

Form **990-T****Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return**
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))**2017**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceFor calendar year 2017 or other tax year beginning **10/01/17**, and ending **09/30/18**Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.

Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

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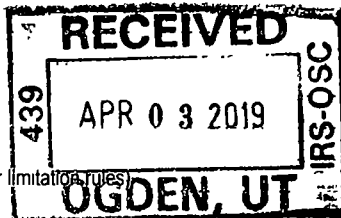
A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed B Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)		Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions) THE BLUES FOUNDATION, INC.		D Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions) 62-1083757	
C Book value of all assets at end of year 4,068,163		Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 421 SOUTH MAIN		E Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions) 541800	
		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MEMPHIS TN 38103			
F Group exemption number (See instructions) ▶					
G Check organization type ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust					

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity▶ **ADVERTISING****I** During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group?
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation.▶ ☐ Yes ☒ No**J** The books are in care of ▶ **THE BLUES FOUNDATION**Telephone number ▶ **901-527-2583**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income				(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a	Gross receipts or sales					
b	Less returns and allowances		c Balance ▶	1c		
2	Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)			2		
3	Gross profit Subtract line 2 from line 1c			3		
4a	Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)			4a		
b	Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)			4b		
c	Capital loss deduction for trusts			4c		
5	Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)			5		
6	Rent income (Schedule C)			6		
7	Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)			7		
8	Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F)			8		
9	Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)			9		
10	Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)			10		
11	Advertising income (Schedule J)			11		
12	Other income (See instructions, attach schedule) SEE STMT 1			12	82,180	82,180
13	Total. Combine lines 3 through 12			13	82,180	82,180

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)

14	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	14	
15	Salaries and wages	15	12,464
16	Repairs and maintenance	16	
17	Bad debts	17	
18	Interest (attach schedule)	18	
19	Taxes and licenses	19	1,115
20	Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)	20	
21	Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	21	
22	Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	22a	
23	Depletion	22b	0
24	Contributions to deferred compensation plans	23	
25	Employee benefit programs	24	
26	Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	25	
27	Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	26	
28	Other deductions (attach schedule)	27	
29	Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28	28	50,842
30	Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction Subtract line 29 from line 13	29	64,421
31	Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	30	17,759
32	Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction Subtract line 31 from line 30	31	
33	Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	32	17,759
34	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	33	1,000
		34	16,759

SEE STATEMENT 2

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Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here ☐ See instructions and

a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order):
 (1) \$ (2) \$ (3) \$

b Enter organization's share of: (1) Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$
 (2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$

c Income tax on the amount on line 34 **35c** 3,266

36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from ☐ Tax rate schedule or ☐ Schedule D (Form 1041) **36**

37 Proxy tax. See instructions **37**

38 Alternative minimum tax **38**

39 Tax on Non-Compliant Facility Income. See instructions **39**

40 Total. Add lines 37, 38 and 39 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies **40** 3,266

Part IV Tax and Payments

41a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118, trusts attach Form 1116) **41a**

b Other credits (see instructions) **41b**

c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions) **41c**

d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827) **41d**

e Total credits. Add lines 41a through 41d **41e**

42 Subtract line 41e from line 40 **42** 3,266

43 Other taxes. Check if from ☐ Form 4255 ☐ Form 8611 ☐ Form 8697 ☐ Form 8866 ☐ Other (att sch) **43**

44 Total tax. Add lines 42 and 43 **44** 3,266

45a Payments: A 2016 overpayment credited to 2017 **45a** 3,830

b 2017 estimated tax payments **45b**

c Tax deposited with Form 8868 **45c**

d Foreign organizations. Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) **45d**

e Backup withholding (see instructions) **45e**

f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) **45f**

g Other credits and payments ☐ Form 2439 ☐ Form 4136 ☐ Other Total **45g**

46 Total payments. Add lines 45a through 45g **46** 3,830

47 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached **47**

48 Tax due. If line 46 is less than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount owed **48**

49 Overpayment. If line 46 is larger than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount overpaid **49** 564

50 Enter the amount of line 49 you want Credited to 2018 estimated tax **50** 564 Refunded **50**

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

51 At any time during the 2017 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here **Yes** **No** **X**

52 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file **Yes** **No** **X**

53 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **\$**

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 *LEE E. HOOD* Date *3-29-19* Title **PRESIDENT & CEO**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? **X** Yes ☐ No

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Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check ☐ if PTIN
LEE E. HOOD *LEE E. HOOD* *LEE E. HOOD* **03/28/19** self-employed **P00505342**

Firm's name **WHITEHORN TANKERSLEY & DAVIS, PLLC** Firm's EIN **62-1039882**

Firm's address **670 OAKLEAF OFFICE LANE** Phone no **901-767-5080**

MEMPHIS, TN 38117-4811

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Schedule A – Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation ►

1 Inventory at beginning of year	1		6 Inventory at end of year	6	
2 Purchases	2		7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	7	
3 Cost of labor	3				
4a Additional sec. 263A costs (attach schedule)	4a		8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?	Yes	No
b Other costs (attach schedule)	4b				
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b	5				

Schedule C – Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

(see instructions)

1 Description of property(1) **N/A**

(2)

(3)

(4)

2 Rent received or accrued

(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
Total	Total	(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) ►

(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) ►**Schedule E – Unrelated Debt-Financed Income** (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property		2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6 Column 4 divided by column 5	7 Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8 Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B)
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8				

Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1 Name of controlled organization	2 Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4 Total of specified payments made	5 Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6 Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1) N/A					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7. Taxable Income	8 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9 Total of specified payments made	10 Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11 Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
			Add columns 5 and 10 Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A)	Add columns 6 and 11 Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B)

Totals ▶**Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization** (see instructions)

1 Description of income	2 Amount of income	3 Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4. Set-asides (attach schedule)	5 Total deductions and set-asides (col 3 plus col 4)
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (B)	

Totals ▶**Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income** (see instructions)

1 Description of exploited activity	2 Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3 Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6 Expenses attributable to column 5	7 Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col (B)	Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26		

Totals ▶**Schedule J – Advertising Income** (see instructions)**Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis**

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals (carry to Part II, line (5)) ▶						

Part II **Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis** (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I ▶						
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5) ▶	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col (B)				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 27

Schedule K – Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1 Name	2 Title	3 Percent of time devoted to business	4 Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1) N/A		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14 ▶			

Federal Statements**Statement 1 - Form 990-T, Part I, Line 12 - Other Income**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PROGRAM AND WEB ADVERTISING	\$ 82,180
TOTAL	\$ 82,180

Statement 2 - Form 990-T, Part II, Line 28 - Other Deductions

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION COSTS	\$ 4,565
PRINT COSTS	20,702
DEPRECIATION	3,215
OFFICE SUPPLIES	494
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	399
UTILITIES	373
COMMISSION	11,656
GRAPHIC DESIGN COST	9,438
TOTAL	\$ 50,842