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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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Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation MES Foundation		A Employer identification number 01-0471533
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) P.O. Box 1296		B Telephone number (207) 791-3600
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Alfred, ME 04002		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) \$ 3,269,711.	J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____	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).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received					
2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		94.	94.	94.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities		106,965.	106,965.	106,965.	
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		<3,817.>			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		170,569.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income		2,726,197.	6,425.	2,726,197.	
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		2,829,439.	113,484.	2,833,256.	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		405,660.	5,253.	385,679.	19,981.
14 Other employee salaries and wages		92,732.	2,782.	88,595.	4,137.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits		133,395.	3,801.	126,725.	6,670.
16a Legal fees Stmt 2		3,515.	0.	3,515.	0.
b Accounting fees Stmt 3		3,649.	109.	3,649.	0.
c Other professional fees Stmt 4		10,680.	320.	10,146.	534.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes Stmt 5		3,170.	0.	0.	0.
19 Depreciation and depletion		5,605.	168.	5,605.	
20 Occupancy		36,698.	1,102.	34,863.	1,835.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		7,055.	0.	6,792.	263.
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses Stmt 6		2,583,644.	1,418.	2,554,831.	28,813.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		3,285,803.	14,953.	3,220,400.	62,233.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		12,679.			17,429.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		3,298,482.	14,953.	3,220,400.	79,662.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		<469,043.>			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			98,531.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				0.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only			Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value			
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		200.	38.	38.	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		581,644.	655,805.	655,805.	
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ 16,018.		152,630.	16,018.	16,018.	
		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					
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶ 63,151.		83,512.	58,651.	58,651.	
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ 4,500.					
	8	Inventories for sale or use					
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		51,017.	4,599.	4,599.	
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations					
	b	Investments - corporate stock Stmt 8	2,086,246.	1,552,198.	1,552,198.		
	c	Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 9	40,770.	558,085.	558,085.		
	Liabilities	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
		Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
12		Investments - mortgage loans					
13		Investments - other Stmt 10	712,396.	418,307.	418,307.		
14		Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ 62,958.					
		Less: accumulated depreciation Stmt 7 ▶ 57,622.	31,035.	5,336.	5,336.		
15		Other assets (describe ▶ Interest receivable)	1,757.	674.	674.		
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	3,741,207.	3,269,711.	3,269,711.		
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses	201,132.	161,937.			
18		Grants payable	8,250.	1,000.			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Deferred revenue					
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons					
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable					
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)					
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	209,382.	162,937.			
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	3,531,825.	3,106,774.			
	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	3,531,825.	3,106,774.				
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,741,207.	3,269,711.				

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	3,531,825.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<469,043.>
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Net Unrealized Gain	3	43,992.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,106,774.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,106,774.

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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 shs. MLC Co.)			(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a Publicly Traded Securities					
b Fixed Assets - See Statement 16			P		
c					
d					
e					
(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 168,819.		166,970.	1,849.		
b 1,750.	104,181.	111,597.	<5,666.>		
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))		
(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			
a			1,849.		
b			<5,666.>		
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	<3,817.>	
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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			3	<3,817.>	

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 the 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))
2015	204,646.	3,552,695.	.057603
2014	260,402.	3,536,451.	.073634
2013	279,507.	3,336,645.	.083769
2012	221,365.	2,838,844.	.077977
2011	155,758.	2,454,546.	.063457
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 .356440
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 .071288
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5			4 3,230,883.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 230,323.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 985.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 231,308.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 79,662.

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)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 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016

b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source

c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)

d Backup withholding erroneously withheld

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 2017 estimated tax

2,546. Refunded

Part VIIA 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?

b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the 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

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

d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year:

(1) On the foundation. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.

e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.

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.

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

4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?

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

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?

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

8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions)

ME

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

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 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV

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

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3		X
4a		X
4b		
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8b	X	
9	X	
10		X

N/A

Part VII-A: Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
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)		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)		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>www.mesfoundation.org</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of ► <u>Darren Hurlburt, President/CEO</u> Telephone no. ► <u>(207) 791-3600</u> Located at ► <u>131 Presumpscot Street, Portland, ME</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>04103</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		N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2016, 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 the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		X

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

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

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here		X
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 2016?		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 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? If "Yes," list the years ►	☐ Yes ☒ No	
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.)	N/A	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►		
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 2016 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 2016)	N/A	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		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 2016?		X

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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)?

