

For calendar year 2019, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019

Name of foundation The Ross Foundation		A Employer identification number 71-6060574	
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 335		Room/suite	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Arkadelphia, AR 71923		B Telephone number (see instructions) (870) 246-9881	
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐ 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 ☐	
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		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 ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 97,711,995		J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	571	571		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents	161,475	161,475		
	b Net rental income or (loss) 161,475				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 	1,908,532			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 2,589,676				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		1,936,784		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less: Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule) 	84,250	84,250		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	2,154,828	2,183,080		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	333,348			333,348
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	271,021			271,021
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	179,799			179,789
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule) 	900			900
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) 	24,494			24,494
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest	112,940			109,255
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) 	140,979			124,135
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion 	37,452			
	20 Occupancy	18,219			18,219
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	7,110			7,035
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule) 	136,369			175,224
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,262,631	0		1,243,420
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	818,658			816,608
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	2,081,289	0		2,060,028
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	73,539			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		2,183,080		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	11,123	11,124	11,124
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	321,559	386,323	386,323
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ <u>12,694</u>			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____		12,694	12,694
	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	19,613	30,367	30,367
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ <u>26,397</u>			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____	38,197	26,397	26,397	
12 Investments—mortgage loans				
13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ <u>1,258,516</u>				
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>647,923</u>	615,218	610,593	610,593	
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	97,229,653	96,634,497	96,634,497	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	98,235,363	97,711,995	97,711,995	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	163,602	142,514	
	18 Grants payable	38,300	40,350	
	19 Deferred revenue	83,886	80,705	
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	2,560,000	3,055,219	
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	2,845,788	3,318,788	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	95,389,575		
	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 (see instructions)	95,389,575	94,393,207	
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	98,235,363	97,711,995		

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	95,389,575
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	73,539
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	95,463,114
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	1,069,907
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29 .	6	94,393,207

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a Timber	P	2014-01-01	2019-01-01
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 2,589,676		652,892	1,936,784
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col.(h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			1,936,784
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	1,936,784
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	{ 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 does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see 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	1,892,120	1,028,005	1.84058
2017	2,265,842	1,024,887	2.21082
2016	1,593,296	1,020,846	1.56076
2015	1,847,449	1,121,974	1.64661
2014	1,389,477	1,017,275	1.36588

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	8.624643
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	1.724929
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	508,698
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	877,468
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	21,831
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	899,299
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	3,168,439

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	21,831
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	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	21,831
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	21,831
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2019 estimated tax payments and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6a	36,946
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	36,946
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached.	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed ▶	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid ▶	10	15,115
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2020 estimated tax ▶ 15,115 Refunded ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? (see Instructions for definition). <i>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.</i>		No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>		No
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?	Yes	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i>	Yes	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ AR _____		
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation .</i>	Yes	
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 taxable year beginning in 2019? See the instructions for Part XIV. <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i>		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

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		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>www.rossfoundation.us</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>Amanda Fenocchi</u> Telephone no. ► <u>(870) 246-9881</u>			

Located at ► PO Box 335 Arkadelphia AR ZIP+4 ► 71923

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?	16	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ►			

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	1b	No
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ► ☐		
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?	1c	No
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 (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2019? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	2b	
c	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? ☐ 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 Schedule C, Form 4720, 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	No
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?	4b	No

