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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 2018 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 ☐ 6
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ 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 04		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) \$ 3,576,923.	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)
Revenue	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	87.	87.	87.	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	218,149.	218,149.	218,149.	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	33,515.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	262,931.			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		33,515.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0.	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss)				
	11 Other income	3,409,973.	2,499.	3,409,973.	Statement 1
	12 Total Add lines 1 through 11	3,661,724.	254,250.	3,628,209.	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	50,001.	5,000.	12,501.	37,500.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	901.	90.	450.	451.
	16a Legal fees				
	b Accounting fees Stmt 2	2,100.	209.	420.	1,680.
	c Other professional fees Stmt 3	2,928.	293.	586.	2,342.
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes Stmt 4	7,392.	394.	1,038.	2,908.
	19 Depreciation and depletion	1,988.	60.	1,988.	
	20 Occupancy	1,260.	126.	252.	1,008.
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	1,341.	134.	268.	1,073.
22 Printing and publications	1,638.	0.	0.	1,638.	
23 Other expenses Stmt 5	3,209,467.	398.	3,198,395.	11,072.	
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	3,279,016.	6,704.	3,215,898.	59,672.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	135,699.			134,199.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	3,414,715.	6,704.	3,215,898.	193,871.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	247,009.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		247,546.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			412,311.		

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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	38.	38.	38.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	259,816.	222,530.	222,530.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 35,000.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	17,500.	35,000.	35,000.
	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 ▶ 22,405.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ 4,490.	35,578.	17,915.	17,915.
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,908.	7,588.	7,588.
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock Stmt 7	2,708,706.	2,575,989.	2,575,989.
	c Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 8	312,134.	313,106.	313,106.
Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other Stmt 9	352,200.	400,000.	400,000.
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment; basis ▶ 31,684.			
	Less accumulated depreciation Stmt 6 ▶ 29,401.	4,271.	2,283.	2,283.
	15 Other assets (describe ▶ Interest receivable)	299.	2,474.	2,474.
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	3,698,450.	3,576,923.	3,576,923.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,587.	18,937.	
	18 Grants payable	500.	2,000.	
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)	20,087.	20,937.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted	3,678,363.	3,555,986.	
	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	3,678,363.	3,555,986.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,698,450.	3,576,923.	

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	3,678,363.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	247,009.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,925,372.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Net Unrealized Loss	5	369,386.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,555,986.

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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.)
1a Publicly Traded Securities				
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 262,931.		229,416.	33,515.	
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.				
(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	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
a			33,515.	
b				
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 33,515.
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		{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7		3 - 0.

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.

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))
2017	101,967.	3,305,935.	.030844
2016	79,662.	3,230,883.	.024656
2015	204,646.	3,552,695.	.057603
2014	260,402.	3,536,451.	.073634
2013	279,507.	3,336,645.	.083769
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 .270506
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			3 .054101
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5			4 3,655,663.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 197,775.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 2,475.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 200,250.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 193,871.

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		1	4,951.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	4,951.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	4,951.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2018 estimated tax payments and 2017 overpayment credited to 2018	6a	3,480.	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	0.	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	6,000.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0.	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	9,480.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	23.	
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	4,506.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2019 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11	0.	

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. ☐ \$ 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.		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?		
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. ☐ 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	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 2018 or the tax year beginning in 2018? 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 www.mesfoundation.org	X	
14 The books are in care of Kristie Hurlburt, President & Execu Telephone no (207) 791-3600 Located at 9 Pebble Brook Road, Alfred, ME ZIP+4 04002		
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 2018, 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 2018?		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 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2018? 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 2018 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 2018.)	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 2018?		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))?	☐ 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?		
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).	N/A	
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	
8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, and 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 10		50,001.	901.	0.

