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

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

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For calendar year 2019 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	Room/suite	B Telephone number (207) 791-3600
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Alfred, ME 04002		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ 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		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) \$ 4,124,975.	J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received					
2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		74.	74.	74.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities		184,578.	184,578.	184,578.	
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		0.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		550,000.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				0.	
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income		2,843,888.	1,113.	2,843,888.	Statement 1
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		3,028,540.	185,765.	3,028,540.	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.		50,000.	5,000.	5,000.	45,000.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees					
b Accounting fees Stmt 2		2,100.	210.	210.	1,890.
c Other professional fees Stmt 3		2,928.	293.	293.	2,635.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes Stmt 4		8,804.	383.	996.	2,834.
19 Depreciation and depletion		1,270.	38.	1,270.	
20 Occupancy		1,260.	126.	126.	1,134.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		1,754.	175.	175.	1,579.
22 Printing and publications		750.	0.	0.	750.
23 Other expenses Stmt 5		2,693,220.	307.	2,682,473.	10,747.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		2,762,086.	6,532.	2,690,543.	66,569.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		194,000.			192,500.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		2,956,086.	6,532.	2,690,543.	259,069.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		72,454.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			179,233.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				337,997.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Beginning of year		End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	38.	36.	36.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	222,530.	207,653.	207,653.	
	3 Accounts receivable ▶				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	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 ▶	3,763.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	0.	17,915.	3,763.	3,763.
	8 Inventories for sale or use				
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		7,588.	9,042.	9,042.
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations				
	b Investments - corporate stock Stmt 7	2,575,989.	3,221,882.	3,221,882.	
	c Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 8	313,106.	329,249.	329,249.	
	Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
12 Investments - mortgage loans					
13 Investments - other Stmt 9		400,000.	350,461.	350,461.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶		27,078.			
Less: accumulated depreciation Stmt 6 ▶		25,119.	2,283.	1,959.	1,959.
15 Other assets (describe ▶ Interest receivable)		2,474.	930.	930.	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		3,576,923.	4,124,975.	4,124,975.	
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		18,937.	7,029.		
18 Grants payable		2,000.	3,500.		
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)	20,937.	10,529.			
Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30.	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	3,555,986.	4,114,446.		
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions				
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 26 through 30.				
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund				
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	29 Total net assets or fund balances	3,555,986.	4,114,446.		
	30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,576,923.	4,124,975.		

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 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	3,555,986.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	72,454.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Net Unrealized Gain	3	486,006.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,114,446.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 29	6	4,114,446.

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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 MacBooks	P	06/04/12	12/31/19
b Dell Laptop	P	12/01/13	12/31/19
c Publicly Traded Securities (municipal bonds)	P		
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	4,161.	4,161.	0.
b	1,391.	1,391.	0.
c 550,000.	0.	550,000.	0.
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			0.
b			0.
c			0.
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 0.
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 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 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))
2018	193,871.	3,655,663.	.053033
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

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.239770
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	.047954
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	3,797,360.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	182,099.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	1,792.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	183,891.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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.	8	259,069.

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	1,792.
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	1,792.
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	1,792.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2019 estimated tax payments and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6a	4,960.	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	0.	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0.	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	4,960.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	0.	
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	3,168.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2020 estimated tax ☒ 3,168. 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 2019 or the tax year beginning in 2019? 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

N/A

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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 ► <u>www.mesfoundation.org</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of ► <u>Kristie Hurlburt, President & Execu</u> Telephone no. ► <u>(207) 791-3600</u> Located at ► <u>9 Pebble Brook Road, Alfred, ME</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>04002</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15	N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2019, 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 2019?		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 2019, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XIII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2019? 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 2019 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 Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2019.)	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 2019?		X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here

☐**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No**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		50,000.	0.	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

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	3,571,545.
b Average of monthly cash balances	1b	283,643.
c Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,855,188.
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	3,855,188.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	57,828.
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,797,360.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	189,868.

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 2019 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b Income tax for 2019. (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	259,069.
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	259,069.
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	1,792.
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	257,277.

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 2018	(c) 2018	(d) 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2019				
a Enter amount for 2018 only				
b Total for prior years:				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:				
a From 2014				
b From 2015				
c From 2016				
d From 2017				
e From 2018				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$				
a Applied to 2018, 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 2019 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2019 (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 2018. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.				
f Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2020				
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 2014 not applied on line 5 or line 7				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2015				
b Excess from 2016				
c Excess from 2017				
d Excess from 2018				
e Excess from 2019				

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 2019, enter the date of the ruling

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

b 85% of line 2a

c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4, for each year listed

d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities

e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:

a "Assets" alternative test - enter:

(1) Value of all assets

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

b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6, for each year listed

c "Support" alternative test - enter:

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

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

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization

(4) Gross investment income

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2019	(b) 2018	(c) 2017	(d) 2016	
189,868.	182,783.	165,297.	0.	537,948.
161,388.	155,366.	140,502.	0.	457,256.
259,069.	193,871.	101,967.	79,662.	634,569.
0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
259,069.	193,871.	101,967.	79,662.	634,569.
				0.
				0.
126,579.	121,855.	110,198.	107,696.	466,328.
				0.
				0.
				0.
				0.

