

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

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2015

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning Aug 1, 2015, and ending Jul 31, 2016

Name of foundation VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.		A Employer identification number 23-7336991
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 774		B Telephone number (see instructions) (802) 236-4695
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Woodstock VT 05091		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, column (c), line 16) \$ 196,871.	J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here. ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule) . . .	15,000.			
	2 Ck ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	80.	80.	80.	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	13,495.	13,495.	13,495.	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		7,582.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0.	
	9 Income modifications				
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11.	28,575.	21,157.	13,575.	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach sch.) . L-16b Stmt.	480.	480.	480.	
	c Other prof. fees (attach sch.)				
17 Interest					
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instrs) Federal tax	405.	405.	405.		
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	2,739.	2,739.	2,739.		
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	20,000.			20,000.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	22,739.	2,739.	2,739.	20,000.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	5,836.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		18,418.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			10,836.		

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	6,448.	6,563.	6,563.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch)			
	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)			
	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)	152,757.	166,060.	190,308.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
15 Other assets (describe)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I).	159,205.	172,623.	196,871.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
FUND ASSET BALANCES	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.	☒		
	24 Unrestricted		159,205.	172,623.
	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)		159,205.	172,623.
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		159,205.	172,623.

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	159,205.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	5,836.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) <u>Capital gain on investments</u>	3	7,582.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	172,623.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	172,623.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a American Cap Inc Builder	P	06/12/09	07/19/16
b Pimco Total Return	P	06/12/09	07/19/16
c EV Large Cap	P	various	05/09/16
d Victory Diversified Stock A	P	various	05/09/16
e See Columns (a) thru (d)			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 2,500.		1,799.	701.
b 3,000.		2,994.	6.
c 2,958.		3,027.	-69.
d 3,373.		3,512.	-139.
e See Columns (e) thru (h)		52,181.	7,083.

(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			701.
b			6.
c			-69.
d			-139.
e See Columns (i) thru (l)			7,083.

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	7,582.
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	-208.

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.

(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	22,200.	148,613.	0.149381
2013	21,300.	190,152.	0.112016
2012	25,400.	177,550.	0.143058
2011	20,950.	165,622.	0.126493
2010	30,594.	160,692.	0.190389
2 Total of line 1, column (d)		2	0.721337
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	0.144267
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.		4	194,973.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3		5	28,128.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)		6	184.
7 Add lines 5 and 6.		7	28,312.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4		8	20,000.

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 instructions)

1 a 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 instrs)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	368.
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	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2.		3	368.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	368.
6 Credits/Payments.			
a 2015 estimated tax pmts and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6 a		
b Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		
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		368.
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		0.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2016 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a 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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)?		X
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		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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.		X
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		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		X
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?	X	
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	X	
8 a 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	X	
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		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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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		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address N/A				
14	The books are in care of <u>Margie Straub</u> Telephone no. <u>(802) 236-4695</u> Located at <u>PO Box 774</u> <u>Woodstock</u> <u>VT</u> ZIP + 4 <u>05091</u>			
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?	16	Yes	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country				

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1 a 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)? ☐ 1 b		
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐		
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? 1 c		X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No If 'Yes' list the years <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u>		
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.) 2 b		
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u>		
3 a 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? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.) 3 b		
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 4 a		X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015? 4 b		X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5 a** 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)?**5 b**

X

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).

6 a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No**6 b**

X

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870.

7 a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No**7 b****b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Tao Smith PO Box 509 Killington VT 05751	President 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Lynn Sullivan PO Box 187 Jacksonville VT 05342	Treasurer 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Abby Copeland PO Box Woodstock VT 05091	Secretary 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Brian Sherras PO Box Cavendish VT 05142	Vice Chair 0.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 — see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
none				

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

None

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		None

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 Scholarships awarded to approximately 30 eligible recipients to pay tuition and related expenses to ski academies and ski clubs	20,000.
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	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

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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	1 a	191,436.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	6,506.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	197,942.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	197,942.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	2,969.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	194,973.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	9,749.

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	9,749.
2 a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	368.
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2 b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	368.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	9,381.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	9,381.
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	9,381.