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:		Yes	No
(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		5b	
	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?	☐ 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?		6b	No
	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?		7b	
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 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, 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
See Additional Data Table				
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
David Hunt PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Sr. Forester 40.00	96,414	12,780	7,800
Eric Rhodes PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Forester 40.00	69,331	12,885	7,800
Amanda Fenocchi PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Office Mgr 40.00	57,483	1,975	
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
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ▶		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 The Ross Foundation continued its conservation forestry management program in 2019 by incorporating diverse management techniques which included natural stand management, plantation stand management, hardwood management systems, and unique plant and habitat area management. Conservation forestry objectives are centered on the incorporation of these various management components resulting in stand diversity, plant diversity, and habitat diversity throughout all lands owned and managed by The Ross Foundation as charitable assets. To accomplish its mission, The Ross Foundation employs a full-time staff of professional foresters, biologists, and technicians to design, implement, and monitor a comprehensive conservation forestry management program. In 2019, The Ross Foundation incurred \$441,147 in expenses related to salaries and benefits for professional staff directly related to the continuation of its conservation forestry program. Additionally, expenses totaling \$172,604 were incurred for	613,751
2 The Ross Foundation's land is available to the public for recreational opportunities. During 2019, recreational users enjoyed various pursuits including hunting, fishing, day hiking, camping, horseback riding, picnicking, mountain bike riding, swimming, backpacking, bird watching, nature study, photography and walking for aerobic activity. During 2019, The Ross Foundation spent \$1,083 on materials and \$44,359 in salary and benefits for allocated staff time related to public recreation administration and management activities on The Ross Foundation's property.	45,442
3 The Ross Foundation's lands are available for educational and research activities. In 2019, The Ross Foundation conducted environmental education field trips for Henderson State University ecology students and the Arkansas 4-H Wildlife team to expose them, in an outdoor classroom setting, to the principles of the area's local ecology and how those ecological interactions are incorporated into The Ross Foundation's conservation forestry management activities. Also in 2019, The Ross Foundation provided sites for natural history study, native fauna inventory and assessment, and extension outreach with various natural resource agencies and user groups. Additionally, The Ross Foundation assisted researchers with the University of Arkansas at Monticello School of Forestry in monitoring the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer (an invasive beetle that kills ash trees) on tree species succession in bottomland hardwood stands. The Ross Foundation also assisted in evaluating the progress of an opera	13,574
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	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	490,048
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	26,397
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	516,445
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	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	516,445
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	7,747
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	508,698
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	25,435

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	25,435
2a	Tax on investment income for 2019 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	21,831
b	Income tax for 2019. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	21,831
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	3,604
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	3,604
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	3,604

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	2,060,028
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	1,108,411
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	3,168,439
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions.	5	21,831
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	3,146,608

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				3,604
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.	1,365,976			
b From 2015.	1,829,962			
c From 2016.	1,580,482			
d From 2017.	2,255,160			
e From 2018.	1,877,266			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	8,908,846			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ _____ 3,168,439				
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).	0			
d Applied to 2019 distributable amount.				3,604
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	3,164,835			
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	12,073,681			
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.				0
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).	1,365,976			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	10,707,705			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2015.	1,829,962			
b Excess from 2016.	1,580,482			
c Excess from 2017.	2,255,160			
d Excess from 2018.	1,877,266			
e Excess from 2019.	3,164,835			

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

1a 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 organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2019	(b) 2018	(c) 2017	(d) 2016	
2a 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					

Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

Part XV

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 e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

Mary Elizabeth Eldridge
PO Box 335
Arkadelphia, AR 71923
(870) 246-9881
meeldridge@rossfoundation.us

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

See attachment

c Any submission deadlines:

See attachment

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

See attachment

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 <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	816,608
b <i>Approved for future payment</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total			3b	40,350

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		14	571	
4 Dividends and interest from securities.				
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:				
a Debt-financed property.				
b Not debt-financed property.		16	161,475	
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property				
7 Other investment income.				
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory				1,908,532
9 Net income or (loss) from special events:				
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory				
11 Other revenue:				
a Hunting license fees _____		16	77,365	
b Royalties _____		15	6,885	
c _____				
d _____				
e _____				
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e).			246,296	1,908,532
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).				2,154,826

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Part XVII

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| 1a(1) | | No |
| 1a(2) | | No |

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| 1b(1) | | No |
| 1b(2) | | No |
| 1b(3) | | No |
| 1b(4) | | No |
| 1b(5) | | No |
| 1b(6) | | No |

1c		No
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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

***** 2020-09-25 *****

Signature of officer or trustee Date Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below

(see instr.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Kurt Coburn				
	Firm's name ► Blazek & Vetterling				Firm's EIN ► 76-0269860
	Firm's address ► 2900 Wesleyan Suite 200 Houston, TX 770275132				Phone no. (713) 439-5739

