

Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**

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

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2017

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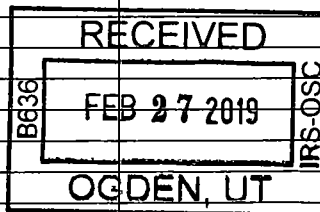
For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning

06/01, 2017, and ending

05/31, 2018

Name of foundation DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 59-3332929
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (407) 245-5542
1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE - CORP TAX DEPT		
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ORLANDO, FL 32837		C If exemption application is pending, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation. <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ 2,857,630.		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		

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)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	4,245,000.			
2	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B.				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments.	27,571.	27,571.		
4	Dividends and interest from securities				
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)		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) (attach schedule)				
11	Other income (attach schedule)				
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	4,272,571.	27,571.		
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.			
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
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.	0.			
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	3,692,297.			3,692,297.
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	3,692,297.			3,692,297.
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	580,274.			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		27,571.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				



Part II Balance Sheets

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	14,337.	2,018,915.	2,018,915.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	263,019.	838,715.	838,715.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable.			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use.			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule).			
	b Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis		
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other (attach schedule)				
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)		277,356.	2,857,630.	2,857,630.
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
18 Grants payable				
19 Deferred revenue				
20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons.				
21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ STMT 1)		2,000,000.		
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	2,000,000.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31			
	24 Unrestricted	277,356.	857,630.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	277,356.	857,630.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	277,356.	2,857,630.	

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	277,356.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	580,274.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	857,630.
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	857,630.

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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 (for example, 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)
1 a				
b				
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				
b				
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) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 0 10px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 </div> </div>		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 0 10px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) See instructions If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 </div> </div>		3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation doesn't 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))
2016	3,803,200.	2,113,705.	1.799305
2015	1,763,997.	548,482.	3.216144
2014	2,807,369.	299,577.	9.371110
2013	6,976,586.	148,780.	46.891961
2012	6,477,989.	804,055.	8.056649
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			69.335169
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5 0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			13.867034
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5			2,767,491.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3.			38,376,892.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).			276.
7 Add lines 5 and 6.			38,377,168.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.			3,692,297.

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 <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)		1	551.
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		2	
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		3	551.
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only, others, enter -0-)		4	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		5	551.
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 2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a 1,476.		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d		7	1,476.
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
10 Overpayment If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid		10	925.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2018 estimated tax 925. Refunded		11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the 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		X
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
4a 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?	N/A	
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	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered See instructions ► FL,		
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 2017 or the tax year beginning in 2017? See the 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)

	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 ▶ N/A	X	
14 The books are in care of ▶ ANGELA SIMMONS Telephone no ▶ (407) 245-5542 Located at ▶ 1000 DARDEN CENTER DR ORLANDO, FL ZIP+4 ▶ 32837		
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 N/A		
16 At any time during calendar year 2017, 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	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 2017?	1c	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 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions)	2b	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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 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 2017)	3b	N/A
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	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 2017?	4b	X

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

		Yes	No
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))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	5b	N/A
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? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	6b	X
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(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
STMT 2		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. ▶

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Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 N/A	
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 NONE	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3 NONE	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	2,809,636.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	2,809,636.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	2,809,636.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	42,145.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	2,767,491.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	138,375.

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	138,375.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	551.
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	551.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	137,824.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	137,824.
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	137,824.

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	3,692,297.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	3,692,297.
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	3,692,297.

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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Page **9****Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				137,824.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.				
b Total for prior years 20 <u>15</u> , 20 <u>14</u> , 20 <u>13</u>				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012	6,437,820.			
b From 2013	6,960,153.			
c From 2014	2,792,410.			
d From 2015	1,737,795.			
e From 2016	3,697,659.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	21,625,837.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>3,692,297.</u>				
a Applied to 2016, 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 2017 distributable amount.				137,824.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus.	3,554,473.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (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:	25,180,310.			
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 2016 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2017 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2018.				
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 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	6,437,820.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	18,742,490.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013	6,960,153.			
b Excess from 2014	2,792,410.			
c Excess from 2015	1,737,795.			
d Excess from 2016	3,697,659.			
e Excess from 2017	3,554,473.			

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

<div>Recipient</div> <div>Name and address (home or business)</div>	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
a <i>Paid during the year</i> STATEMENT 5				3,692,297.
Total			▶ 3a	3,692,297.
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			▶ 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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

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

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|----------|--|--------------|----|
| 1 | Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations? | Yes | No |
| | | | |
| a | Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of | | |
| | (1) Cash | 1a(1) | X |
| | (2) Other assets | 1a(2) | X |
| b | Other transactions | | |
| | (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization | 1b(1) | X |
| | (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization | 1b(2) | X |
| | (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets | 1b(3) | X |
| | (4) Reimbursement arrangements | 1b(4) | X |
| | (5) Loans or loan guarantees | 1b(5) | X |
| | (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations | 1b(6) | X |
| c | Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees | 1c | X |
| 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. | | |

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- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (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.

Signature of officer or trustee

2/19/19
Date

► DIRECTOR
Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below?