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

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Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

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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		
	See Statement 11	186,772.
2	Federal Direct Loan Servicing (Not For Profit Program)	
		3,197,514.
3	Providing charitable donations to non-for-profit educational institutions.	
		7,099.
4		

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.		Amount
1	N/A	
2		
All other program-related investments. See instructions.		
3		
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		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	3,435,261.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	276,072.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,711,333.
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	3,711,333.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	55,670.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,655,663.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	182,783.

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 2018 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2018. (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	193,871.
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	193,871.
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	193,871.

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 2017	(c) 2017	(d) 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018				
a Enter amount for 2017 only				
b Total for prior years:				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:				
a From 2013				
b From 2014				
c From 2015				
d From 2016				
e From 2017				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$				
a Applied to 2017, 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 2018 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2018 (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 2017. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.				
f Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2019				
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 2013 not applied on line 5 or line 7				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2014				
b Excess from 2015				
c Excess from 2016				
d Excess from 2017				
e Excess from 2018				

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 2018, 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)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
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	182,783.	165,297.	0.	177,635.	525,715.
b 85% of line 2a	155,366.	140,502.	0.	150,990.	446,858.
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	193,871.	101,967.	79,662.	204,646.	580,146.
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	193,871.	101,967.	79,662.	204,646.	580,146.
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0.
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0.
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	121,855.	110,198.	107,696.	118,423.	458,172.
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)					0.
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0.
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0.
(4) Gross investment income					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., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

- a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

See Statement 12

- 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**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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 Paid during the year				
Adam Stetson	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Alfred Elementary 21 Sanford Road Alfred, ME 04002	N/A	GOV	Purchase chairs for classroom	99.
Amanda Alberda	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Andrea Fitzherbert	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Angel Moore	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total	See continuation sheet(s)			134,199.
b Approved for future payment				
Michael Guestler	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Oliver Sullivan	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Zachary Mogul-Campbell	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Total				1,500.

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Part XV. Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
Anna Dunbar	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Chad Palmer	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emma Pooler	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Erin Qiu	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Hannah Crone	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Heather Howard	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Husson University 1 College Circle Bangor, ME 04401	N/A	PC	School of Business Capital Campaign	5,000.
Jordon Gregory	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Joshua Quist	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Junior Achievement of Maine 82 Elm Street Portland, ME 04101	N/A	PC	Support Educational Programs	2,000.
Total from continuation sheets				114,100.

Part XV. Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
Lily McVetty	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Lily Tedford	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Michaela Flanders	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Morgan Pike	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
National Honor Society - Massabesic High School Chapter 88 West Road Waterboro, ME 04087	N/A	PC	Scholarship	100.
Nicole Dunton	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Olivia Gervais	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Owen Doane	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Ravin Davis	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Reegan Hussey	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
Sarah Meyer-Waldo	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Sophie Moore	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Sophie Silva	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
University of Maine Presque Isle 181 Main Street Presque Isle, ME 04769	N/A	GOV	Scholarship	1,000.
University of Southern Maine 96 Falmouth Street Portland, ME 04103	N/A	GOV	Scholarship	1,000.
Zach Hammond	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Form 990-PF	Other Income	Statement	1
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Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Interest on Educational Loans	2,499.	2,499.	2,499.
Miscellaneous Revenue	115.	0.	115.
Fees from Government Agencies	3,407,359.	0.	3,407,359.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	3,409,973.	2,499.	3,409,973.

Form 990-PF	Accounting Fees	Statement	2
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	2,100.	209.	420.	1,680.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16b	2,100.	209.	420.	1,680.

Form 990-PF	Other Professional Fees	Statement	3
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Other Professional Fees	2,928.	293.	586.	2,342.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	2,928.	293.	586.	2,342.

Form 990-PF	Taxes	Statement	4
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Excise Taxes	3,446.	0.	0.	0.
Payroll Taxes	3,946.	394.	1,038.	2,908.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	7,392.	394.	1,038.	2,908.