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation				
(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
Ross Whipple	Chairman/Trust. 24.00	51,258	16,825	
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Mary Whipple	Sec./Trustee 16.00	12,000		
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Mary Elizabeth Eldridge	Dir./Trustee 28.00	52,262	13,315	
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Mark Karnes	Tr/Dir of Ops 40.00	121,828	19,213	10,200
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Clark Tennyson	Trustee 16.00	12,000		
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Peggy Clark	Trustee 16.00	12,000		
PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
American Cancer Society 901 N University Little Rock, AR 72207	N/A	PC	Relay for Life	1,000
Arkadelphia Promise Foundation 235 N 11th St Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Scholarship Fund 2019	351,684
Arkadelphia Public Schools235 N 11th St Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	GOV	CONE Foundation and Badger Robotics Team	15,000
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Arkansas Children's Hospital 1 Childrens Way Little Rock, AR 72202	N/A	PC	Log donation	1,260
Arkansas Community Foundation 5 Allied Dr 51110 Bldg 5 Fl 11 Little Rock, AR 72202	N/A	PC	Arkansas Impact Philanthropy - Census Work	8,000
Arkansas Foodbank Network 4301 W 65th St Little Rock, AR 72209	N/A	PC	Food credits for pantries in Clark County	15,000
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Arkansas Forestry Assoc Education F 1213 W 4th St Little Rock, AR 72201	N/A	PC	General support	38,689
Arkansas Game Fish Foundation 2 Natural Resources Dr Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	Conservation work and support work in Regions 4 & 5 in SW AR	125,062
Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry PO Box 55303 Little Rock, AR 72215	N/A	PC	Snack Stick Program for Area Schools	2,000
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship 614 E Emma Ave Ste 119 Springdale, AR 72764	N/A	PC	Ross Scholars	7,000
Baptist Health Foundation 9601 Interstate 630 Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	General support	1,000
City of Arkadelphia700 Clay St Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	GOV	DeSoto Bluff Pavilion	134,497
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Clark County Arts Humanities Council PO Box 396 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	General support	500
Dawson Educational Cooperative 711 Clinton St Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	GOV	Mini-Grant Programs	15,000
Group Living Inc708 Main St Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	2019 Gala	1,000
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Hot Springs Documentary Film Instit 659 Ouachita Ave Hot Springs, AR 71901	N/A	PC	Family Programs at the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival	5,000
Humane Society of Clark County PO Box 435 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Paws & Pearls Dinner	2,000
New Hope Baptist Church615 Dallas 226 Sparkman, AR 71763	N/A	PC	Holiday Cheer program	500
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
The Arkansas Environmental Edu Asso PO Box 1439 North Little Rock, AR 72115	N/A	PC	Workshop Materials for Project WET	300
The Nature Conservancy 601 N University Ave Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	General support	38,689
Vera Lloyd Presb Home and Family Se 1501 N University 345 Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	B-100: Be 100% Without Drugsand Transition Services: Traumatized Youth need vision & tools for tomorrow	15,000
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Arkansas Getting Everyone Outside 210 Locust St Malvern, AR 72104	N/A	PC	Hot Spring County Courthouse - Christmas Lights	4,500
AR State Council on Economic Educat PO Box 3447 Little Rock, AR 72220	N/A	PC	Connecting Educators to Industry Workshop	2,000
Light House MinistriesPO Box 396 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Mini-Split Heating/Cooling Unit for Food Pantry	2,780
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Lions of Arkansas Foundation 512 Sample Road Hazen, AR 72064	N/A	PC	2019 First Responders Appreciation Dinner	1,000
Little League Baseball IncPO Box 573 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Clark County 12U Baseball Team attend Cal Ripken and 12U World Series in Visalia, California	500
Mid-America Science Museum 500 Mid America Blvd Hot Springs, AR 71913	N/A	PC	Global Soundscapes: Mission to Record Earth	7,250
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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				
Museum of Discovery 500 President Clinton Ave Suite 15 Little Rock, AR 72201	N/A	PC	Educational Outreach	2,500
Ouachita Baptist University 410 Ouachita Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Evaluation of Breeding Bird Distributions and Habitat Use	10,250
Pregnancy Resource Center for SWAR 702 Carpenter Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Grant to help receive matching funds	500
Total ▶ 3a				816,608

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Quapaw Area Council Boy Scouts Amer 3220 Cantrell Road Little Rock, AR 72202	N/A	PC	Matching Grant for Camps and Strengthening Leadership in Clark County	7,147
Total  3a				816,608

TY 2019 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Audit services	20,494	0	0	20,494
Tax compliance	4,000	0	0	4,000

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TY 2019 Depreciation Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 19009920

Software Version: 2019v5.0

Depreciation Schedule

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
Buildings	2001-01-01	901,757	363,845	SL	39.0000	28,064			
Equipment	2001-01-01	265,640	240,306	SL	5.0000	6,228			
Automobiles	2017-03-14	15,800	6,320	SL	5.0000	3,160			

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TY 2019 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 19009920

Software Version: 2019v5.0

Gain Loss Sale Other Assets Schedule

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
Loss on dispoal of charitable-use assets	2002-02	Purchase	2019-12			28,252	Cost		-28,252	

TY 2019 Investments - Land Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0

Category/ Item	Cost/Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Land	26,397		26,397	26,397