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	1 a	20,000.
b	Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b	
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)	3 a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	20,000.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	20,000.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				9,381.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			7,026.	
b Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010	30,656.			
b From 2011	20,950.			
c From 2012	25,400.			
d From 2013	3,091.			
e From 2014	22,200.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	102,297.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 20,000.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	20,000.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	122,297.			
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			7,026.	
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				9,381.
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)	30,656.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	91,641.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2011	20,950.			
b Excess from 2012	25,400.			
c Excess from 2013	3,091.			
d Excess from 2014	22,200.			
e Excess from 2015	20,000.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling.**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section☐ 4942(j)(3) or☐ 4942(j)(5)**2** a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Tax year

Prior 3 years

(a) 2015

(b) 2014

(c) 2013

(d) 2012

(e) Total

b 85% of line 2a**c** Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed**d** Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities**e** Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c**3** Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:**a** 'Assets' alternative test — enter.

(1) Value of all assets

(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)

b 'Endowment' alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed**c** 'Support' alternative test — enter

(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)

(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization

(4) Gross investment income

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year — see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:****a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)**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**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:**Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d**a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

VARA Scholarship Committee

PO Box 774

Woodstock

VT

05091

(802) 236-4695

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should includesee application on VARA website www.vara.org**c** Any submission deadlines:

October 15

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

none

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				
Ava Mattson PO Box 176 Bridgewater VT 05034	none	N/A	travel/scholarship	750.
Shane Alercio 98 Pinnacle Ridge Rutland VT 05701		N/A	scholarship	500.
Nicholas Krause 10 Buckhill Rd. Northborough MA 500		N/A	travel	250.
Hanako Kusumi PO Box 440 Stratton VT 05155		N/A	scholarship	750.
Hannah Utter PO Box 1118 Waitsfield VT 05673		N/A	travel/scholarship	250.
Andy Kenosh 401 Pennock Lane Rutland VT 05701		N/A	travel/scholarship	500.
Ann Diefenback 1888 Campbell's Rd Bethel VT 05032		N/A	travel/scholarship	500.
Anna Duffy 85 Burnt Mountain Rd Warren VT 05674		N/A	travel/scholarship	500.
Austin Lilley PO Box 515 Bondville VT 05340		N/A	travel/scholarship	250.
See Line 3a statement				
				15,750.
Total				20,000.
b Approved for future payment				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue					
a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f						
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies . .					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					80.
4	Dividends and interest from securities					13,495.
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory . .					
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory . .					
11	Other revenue:					
a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)					13,575.
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					13,575.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

[illegible]

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

- 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?**

Yes	No
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a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---|
| (1) Cash | 1 a (1) | X |
|--------------------|---------|---|

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--|---|
| (2) Other assets | 1 a (2) | | X |
|----------------------------|---------|--|---|

b Other transactions:

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization | 1 b (1) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization | 1 b (2) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets | 1 b (3) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (4) Reimbursement arrangements | 1 b (4) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (5) Loans or loan guarantees | 1 b (5) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations | 1 b (6) | | X |
|--|---------|--|---|

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	1 c		X
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d If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' complete the following schedule. Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

[illegible]

2 a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

**Sign
Here**

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Lyones Sullivan
Signature of officer or trustee

Date 12/15/16

Treasurer ~~ASSE~~

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Lawrence E. Reed, CPA

Preparer's signature

~~_____~~ *Heal con*

Date _____

12/12/15

Check		
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self-employed

PTIN	
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P01272907

Firm's name ▶ LAWRENCE E REED CPA PC

Firm's address ► PO BOX 760

CHESTER

VT 05143-0760

Phone no (802) 875-2322

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Form 990-PF (2015)

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.

Employer identification number

23-7336991

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

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

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.

23-7336991

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

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	VT Alpine Racing Association PO Box 774 Woodstock VT 05091	\$ 15,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
			Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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			Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Form 990-PF, Part IV, Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Columns (a) thru (d)

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
EV Large Cap	P	06/12/09	05/09/16
Victory Diversified Stock A	P	06/12/09	05/09/16

Form 990-PF, Part IV, Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Columns (e) thru (h)

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
26,426.		27,039.	-613.
32,838.		25,142.	7,696.
Total		52,181.	7,083.

Form 990-PF, Part IV, Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Columns (i) thru (l)

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned
by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	(l) Gains (column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or losses (from column (h))
			-613.
			7,696.
Total			7,083.