Form 990-PF Other Expenses Statement 5

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Insurance	714.	71.	143.	571.
Internet/Website Expense	1,060.	106.	212.	848.
Scholarship Management Expense	4,500.	0.	0.	4,500.
Telephone	1,858.	186.	372.	1,486.
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	35.	0.	18.	17.
Supplies	266.	27.	53.	213.
Advertising	3,106.	0.	0.	3,106.
Postage & Shipping	339.	0.	68.	271.
Maintenance	75.	8.	15.	60.
Loan Servicing Expense	3,197,514.	0.	3,197,514.	0.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	3,209,467.	398.	3,198,395.	11,072.

Form 990-PF Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment Statement 6

Description	Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Furniture & Equipment	31,684.	29,401.	2,283.	2,283.
To 990-PF, Part II, ln 14	31,684.	29,401.	2,283.	2,283.

Form 990-PF Corporate Stock Statement 7

Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Equity Mutual Funds (see Statement 13)	2,575,989.	2,575,989.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	2,575,989.	2,575,989.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Bonds	Statement	8
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Corporate Bonds (see Statement 13)	313,106.	313,106.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	313,106.	313,106.

Form 990-PF	Other Investments	Statement	9
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Description	Valuation Method	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Certificates of Deposit (See Statement 13)	FMV	400,000.	400,000.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		400,000.	400,000.

Form 990-PF	Part VIII - List of Officers, Directors Trustees and Foundation Managers	Statement 10
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Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Contrib	Expense Account
Guy Langevin P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Chair 1.00	0.	0.	0.
James Totten P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Treasurer 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Donald Reynolds P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Christopher Bell P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Darren Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	President & CEO 5.00	8,335.	901.	0.
Kristie Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Program Director 15.00	41,666.	0.	0.
Totals included on 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII		50,001.	901.	0.

Form 990-PF	Summary of Direct Charitable Activities	Statement 11
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Activity One

Expanding access to higher education for all Maine students by providing valuable college scholarship opportunities. Scholarship awards are made on the basis of demonstrated financial need and distinguished academic merit.

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

Expenses

186,772.

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Grant Application Submission Information
Part XV, Lines 2a through 2d

Statement 12

Name and Address of Person to Whom Applications Should be SubmittedMES Foundation
P.O. Box 1296
Alfred, ME 04002Telephone Number

(207) 791-3600

Email Address

info@mesfoundation.org

Form and Content of Applications

Scholarship applications can be submitted online from 1/1 - 4/1 at www.mesfoundation.org. At a minimum, applicants must submit transcripts, SAT scores, FAFSA, essay and letter of recommendation.

Any Submission Deadlines

April 1

Restrictions and Limitations on Awards

Applicants must be a Maine resident entering their first year of post secondary education.

STATEMENT 13

MES
Investment Allocation
12/31/2018

EIN#:01-0471533

	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>
<i>Corporate Stock</i>		
AMCAP Fund	384,446.21	(6,920.39)
American Mutual Fund	364,161.15	60,706.83
Fundamental Investors	357,658.21	64,266.47
Growth Fund of America	388,168.01	26,752.75
Washington Mutual Investors	383,460.32	42,803.20
Capital World Growth & Income	100,496.73	11,394.71
Euro Pacific Growth Fund	106,932.51	7,900.47
New Perspective Fund	73,280.28	11,679.49
Capital Income Builder	336,007.38	(2,000.68)
Small Cap World Fund	81,378.11	(2,171.63)
	<u>2,575,988.91</u>	<u>214,411.22</u>
<i>Corporate Bonds</i>		
Bond Fund of America	157,163.92	2,732.99
Intermediate Bond Fund	155,942.41	(6,399.66)
	<u>313,106.33</u>	<u>(3,666.67)</u>
<i>CDs</i>		
BMO Harris BK	150,004.50	4.50
JPMorgan Chase	149,995.50	(4.50)
S&T BK Indiana PA	100,000.00	-
	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>