**TY 2019 Land, Etc.
Schedule****Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Auto./Transportation Equip.	15,800	9,480	6,320	6,320
Machinery and Equipment	265,640	246,534	19,106	19,106
Buildings	901,757	391,909	509,848	509,848
Land	75,319		75,319	75,319

TY 2019 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
General governance & counsel	900	0	0	900

TY 2019 Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 19009920

Software Version: 2019v5.0

Total Mortgage Amount: 1,745,000

Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule

Item No.	1
Lender's Name	Clark County Arkansas
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	None
Original Amount of Loan	10,000,000
Balance Due	1,745,000
Date of Note	2006-12
Maturity Date	2021-12
Repayment Terms	Semi-annual payments of P&I
Interest Rate	4.2500
Security Provided by Borrower	12,838 acres of timber land
Purpose of Loan	Acquire timber land
Description of Lender Consideration	Cash
Consideration FMV	1745000

Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule

Item No.	2
Lender's Name	The Citizens Bank
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	None
Original Amount of Loan	2,000,000
Balance Due	1,310,219
Date of Note	2019-10
Maturity Date	2021-10
Repayment Terms	N/A
Interest Rate	
Security Provided by Borrower	N/A
Purpose of Loan	Acquire timber tracts
Description of Lender Consideration	Line of Credit
Consideration FMV	1310219

TY 2019 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 19009920

Software Version: 2019v5.0

Description	Amount
Unrealized decrease in value of timber and related land	1,069,907

TY 2019 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Computer service and programming	9,600			9,600
Conservation and wildlife expenses	65,564			104,405
Dues and subscriptions	5,015			5,015
Insurance	52,414			52,428
Office supplies	3,573			3,573
Other expenses	203			203

TY 2019 Other Income Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0**Other Income Schedule**

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Hunting license fees	77,365	77,365	
Royalties	6,885	6,885	

TY 2019 Taxes Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 19009920**Software Version:** 2019v5.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Excise tax	15,000			
Property tax	125,004			123,160
State tax	975			975



The Ross Foundation
P.O. Box 335
Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923

Information for Grant Applicants and Guidelines for Submitting Proposal

History

The Ross Foundation began operation in early 1967. It was founded by Esther Ross and her daughter, Jane Ross. Its initial endowment came from the estate of Esther's father and Jane's grandfather, J.G. Clark. From the original core lands used to endow the Ross Foundation, the Foundation has grown to approximately 63,000 acres of land, primarily situated in Clark County and Hot Spring County, Arkansas. These lands are held for conservation and charitable purposes. Through the use of good forest management practices, revenue is produced and used to fund the Foundation's philanthropic program. Jane Ross, Robert C. Rhodes and H.W. "Bill" McMillan served as the Foundation's first trustees. The current trustees are: Ross M. Whipple, Chairman; Mary Elizabeth Eldridge; Mark Karnes; Clark Tennyson; Peggy Clark; and Mary Whipple.

General Purpose

The Ross Foundation seeks proposals for innovative programs and projects from organizations which can demonstrate tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) or public charity status under Sections 509 (a)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code. From the Ross Foundation's beginning, it has primarily concentrated its grants in the following areas: education, arts and cultural enrichment, community beautification and improvement, historical preservation, mental health and the developmentally disabled, and forestry research and conservation management. The major focus of the Foundation's philanthropic program has historically been restricted to projects that are located in the Clark County, Arkansas area. Funding is not provided for political lobbying, political advocacy or legislative activities, or grants to individuals. Funding is generally not provided for operating expenses of established agencies, grants to foreign organizations, grants for foreign expenditure, or debt reduction drives.

Application Procedure

Thank you for your interest in strengthening our community. If you believe that your project or organization meets our guidelines, we invite you to apply for a grant. The application process consists of two steps. The first step is the preparation of a pre-proposal, which *may be made at any time during the year*. The pre-proposal is reviewed to determine if the proposal is within the area of interest of the Ross Foundation. Pre-proposals consist of information provided on a one-page form that is attached to these guidelines. The pre-proposal form requests general information about the organization applying and a brief description of the proposed project. A preliminary budget and letter communicating the pre-proposal should be attached and signed by an official who has the authority to sign contracts for that organization. Pre-proposals are accepted at any time. Trustees will review the pre-proposals that have been received to date at each monthly board meeting.

Those pre-proposals approved by the Trustees will be asked to submit a full proposal. The trustees of the Ross Foundation consider full proposals and approve grants three times a year.