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?

N/A

☐ 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?

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?

N/A

5b

X

6b

X

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.

(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
See Statement 11		405,660.	38,132.	4,905.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). 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

0

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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	1a	2,790,266.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	489,818.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,280,084.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	3,280,084.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	49,201.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,230,883.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	161,544.

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	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2016. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
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	

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	79,662.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
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	79,662.
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	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	79,662.

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.

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

N/A

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only				
b Total for prior years:				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:				
a From 2011				
b From 2012				
c From 2013				
d From 2014				
e From 2015				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$				
a Applied to 2015, 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 2016 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (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				
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 2015. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.				
f Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017				
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 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2012				
b Excess from 2013				
c Excess from 2014				
d Excess from 2015				
e Excess from 2016				

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

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 2016, 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

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

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013	
0.	177,635.	176,823.	166,832.	521,290.
0.	150,990.	150,300.	141,807.	443,097.
79,662.	204,646.	260,402.	279,507.	824,217.
0.	0.	0.	4,000.	4,000.
79,662.	204,646.	260,402.	275,507.	820,217.
				0.
				0.
107,696.	118,423.	117,882.	111,221.	455,222.
				0.
				0.
				0.
				0.

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).)

None

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.

None

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:

See Statement 14

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipients and Contributions for the Year	Recipients and Contributions for the Year	Recipients and Contributions for the Year	Recipients and Contributions for the Year	Recipients and Contributions for the Year
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				
Ben Ezzy	None	I	Junior Achievement Titan Scholarship	1,250.
Caleb Hunter	None	I	Junior Achievement Titan Scholarship	750.
David Hunter	None	I	Junior Achievement Titan Scholarship	750.
Elijah Verhoff	None	I	Junior Achievement Titan Scholarship	1,250.
Evan Desmond	None	I	Junior Achievement Titan Scholarship	500.
Total See continuation sheet(s)				17,429.
b Approved for future payment				
None				
Total				0.

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Part XVII

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

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| <p>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?</p> <p>a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:</p> <p>(1) Cash</p> <p>(2) Other assets</p> <p>b Other transactions:</p> <p>(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization</p> <p>(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization</p> <p>(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets</p> <p>(4) Reimbursement arrangements</p> <p>(5) Loans or loan guarantees</p> <p>(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations</p> <p>c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| | <p>1a(1)</p> |
| | <p>1a(2)</p> |
| | <p>1b(1)</p> |
| | <p>1b(2)</p> |
| | <p>1b(3)</p> |
| | <p>1b(4)</p> |
| | <p>1b(5)</p> |
| | <p>1b(6)</p> |
| | <p>1c</p> |

	Yes	No
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 2a** 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
N/A		

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.				May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see Instr. 7)? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
	Signature of officer or trustee <i>Douglas H. Hultquist</i>		Date 11/6/17	Title President/CEO		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Nicholas E. Porto		Preparer's signature <i>Nicholas E. Porto</i>	Date 10/18/17	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00182972
	Firm's name ▶ Baker Newman & Noyes				Firm's EIN ▶ 01-0494526	
	Firm's address ▶ Box 507 Portland, ME				Phone no. (207) 879-2100	

Form 990-PF	Other Income	Statement	1
Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Student Loan Administrative Services	8,542.	0.	8,542.
Scholarship Servicing	500.	0.	500.
Opportunity Maine Revenue	17,916.	0.	17,916.
Interest on Educational Loans	6,425.	6,425.	6,425.
Fees from Government Agencies	2,692,814.	0.	2,692,814.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	2,726,197.	6,425.	2,726,197.

Form 990-PF	Legal Fees			Statement 2
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	3,515.	0.	3,515.	0.
To Fm 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16a	3,515.	0.	3,515.	0.

Form 990-PF	Accounting Fees			Statement	3
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Accounting Fees	3,649.	109.	3,649.	0.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16b	3,649.	109.	3,649.	0.	

Form 990-PF	Other Professional Fees	Statement	4
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Other Professional Fees	10,680.	320.	10,146.	534.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	10,680.	320.	10,146.	534.