Form 990-PF, Page 11, Part XV, line 3a

Line 3a statement

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foun- dation status of re- cipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Person or Business Checkbox
Name and address (home or business)				Amount
a Paid during the year				
Ben Ritchie				Person or ☐
PO box 299				Business ☐
Waitsfield VT 05673		N/A	travel/scholarship	1,000.

Form 990-PF, Page 11, Part XV, line 3a

Continued

Line 3a statement

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	Person or Business Checkbox	Amount
Name and address (home or business)					
a Paid during the year					
Bobby Ryan				Person or Business	
29 Linden Ave					
Red Hook NY 12571		N/A	travel/scholarship		1,000.
Carver Provance				Person or Business	
288 Heald Rd					
Proctorsville VT 05153		N/A	travel/scholarship		500.
Cole Palchak				Person or Business	
PO Box 117					
Bakersfield VT 05441		N/A	travel/scholarship		750.
Ella Hubbard				Person or Business	
1897 Center Fayston Rd.					
Moretown VT 05660		N/A	travel/scholarship		750.
Emma Finfer				Person or Business	
1 World Cup Circle					
South Londonderry VT 05155		N/A	travel/scholarship		500.
Ethan Maiden				Person or Business	
183 Blankey Cottage Lane					
Woodstock VT 05091		N/A	travel/scholarship		750.
Forest Van Dine				Person or Business	
707 Calendar Brook Rd					
Lyndonville VT 05851		N/A	travel/scholarship		1,000.
Izzy Jenne				Person or Business	
312 Oak Chapel rd					
Bridgewater Corners VT 05035		N/A	travel/scholarship		1,250.
Jack Despres				Person or Business	
PO Box 902					
Waitsfield VT 05673		N/A	travel/scholarship		500.
James Coen				Person or Business	
PO Box 14					
Stockbridge VT 05772		N/A	travel/scholarship		500.
Jessi Kuzmicki				Person or Business	
508 Schenkar Rd.					
Pownal VT 05261		N/A	travel/scholarship		1,000.
Katie Utter				Person or Business	
PO Box 1118					
Pittsford VT 05763		N/A	travel/scholarship		250.
Liam McKim				Person or Business	
664 Lost Nation Rd.					
East Haven VT 05837		N/A	travel/scholarship		750.
Logan Slattery				Person or Business	
334 Plantation rd.					
Franconia NH 03580		N/A	travel/scholarship		1,000.
Marina Skripnichuk				Person or Business	
7 World Cup Circle					
South Londonderry VT 05155		N/A	travel/scholarship		500.

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Line 3a statement

Continued

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	Person or Business Checkbox
Name and address (home or business)				Amount
a Paid during the year				
Matt Wilson				Person or ☐
289 Locust Ridge Rd				Business ☐
East Burke VT 05832		N/A	travel/scholarship	1,000.
Megan Ahearn				Person or ☐
15 White Rd.				Business ☐
Ringwood NJ 07456		N/A	travel/scholarship	500.
Shamus McKim				Person or ☐
664 Lost Nation rd.				Business ☐
East Haven VT 05837		N/A	travel/scholarship	750.
Thomas Shantler				Person or ☐
320 Reist St.				Business ☐
Buffalo NY 14221		N/A	travel/scholarship	500.
Tommy Kenosh				Person or ☐
401 Pennock Lane				Business ☐
Rutland VT 05701		N/A	travel/scholarship	1,000.

Total

15,750.

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I
Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LER CPA	tax preparation	480.	480.	480.	
Total		480.	480.	480.	

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 13
L-13 Stmt

Line 13 - Investments - Other:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
American Cap Inc Builder	29,618.	38,751.
Pimco Total Return	36,761.	36,526.
Pimco High Yield Fund	16,153.	17,090.
T Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	21,416.	32,616.
Money fund	2,749.	2,749.

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 13

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L-13 Stmt

Line 13 - Investments - Other:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Ishares Edge MSCI Min Vol GBL	14,807.	15,552.
Ishares Edge MSCI Min Vol USA	14,890.	15,708.
Ishares Select Dividend	29,666.	31,316.
Total	<u>166,060.</u>	<u>190,308.</u>