGUARD LARGE-CAP ETF	20,888	21,131
VANGUARD MID-CAP ETF	8,309	8,287
VANGUARD REIT ETF		
VANGUARD SMALL CAP ETF	4,162	3,983
WISDOMTREE EQUITY INCOME FD		
WISDOMTREE EUROPE HEDGED EQUITY FD		
WISDOMTREE JAPAN HEDGED EQUITY		

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD

SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST

EIN: 71-6182849

Category / Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COLUMBIA ACORN INTL	AT COST	1,436	1,255
FEDERATED INST HIGH YIELD BOND FD	AT COST	10,326	9,087
FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN BD	AT COST	16,441	16,613
FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN GOV BD	AT COST		
FIDELITY INTERMEDIATE BOND FD	AT COST		
GOLDMAN SACHS N-11 EQUITY	AT COST	827	737
GOLDMAN SACHS STRAT INC-INST	AT COST	17,577	16,195
PIMCO FOREIGN BOND FD-US HEDGED	AT COST	3,756	3,402
PIMCO FOREIGN BOND FD-IN	AT COST	10,407	9,225
PIMCO SENIOR FLOATING RATE FUND	AT COST		
PIMCO SHORT TERM INSTITUTIONAL	AT COST	22,435	22,006
T ROWE PRICE EMERGING MARKETS	AT COST	10,470	9,596
TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND FD	AT COST	13,516	12,122
VANGUARD DEVELOPED MKTS	AT COST	10,718	9,858
GUGGENHEIM TOTAL RETURN BD FD	AT COST	16,940	16,572
GUGGENHEIM FLOATING RATE STR	AT COST	8,682	8,337
VANGUARD INTER TERM BD INDEX	AT COST	3,988	3,943

TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
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EIN: 71-6182849

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
DIVIDENDS RECEIVABLE	27	883	

TY 2015 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
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EIN: 71-6182849

Description	Amount
BOOK ADJUSTMENT TO ASSETS	19

TY 2015 Other Increases Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
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EIN: 71-6182849

Description	Amount
NONDIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS	1

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: JOHN & LEE ELLA MCDONALD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST

EIN: 71-6182849

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
CURRENT YEAR TAX	99	56		43
FOREIGN TAXES	49	28		21