

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

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For calendar year 2019 or tax year beginning **, 2019, and ending , 20**

Name of foundation

**The State Auto Foundation**

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

518 East Broad Street

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Columbus, OH 43215

**G** Check all that apply  Initial return  Initial return of a former public charity  
 Final return  Amended return  
 Address change  Name change

**H** Check type of organization:  Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation *NU*  
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust  Other taxable private foundation

**I** Fair market value of all assets at **J** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 end of year (from Part II, col. (c),  
 line 16) ► \$ **1,893.426** (Part I, column (d), must be on cash basis)

**A** Employer identification number

31-1257265

**B** Telephone number (see instructions)

614-464-5000

**C** If exemption application is pending, check here ► *6***D** 1. Foreign organizations, check here ► 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test,  
check here and attach computation ► **E** If private foundation status was terminated under  
section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► **F** If the foundation is in a 60-month termination  
under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ► 

<b>Part I</b> Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
<b>Revenue</b>	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	473,113			
	2 Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	36,082	36,082	36,082	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	337,649			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		337,649		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			337,649	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
<b>Operating and Administrative Expenses</b>	b Loss Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	846,844	Internal Revenue Service Req 873,931 US Bank 373,731	338	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	2,275	2,275	2,275	
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	67	67	67	
	24 <b>Total operating and administrative expenses.</b>	2,341	2,341	2,341	
	Add lines 13 through 23				
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	356,373			
	26 <b>Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	358,714	2,341	2,341	
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	488,130			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		371,390		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			373,731	

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Part II	Balance Sheets	Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		143,330	138,780	138,780
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3 Accounts receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
	4 Pledges receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
	5 Grants receivable				
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ►				
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
	8 Inventories for sale or use				
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)		1,387,208	1,754,646	1,754,646
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►				
	12 Investments—mortgage loans				
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►				
	15 Other assets (describe ► Contributions Received )		112,500	112,500	
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		1,643,038	2,005,925	1,893,426
Assets	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18 Grants payable				
Liabilities	19 Deferred revenue				
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22 Other liabilities (describe ► Due to affiliate )		284,096	158,854	
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		284,096	158,854	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	24 Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>				
	and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30.				
	25 Net assets without donor restrictions				
	26 Net assets with donor restrictions				
	27 Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>				
	and complete lines 26 through 30.				
	28 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	29 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund				
	30 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	31 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		1,358,942	1,847,071	
	32 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		1,643,038	2,005,925	

## 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	1,358,942
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	488,129
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ► Other adjustments	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,847,071
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	6	1,847,071

**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					
b					
c					
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g))		
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))		
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any			
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	337,649	
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) See instructions If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 .			3		

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

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

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

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

 Yes  No

If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

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	404,209	1,358,942	0 2974
2017	472,396	1,425,437	0 3314
2016	645,630	1,352,813	0 4772
2015	727,822	1,436,753	0 5066
2014	507,552	1,142,865	0 4441

- 2 Total of line 1, column (d) 2 0568
- 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 0 4114
- 4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5 1,711,982
- 5 Multiply line 4 by line 3 704,233
- 6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b) 3,714
- 7 Add lines 5 and 6 707,947
- 8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 358,714

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions.

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)**

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter. .... (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)	1 2 3 4 5	7,428 7,428 7,428 7,428
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		
3	Add lines 1 and 2	2	7,428
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	3	7,428
5	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
6	<b>Credits/Payments</b>	5	7,428
a	2019 estimated tax payments and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6a	7,000
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	None
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	7,000
8	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	None
9	<b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	9	428
10	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2020 estimated tax ►	Refunded	► 11

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

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

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?

1b 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.

1c Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year  
(1) On the foundation ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (2) On foundation managers. ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?  
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities

3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes

4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?  
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?

5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?  
If "Yes," attach the statement required by *General Instruction T*

6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either  
• By language in the governing instrument, or  
• By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?

7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV

8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered See instructions ►

b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by *General Instruction G*? If "No," attach explanation

9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2019 or the tax year beginning in 2019? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV

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

**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	11	✓
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	12	✓
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	13	✓
14 The books are in care of ► Leah Shrom Located at ► 518 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH	Telephone no ► 614-917-5013 ZIP+4 ► 43215-3976	
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	► □	
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 ►	16	✓

**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? (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? (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)? (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
1b 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 ► □	1b	
1c 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?	1c ✓	
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 ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	2b	
2c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3b 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.)	3b	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a ✓	
4b 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?	4b ✓	

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

		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Yes	No
<b>5a</b>	During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to.				
(1)	Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
(5)	Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>c</b>	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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)				
<b>6a</b>	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b>	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.				
<b>7a</b>	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?				
<b>8</b>	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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**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. See instructions.**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Michael E. LaRocco	Trustee	0		
Melissa A. Centers	Trustee	0		
Scott A. Jones	Trustee	0		
Stephanie L. Meredith	Trustee	0		

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances

**Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000**

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

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

**Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ►**
**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

Expenses

1	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
2	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
3	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
4	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)**

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

Amount

1	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
2	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

All other program-related investments. See instructions

3	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

**Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►**

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	1,570,927
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	141,055
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	1,711,982
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,711,982
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	25,680
5	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,686,302
6	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6	84,315