Form 990-PF	Taxes	Statement	5
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Excise Taxes	3,170.	0.	0.	0.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	3,170.	0.	0.	0.

Form 990-PF	Other Expenses	Statement	6
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Insurance	21,268.	638.	20,205.	1,063.
Data Processing	2,357.	71.	2,357.	0.
Internet/Website Expense	5,003.	26.	853.	4,150.
Scholarship Management Expense	4,105.	0.	0.	4,105.
Miscellaneous	1,019.	0.	1,019.	0.
Opportunity Maine Expense	9,622.	0.	0.	9,622.
Telephone	8,871.	266.	8,427.	444.
Equipment Leasing	11,606.	348.	11,026.	580.
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	2,488.	0.	1,991.	497.
Supplies	2,312.	69.	2,312.	0.
Staff Development	17,465.	0.	17,465.	0.
Advertising	7,129.	0.	0.	7,129.
Filing Fee	1,000.	0.	0.	1,000.
Postage & Shipping	1,654.	0.	1,431.	223.
Vehicle	8,738.	0.	8,738.	0.
Loan Servicing Expense	2,479,007.	0.	2,479,007.	0.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	2,583,644.	1,418.	2,554,831.	28,813.

Form 990-PF Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment Statement 7

Description	Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Furniture & Equipment	30,350.	25,014.	5,336.	5,336.
Vehicles	32,608.	32,608.	0.	
To 990-PF, Part II, ln 14	62,958.	57,622.	5,336.	5,336.

Form 990-PF Corporate Stock Statement 8

Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Equity Mutual Funds (see Statement 15)	1,552,198.	1,552,198.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	1,552,198.	1,552,198.

Form 990-PF Corporate Bonds Statement 9

Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Corporate Bonds (see Statement 15)	558,085.	558,085.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	558,085.	558,085.

Form 990-PF Other Investments Statement 10

Description	Valuation Method	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Certificates of Deposit (See Statement 15)	FMV	418,307.	418,307.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		418,307.	418,307.

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Part VIII - List of Officers, Directors
Trustees and Foundation Managers

Statement 11

Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Expense Contrib Account	
Bonnie Gould P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 0.50	1,500.	0.	0.
Guy Langevin P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Vice Chair 1.00	1,500.	0.	0.
Wayne Ross P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 0.50	1,500.	0.	0.
Louis J. Violette P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 0.50	1,500.	0.	0.
James Totten P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Past Chair 1.00	1,500.	0.	0.
Donald Reynolds P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Chair 1.00	1,500.	0.	0.
William O. Hall, III P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Treasurer 1.00	1,500.	0.	0.
David Bowles P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Secretary 1.00	1,500.	0.	0.
Darren Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	President & CEO 40.00	244,659.	24,059.	4,905.
Kim Benjamin P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Vice President Operations 40.00	146,117.	14,073.	0.
Kristie Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Program Director 15.00	2,884.	0.	0.
Totals included on 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII		405,660.	38,132.	4,905.

Form 990-PF	Summary of Direct Charitable Activities	Statement 12
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Activity One

To assist and promote access to the financing of education for Maine students, by the administration, coordination, and marketing of all related activities, including student and parent loans, and to assist and work in conjunction with any and all entities similarly engaged.

Expenses

To Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, line 1

729,610.

Form 990-PF	Summary of Direct Charitable Activities	Statement 13
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Activity Two

Provide guidance on financial aid products available, including the production and distribution of the "College Road Map"; and scholarship administration on behalf of other entities.

Expenses

To Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, line 2

62,733.

Form 990-PF	Grant Application Submission Information	Statement 14
	Part XV, Lines 2a through 2d	

Name and Address of Person to Whom Applications Should be Submitted

MES Foundation
P.O. Box 1296
Alfred, ME 04002

Telephone Number

(207) 791-3600

Form and Content of Applications

Various student loan and scholarship programs available, application and required information varies by program. (www.mesfoundation.org).

Any Submission Deadlines

Varies by program (see www.mesfoundation.org for detailed information)

Restrictions and Limitations on Awards

Varies by program, most programs restricted to Maine residents or students attending Maine educational institutions.