See instructions ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name
TATIANA PODEL

Preparer's signature
Tatiana Podel

Date	2/12/2019
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Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01526826
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Firm's name ► KPMG LLP

Firm's address ▶ 420 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE, STE 1050
ORLANDO, FL

32801-4904

Firm's EIN	▶ 13-5565207
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Phone no 407-423-3426

Form **990-PF** (2017)

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

OMB No 1545-0047

2017▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

59-3332929

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck 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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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) (2017)

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Name of organization **DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. FOUNDATION**Employer identification number
59-3332929**Part I** Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	DARDEN CORPORATION 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	\$ 4,000,000.	Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Name of organization	DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. FOUNDATION
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

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Name of organization DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

STATEMENT 1FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER LIABILITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>
DUE TO SPONSOR	2,000,000.
TOTALS	<u>2,000,000.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEESSTATEMENT 2

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
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EUGENE I. LEE JR. 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, & TRUSTEE 1.00			
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SUSAN M. CONNELLY 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	VICE PRESIDENT 1.00			
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RICARDO CARDENAS 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	TREASURER & TRUSTEE 1.00			
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MATTHEW BROAD 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	SECRETARY & TRUSTEE 1.00			
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WILLIAM R. WHITE, III 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	ASSISTANT TREASURER & TRUSTEE 1.00			
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ANTHONY MORROW 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	ASSISTANT SECRETARY 1.00			
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FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEESSTATEMENT 2 (CONT'D)

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
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JOE R. LEE 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	TRUSTEE 1.00			
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ANGELA SIMMONS 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	TRUSTEE 1.00			
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STEPHANIE L. GHERTNER 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	ASST. SECRETARY, DIR & TRUSTEE 1.00			
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JOHN MARTIN 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	TRUSTEE 1.00			
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THERESA WILLINGS 1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837	TRUSTEE 1.00			
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MARY DARDEN 1000 DARDEN CENTER DR. ORLANDO, FL 32837	TRUSTEE 1.00			
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GRAND TOTALS		0.	0.	0.
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STATEMENT 3FORM 990PF, PART XV - NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE FOR APPLICATIONS

STEPHANIE GHERTNER
1000 DARDEN CENTER DRIVE
ORLANDO, FL 32837
(407) 245-5115

Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation
59-3332929
May 31, 2018

Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, etc. Programs,
Form 990-PF, Page 10, Part XV, Lines:

2(b): Information and materials to be submitted with application:

Proposals will be considered only if they include the following documentation:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the organization
2. Contact person and title
3. Background information including history and purpose of the charity
4. Copy of the IRS exemption letter verifying 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status
5. Latest audited financial report
6. Current operating budget and sources of income
7. List of names and professional affiliations of directors and trustees
- 8 W-9 form

Additionally, the following information regarding the particular program for which funding is being sought must be provided:

1. Purpose and objectives of the program
2. The needs being addressed
3. Plan of action and time frame
4. Total funding required and projected resources
5. The amount requested
6. How the project's success will be determined

2(d): Restrictions:

Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation generally does not fund the following:

1. Organizations which do not have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status
2. Event sponsorships (walks, runs, etc.)
3. Religious organizations for religious purposes
4. Political candidates or lobbying organizations
5. National or local chapters of disease-specific organizations
6. National conferences, sports events and other one-time, short-term events
7. Athletic team sponsorships or scholarships
8. Anti-business groups
9. Team sponsorships or athletic scholarships
10. Capital campaigns
11. Travel expenses for groups or individuals
12. Individuals seeking scholarships
13. Health-related funding requests
14. Fund-raising activities, such as galas, benefits, dinners and sporting events
15. Goodwill advertising, souvenir journals or dinner programs
16. Donations to fraternities or sororities
17. Organizations outside the United States and its territories or Canada

Grants & Contributions Paid During the Year
Form 990-EF, Part II, Part XV, Line 1a

Recipient	Relationship	Foundation Status	Purpose of Grant or Contribution	Amount
AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	250,000.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	500,000.00
BARSON COLLEGE	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	5,000.00
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS LASALLE HIGH SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF CENTRAL FL INC	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	10,000.00
CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION CENTER OF ORLANDO INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,494.14
DENISON UNIVERSITY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	5,000.00
FEEDING AMERICA	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	2,000,000.00
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
GIFT FOR TEACHING	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,000.00
HEART OF FLORIDA UNITED WAY	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	50,000.00
HEART OF FLORIDA UNITED WAY	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	250,000.00
HOLY CHILD SCHOOL AT ROSEMONT	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
LAKE HIGHLAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	4,000.00
LAKE HIGHLAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
LAKE HIGHLAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
MEALS ON WHEELS INC	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	10,000.00
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	10,000.00
NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	150,000.00
NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	100,000.00
ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
ROLLINS COLLEGE	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
SAINT ANSELMO COLLEGE	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
SAINT AUGUSTINE MONTESSORI COMMUNITY INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
SEACOAST CHARTER SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	20,000.00
SENIORS FIRST INC	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	10,000.00
ST CLOUD PREPARATORY ACADEMY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	375.00
ST MARYS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	125.00
ST MARYS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
STONY BROOK FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
STONY BROOK FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	10,000.00
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	5,000.00
THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,500.00
THE FOUNDATION FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
THE KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	5,000.00
THE LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
THE LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
THE MONARCH LEARNING ACADEMY INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,200.00
THE MONARCH LEARNING ACADEMY INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
THE MONARCH LEARNING ACADEMY INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,500.00
THE PARAGON SCHOOL INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	750.00
THE PARAGON SCHOOL INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PA	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,000.00
UNITED ARTS OF CENTRAL FL INC	None	PC	Grants - Healthy Communities	250,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA FOUNDATION INCORPORATED	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA FOUNDATION INCORPORATED	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	130.00
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA FOUNDATION INCORPORATED	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	1,303.00
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA FOUNDATION INCORPORATED	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	2,500.00
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOUNDATION INC	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	500.00
US FOUNDATION FOR QUEENS UNIVERSITY AT KINGSTON	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	10,000.00
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00
WESTOVER SCHOOL	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	720.00
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION	None	PC	Grants - Education Gift Match	100.00

Please note that grants are provided by invitation only