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

None

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

None

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., 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	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
Abby Pomerleau	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Adam Stetson	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Alan Thach	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Amanda Alberda	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Andrea Fitzherbert	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
Total			See continuation sheet(s) ▶ 3a	192,500.
b Approved for future payment				
Jay Austin	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Marshal Dugal	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Seth Reed	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Total			▶ 3b	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
Andrew Young	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Angel Moore	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Anna Dunbar	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Avery Gosselin	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Benjamin Butterfield	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Brooke Egan	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Caroline Payne	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Chad Palmer	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Colby Ellis	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Eben Cooley	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				171,000.

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
Emma Cripps	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emma Lunny	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.
Francesca Houran	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Gabriel Pasternak	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Harmoni Larrabee	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Heather Howard	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Jason D'Amico	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Jeffery Waters	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
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
Jordon Gregory	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Lillian Johnson	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Lily McVetty	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Lily Tedford	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Lily Webber	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Maguire Anuszewski	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Megan Boulay	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Megan O'Connell	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.
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
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.
Rachel Jones	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.
Sarah MacDonald	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
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.
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
Syeira New	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Taylor Davis	None	I	MES Foundation Scholarship	5,000.
University of Maine Presque Isle 181 Main Street Presque Isle, ME 04769	N/A	GOV	Scholarship	5,000.
William Pearson	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	1,500.
Total from continuation sheets				

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

- | 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c)(3) (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.		President/Executive Director
	<i>[Signature]</i> (Signature of officer or trustee)	17/10/20 (Date)	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instructions.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Nicholas E. Porto		06/30/20		P00182972
	Firm's name ▶ Baker Newman & Noyes			Firm's EIN ▶ 01-0494526	
	Firm's address ▶ Box 507 Portland, ME			Phone no. (207) 879-2100	

Form 990-PF	Other Income	Statement	1
Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Interest on Educational Loans	1,113.	1,113.	1,113.
Miscellaneous Revenue	126.	0.	126.
Fees from Government Agencies	2,842,649.	0.	2,842,649.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	2,843,888.	1,113.	2,843,888.

Form 990-PF	Accounting Fees			Statement 2
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	2,100.	210.	210.	1,890.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16b	2,100.	210.	210.	1,890.

Form 990-PF	Other Professional Fees			Statement 3
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Other Professional Fees	2,928.	293.	293.	2,635.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	2,928.	293.	293.	2,635.

Form 990-PF	Taxes			Statement	4
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Excise Taxes	4,974.	0.	0.	0.	
Payroll Taxes	3,830.	383.	996.	2,834.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	8,804.	383.	996.	2,834.	

Form 990-PF	Other Expenses	Statement	5
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Insurance	719.	72.	72.	647.
Internet/Website Expense	1,170.	0.	0.	1,170.
Scholarship Management Expense	3,500.	0.	0.	3,500.
Telephone	1,870.	187.	187.	1,683.
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	35.	0.	0.	35.
Supplies	480.	48.	48.	432.
Advertising	2,997.	0.	0.	2,997.
Postage & Shipping	283.	0.	0.	283.
Loan Servicing Expense	2,682,166.	0.	2,682,166.	0.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	2,693,220.	307.	2,682,473.	10,747.

Form 990-PF	Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment	Statement	6
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Description	Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Furniture & Equipment	27,078.	25,119.	1,959.	1,959.
To 990-PF, Part II, ln 14	27,078.	25,119.	1,959.	1,959.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Stock	Statement	7
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Equity Mutual Funds (see Statement 13)	3,221,882.	3,221,882.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	3,221,882.	3,221,882.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Bonds	Statement	8
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Corporate Bonds (see Statement 13)	329,249.	329,249.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	329,249.	329,249.

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	350,461.	350,461.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		350,461.	350,461.

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

Statement 10

Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Expense Contrib 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	Director/Secretary 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Kristie Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	President/Executive Director 20.00	50,000.	0. 0.
Totals included on 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII		50,000.	0. 0.

Form 990-PF

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

Statement 11

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.

Expenses

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

259,069.

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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 Submitted

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

Telephone 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.

MES
Investment Allocation
12/31/2019

EIN#:01-0471533

	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>
<i>Corporate Stock</i>		
AMCAP Fund	485,628.92	71,494.65
American Mutual Fund	443,296.55	119,496.33
Fundamental Investors	456,380.12	131,377.34
Growth Fund of America	497,335.43	102,740.70
Washington Mutual Investors	481,405.72	109,738.45
Capital World Growth & Income	125,934.94	33,803.86
Euro Pacific Growth Fund	135,745.50	33,028.08
New Perspective Fund	95,326.16	30,349.46
Capital Income Builder	394,405.91	40,143.12
Small Cap World Fund	106,422.76	18,545.58
	<u>3,221,882.01</u>	<u>690,717.57</u>
<i>Corporate Bonds</i>		
Bond Fund of America	167,630.89	9,261.63
Intermediate Bond Fund	161,617.70	(3,688.24)
	<u>329,248.59</u>	<u>5,573.39</u>
<i>CDs</i>		
Comenity Cap BK	50,000.00	-
Bank Baroda NY	100,000.00	-
State BK India	50,000.00	-
JP Morgan	100,007.69	7.69
Flagstar BK	50,453.00	453.00
	<u>350,460.69</u>	<u>460.69</u>