Full Proposals Received by:	Will be Reviewed by:	Funds for Approved Projects Will be Available by:
October 1	November 30	January 1 of the next year
February 1	March 31	May 1
June 1	July 31	September 1

You will be notified of the Board's decision on your full proposal within two weeks following the board meeting at which the proposal is considered. In addition to the submission of a grant application, we may also request additional information or a site visit during the application process.

Full Proposal

If you are asked to submit a full proposal to the Ross Foundation, please comply with the following guidelines. By submitting an application to the Ross Foundation it is understood that the party responsible for submission of a grant application has obtained the necessary approval to submit the application from the applying agency's board of directors. One application should be submitted, unbound, and include the following information:

1. Applicant Information shall include:

- Brief description of the nature and history of the applying organization (This description should state the year that the organization was formed, explain the primary purpose of the organization and state its general area of operation.)
- Brief description of the applying organization's current programs, activities and accomplishments
- Financial Information. The Ross Foundation needs to understand the financial structure of the applying organization. As such, please provide pertinent financial information, such as an audited financial statement, reviewed statement, a compilation statement, or a tax return. We may request additional information at a later date.
- List of current board members

2. A copy of an IRS letter verifying the applying organization's Section 501 (c)(3) status or public charity status under Sections 509(a)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if applicable, and an affirmation letter signed by a responsible officer, director, trustee or chief executive of the organization that the IRS determination letter has not been revoked and that the present operation of the organization and its current sources of support are not inconsistent with the organization's continuing classification stated in the determination letter.

3. Proposal Details shall include:

- Statement of need / problem to be addressed (This statement should describe the specific need that has been identified.)
- Narrative describing how the project will be conducted (It is understood that the size and nature of this narrative will vary depending on the characteristics of each project.)
- Description of project goals and the programs /activities planned to accomplish these goals
- Timeline for the project, if appropriate
- List of other organizations, if any, cooperating in the implementation or funding of the project
- List of names of key staff / volunteers responsible for project implementation
- List of other individuals, corporations and foundations to whom you have submitted a grant application for this project, and any results (or projected results) from these other sources
- Long term sources / strategies for funding of project at the end of the grant period, if appropriate
- Expected impact, such as how the persons served will benefit, how your organization will benefit, and how the community as a whole will benefit

4. A statement regarding how the organization will evaluate the success of this project and how and when it will be measured.

5. Project Budget (depending on the nature of the project, the budget should contain all or part of the following items):

- Salaries, wages, fringe benefits, consultants
- Travel expenses, including per diem
- Expendable materials and supplies
- Equipment
- Cost to conduct evaluation of project
- Existing organization funds which can be contributed to this project
- An itemized list of other costs that may be associated with this project

If the project involves the use of funds from other sources, the source should be identified, and please indicate what percentage of the total funds needed to carry out the project is being requested of the Ross Foundation. The following format would be useful in presenting this information:

Item	Funds Requested from Ross Foundation	Funds furnished by other sources	Total Cost
Salaries	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----
Travel	-----	-----	-----
Supplies	-----	-----	-----
Equipment	-----	-----	-----
Itemized List of Other Cost	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----

A description of major equipment should be attached to the budget sheet.

No changes in the use of approved grant funds or in the direction of the project or program may be made without the Ross Foundation's prior written approval.

Monitoring Grants, Payment and Grant Evaluation

The purpose of monitoring is to help the grantee succeed, to help the foundation evaluate the success of the grant and to receive input from the grantee on the project and other projects which might evolve from it. Once grants are approved, the Ross Foundation staff may monitor grants by telephone, correspondence and/or site visits.

Grants may be paid in full or in installments based upon the Acceptance Agreement set up by the Ross Foundation and grantee.

Grantees will be asked to make a final report that complies with the Ross Foundation's reporting guidelines and may be asked to make interim reports if funding is disbursed in installments. Once a project is concluded, grantees are required to evaluate the project in light of its original goals, numbers of people served, outcomes and social impact. We expect grantees to be honest about failures as well as about success. Reporting requirements will be set forth in the Acceptance Agreement set up between the Ross Foundation and grantee.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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PRE-PROPOSAL INFORMATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE ORGANIZATION
ESTABLISHED: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTRACTING AGENT:
(If different from Contact Person) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF REQUEST: _____

(Please also attach a preliminary budget for this project)

TIME FRAME OF PROJECT: _____

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROJECT: (Summary must be limited to the space provided)