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Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/01, 2015, and ending 6/30, 2016

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return/terminated
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

**C**

Madison Business Alliance  
PO Box 172  
Madison, ME 04950

**D** Employer identification number  
27-1876928

**E** Telephone number

**F** Group Exemption Number

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

**I** Website: ▶ www.madisonme.org

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)(6) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 5,165.

**Part II Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

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

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1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2
3	Membership dues and assessments		3
4	Investment income		4
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
6b	Gross income from fundraising events not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	3,540.
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	1,853.
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	1,687.
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	3,312.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	80.
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	288.
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	16	2,403.
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	2,771.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	541.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	8,301.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	8,842.

**BAA** For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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

	Yes	No
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
<b>34</b> Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
<b>35 a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		X
<b>36</b> Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
<b>37 a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. <b>37 a</b> 0.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		X
<b>38 a</b> Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	<b>38 b</b> N/A	
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	<b>39 a</b> N/A	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	<b>39 b</b> N/A	
<b>40 a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <b>N/A</b> , section 4912 <b>N/A</b> , section 4955 <b>N/A</b>		
<b>b</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		
<b>c</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
<b>e</b> All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T		X
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <b>None</b>		

**42 a** The organization's books are in care of **Laurie Olson** Telephone no **207-696-3040**  
 Located at **PO Box 70 Madison ME** ZIP + 4 **04950**

	Yes	No
<b>b</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country		X
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country		X

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

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

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

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

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

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

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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49 a		
49 b		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E

49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: Laurie Olson Date: 11-14-16

Treasurer: Laurie Olson

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: Rhonda Emerson Preparer's signature: Rhonda Emerson Date: 11-8-16 Check self-employed: No PTIN: P00312455 Firm's name: Emerson & Associates Firm's address: 52 Main Street, Madison, ME 04950 Firm's EIN: 01-0476060 Phone no: (207) 696-4808

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16**  
**Other Expenses**

Advertising and Promotion	\$	1,135.
Dues		100.
Job fair expenses		63.
Meeting costs		53.
Office Expenses		42.
Scholarships award		500.
Visual impact - flowers		510.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>2,403.</u></b>

**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24**  
**Other Assets**

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 100.	\$ 50.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>100.</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>50.</u></b>

**Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose**

The Madison Business Alliance will work within the community to support local business and to promote the Town of Madison as a destination that values quality, integrity and community for businesses and families seeking to continually improve where we live and work.

**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

The Alliance promoted members in 2015-2016 by:

- 1) Working with the area agencies to co-sponsor a Job Fair to promote area businesses to local residents looking for employment.
- 2) Working with Town of Madison to continue a 'Business of the Week' promotional program utilizing the Town's digital/electronic sign to promote Alliance Members.