**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	84,315
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	7,428
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	76,887
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	76,887
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	76,887

**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	358,714
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:	3a	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3b	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	4	358,714
4	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	5	
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	6	358,714
6	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4		

**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

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

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2018	(c) 2018	(d) 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Part XI, line 7 . . . . .				76,887
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2019				
a Enter amount for 2018 only . . . . .				
b Total for prior years. 20 ____ , 20 ____ , 20 ____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019				
a From 2014 . . . . .	315,878			
b From 2015 . . . . .	656,290			
c From 2016 . . . . .	578,277			
d From 2017 . . . . .	403,750			
e From 2018 . . . . .	337,328			
f Total of lines 3a through e . . . . .	2,291,523			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 358,714				
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 . . . . .				76,887
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . . . . .	281,827			
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 . . . . .	2,573,350			
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 instructions . . . . .				
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 (see instructions) . . . . .	315,878			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	2,257,472			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2015 . . . . .	656,290			
b Excess from 2016 . . . . .	578,277			
c Excess from 2017 . . . . .	403,750			
d Excess from 2018 . . . . .	337,328			
e Excess from 2019 . . . . .	281,827			

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

**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) )

**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

## 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. See instructions.

- a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed
- 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)				
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
See attached			Various General Charities	
<b>Total</b>				► 3a
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total</b>				► 3b

## Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions )
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate.					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)					

**13 Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)  
(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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

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

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

**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

**Sign** *Malinda L. Feltner* **November 16, 2020** 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

Sign Here  On the back of this page, I declare  
correct, and complete Declaration  
**Melissa Centers**  
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November 10 202

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

May the IRS discuss this return  
with the preparer shown below?  
See instructions  Yes  No

Signature of officer or trustee		Date	Title		
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name		Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
	Firm's name ►			Firm's EIN ►	
	Firm's address ►			Phone no	

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

## Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

- Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
- Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

Name of the organization  
 The State Auto Foundation

Employer identification number  
 31-1257265

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ  501(c)( ) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation 527 political organizationForm 990-PF  501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

### General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

### Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

## Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2019)

Name of organization The State Auto Foundation	Employer identification number 31-1257265
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**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company 518 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215	\$ 473,113	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

**The State Auto Foundation**  
**EIN: 31-1257265**  
**Tax Year 2019**

**Part I Line 18**

Taxes 2,274

**Part 1, Line 23 Detail**

Investment Fees 67.00

**Part II Line 1**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cash	<u>138,780</u>

**The State Auto Foundation**  
**EIN 31-1257265**  
**Tax Year 2019**

**Part II, Lines 10 a & b, Schedule of Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
<b>Line 10a</b>			
<b>Bonds</b>			
	0	0	0
<b>Line 10a Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Line 10b</b>			
<b>Common Stocks:</b>			
S&P 500 SPDR	1,690	161,737	543,943
Vanguard High DVD Yield ETF	6,755	534,612	633,011
I Shares Russell 2000 ETF	3,487	402,067	577,691
State Auto Financial			
<b>Line 10b Total</b>	<b>11,932</b>	<b>1,098,416</b>	<b>1,754,646</b>

**2019**  
**State Auto Foundation**  
**Part VIII - Additional Trustees**

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Elise D. Spriggs	Trustee	0
Duke Daugherty	Trustee	0
Leah A Shrom	Trustee	0

The State Auto Foundation  
 EIN 31-1257265  
 Tax Year 2019

Part XV - Schedule of Contributions Paid During 2019

Organization	Amount
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION INC	50,000.00
AMERICAN ONLINE GIVING FOUNDATION INC	54,598.41
AMERICAN ONLINE GIVING FOUNDATION INC	990.00
BALLET MET	12,500.00
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL OHIO	7,500.00
BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY	2,500.00
BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	5,500.00
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS	4,000.00
COLUMBUS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN	5,000.00
COLUMBUS COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS	2,500.00
COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART	2,500.00
COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD	24,250.00
FRONT STEPS	4,000.00
HOMEPORT	2,500.00
INVEST	15,000.00
JAZZ ARTS GROUP	25,000.00
LINCOLN THEATRE ASSOCIATION	2,500.00
MID OHIO FOODBANK	25,000.00
OHIO STATE FAIR	535.00
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK	2,500.00
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE	2,500.00
TECH CORPS	2,500.00
UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL OHIO	100,000.00
WOSU PUBLIC MEDIA	2,500.00
	356,373.41

Form **8868**

(Rev. January 2020)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an  
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No 1545-0047

► File a separate application for each return.  
► Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8868](http://www.irs.gov/Form8868) for the latest information.

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions) For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits](http://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits)

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions The State Auto Foundation	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 31-1257265
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions 518 E Broad Street	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions Columbus, OH 43215

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

0  4 

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

• The books are in the care of ► Michael E. LaRocco

Telephone No ► 317-931-7361 Fax No. ► 317-931-6602

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ►

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box ►  If it is for part of the group, check this box ►  and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until November 15, 20 20, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for  
 ►  calendar year 20 19 or  
 ►  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason  Initial return  Final return  
 Change in accounting period

3a	If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a	\$ 7,000
b	If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$ 0
c	<b>Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	3c	\$ 7,000

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions