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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015 , and ending 06-30-2016**B Check if applicable**

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization

HOUSTON CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION

D Employer identification number

76-0233175

E Telephone number

(281) 491-7474

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

12436 FM 1960 WEST PMB 158

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

HOUSTON, TX 77065

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:** ►N/A**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 ► \$ 138,276****Part I 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

Revenue	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 12,004
	4 Investment income	4 1,542
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c
	6 Gaming and fundraising events	6d 38,840
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a
	b 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 124,730
	c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c 85,890
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d 38,840
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
	b Less cost of goods sold	7b 0
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ►	9 52,386
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10 58,000
	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 1,195
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15 132
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16 13,839
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17 73,166
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 -20,780
	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)	19 123,352
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20 -2,695
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ►	21 99,877

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	123,352	22	99,877
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	123,352	25	99,877
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	123,352	27	99,877

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

FOSTER AND PROMOTE EDUCATION OF ITS MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC OF CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28

See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

29

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

30

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
DAVID FORTUNE Director	2 00	0		
DAVID AMUNDSON Director	2 00	0		
BURT GUTIERREZ Secretary	2 00	0		
DON HUTTON Treasurer	3 00	0		
GREG PLOSS Director	2 00	0		
JERRY SCHWEIGER Director	2 00	0		
TONI CANNATA Director	2 00	0		
DAN ODLE President	3 00	0		
JIMMIE ATCHISON Vice President	3 00	0		
MARY MARTINEZ ADMIN ASSISTANT	2 00	0		
LARRY MERCIER PROGRAM CHAIR	2 00	0		

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
33 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	33	No
34 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)	34	No
35a 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)?	35a	No
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	No
c 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	35c	No
36 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	36	No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a	37b	No
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a 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?	38a	No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter	39a	0
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b	0
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____	40b	
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		
c 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 ► _____		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____		
e 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	40e	No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► JIMMIE ATCHISON Telephone no ► (409) 925-1676 Located at ► PO BOX 1515 SANTA FE, TX ZIP + 4 ► 775101515		
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 ► _____	42b	No
42c	42c	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
c 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 ► _____		
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		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
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	44b	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	No
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b 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)	45b	No

		Yes	No
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	46		No

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

		Yes	No
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	47		
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

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
NONE				

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
NONE		

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	2016-12-12 Date
	JIMMIE ATCHISON Treasurer Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name CAROL J SLOAN	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00236645
	Firm's name ► Sloan & Kuecker PC	Firm's EIN ►			
	Firm's address ► 1234 Bay Area Blvd Suite D Houston, TX 770582538	Phone no (281) 488-7273			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000324
Software Version: 2015v2.0
EIN: 76-0233175
Name: HOUSTON CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION

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

<p>Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.</p>	<p>Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)</p>
<p>28 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS - 2 - \$3200 SCHOLARSHIPS1 - \$2700 SCHOLARSHIPS3 - \$2400 SCHOLARSHIPS4 - \$2100 SCHOLARSHIPS4 - \$1800 SCHOLARSHIPS7 - \$1600 SCHOLARSHIPS3 - \$1300 SCHOLARSHIPS3 - \$1250 SCHOLARSHIPS3 - \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS1 - \$750 SCHOLARSHIPS1 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPSRECIPIENTS INVITED TO HONORARY LUNCHEON(SEE ATTACHED LETTER) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>28a</p>

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
HOUSTON CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

76-0233175

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply

a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
1		Yes	No			
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

	(a) Event #1 CHRISTMAS EVENT & SILENT AUCTION (event type)	(b) Event #2 GOLF OUTINGS (event type)	(c) Other events 1 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts	46,090	46,020	32,620	124,730
2 Less Contributions				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	46,090	46,020	32,620	124,730
Direct Expenses				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes	6,954			6,954
6 Rent/facility costs	17,936	23,840		41,776
7 Food and beverages			28,993	28,993
8 Entertainment	2,600			2,600
9 Other direct expenses	4,330	1,112	125	5,567
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				85,890
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				38,840

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses				
2 Cash prizes				
3 Noncash prizes				
4 Rent/facility costs				
5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				►
8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				►

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

- a** The organization's facility
- b** An outside facility

13a	%
13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**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.
- ▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

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HOUSTON CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION**Employer identification number**

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Grants and Similar Amounts Paid In Excess of \$5,000 1	Class of Activity SCHOLARSHIP Donee's Name PER SCHEDULE ATTACHED Cash Amount Given \$55000
Other Expenses 1001	Advertising and Promotion \$134

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$412
Other Expenses 1012	Insurance \$1124

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT \$6000
Other Expenses 2	MERCHANT SERVICE FEES \$5288

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 3	BANK CHARGES \$881