

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
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OMB No 1545-0047
2015
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2015, and ending 08-31-2016

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization
 Billings Education Association

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 510 North 29th Street

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 Billings, MT 59101

D Employer identification number
 81-0304158

E Telephone number
 (406) 248-9812

G Gross receipts \$ 233,575

F Name and address of principal officer

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ N/A

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1925

M State of legal domicile MT

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
 The mission of the Organization is to advocate for its members' human, constitutional, and professional rights. The Organization supports the goals of professional excellence, economic security for educators, adequate financing for public education, and strives to be a leader in solving social problems related to education.

Activities & Governance

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

| | | |
|--|----|-----|
| 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 10 |
| 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 6 |
| 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 2 |
| 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 120 |
| 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 0 |
| 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | |

| | | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|------------|--------------|
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 248,441 | 252,507 |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | 0 |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 2,139 | -18,932 |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | 0 |
| | 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 250,580 | 233,575 |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | 0 |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 142,518 | 159,158 |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 0 |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ ⁰ | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 72,144 | 78,694 |
| | 18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 216,162 | 239,352 |
| 19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 34,418 | -5,777 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 853,266 | 843,334 |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 10,355 | 6,200 |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 842,911 | 837,134 |

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, in my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: _____
 Rita Wells President
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Laune Brogan
 Preparer's signature: Laune Brogan

Firm's name ▶ MANGIS ACCOUNTING CPA PC
 Firm's address ▶ 923 Broadwater Square
 Billings, MT 591011634

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The mission of the Organization is to advocate for its members' human, constitutional, and professional rights. The Organization supports the goals of professional excellence, economic security for educators, adequate financing for public education, and strives to be a leader in solving social problems related to education.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 176,864 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Representation of Billings teachers, educators, clinicians, and therapists and advocacy for their human, constitutional, and professional rights. Recognition of student excellence through a scholarship program and recognition of student need through an assistance program.














4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 176,864

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | | No |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?  | Yes | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | | No |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | No |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | | No |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>  | | No |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>  | | No |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>  | | No |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>  | | No |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>  | Yes | |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable | | |
| a | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>  | Yes | |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>  | Yes | |
| c | Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>  | | No |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>  | Yes | |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>  | | No |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>  | | No |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>  | | No |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>  | | No |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | No |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | No |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> | | No |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> | | No |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> | | No |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) | | No |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | | No |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | No |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | No |
| b | If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | | |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Answer. Rows include questions 21 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, tax-exempt bond issues, and controlled entities.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No columns. Includes sub-questions for various IRS forms and reporting requirements.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (10); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (6); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (Yes); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (Yes); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? (No); 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (No); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (No); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (No); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (No); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (No); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? (No).

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website, [X] Another's website, [X] Upon request, [] Other (explain in Schedule O); 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: Bonnie Schellinger, 510 N 29th ST, Billings, MT 59101 (406) 248-9812.

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's current officers, directors, trustees... List all of the organization's current key employees... List the organization's five current highest compensated employees... List all of the organization's former officers, key employees... List all of the organization's former directors or trustees...

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and Title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and Title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Summary rows: 1b Sub-Total, c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A, d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

| | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 | |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns 1a _____ | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues 1b _____ 180,432 | | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events 1c _____ | | | | | |
| | d Related organizations 1d _____ | | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) 1e _____ | | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 72,075 | | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶ | | 252,507 | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a _____ Business Code _____ | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | |
| | d _____ | | | | | |
| | e _____ | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶ | | 0 | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶ | | -18,932 | -18,932 | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶ | | 0 | | | |
| | 5 Royalties ▶ | | 0 | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | b Less rental expenses | | | | |
| | | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) ▶ | | 0 | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) ▶ | | 0 | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a | | | | | |
| | | b Less direct expenses b | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶ | | 0 | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a | | | | | |
| | | b Less direct expenses b | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶ | | 0 | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a | | | | | |
| b Less cost of goods sold b | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶ | | | 0 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
| 11a _____ | | | | | | |
| b _____ | | | | | | |
| c _____ | | | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶ | | 0 | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶ | | 233,575 | -18,932 | | | |

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 | 0 | | | |
| 2 | Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 | 1,500 | 1,500 | | |
| 3 | Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | 0 | | | |
| 4 | Benefits paid to or for members | 0 | | | |
| 5 | Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 106,957 | 106,957 | | |
| 6 | Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | 0 | | | |
| 7 | Other salaries and wages | 43,039 | 7,591 | 35,448 | |
| 8 | Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 1,157 | | 1,157 | |
| 9 | Other employee benefits | 3,953 | 3,953 | | |
| 10 | Payroll taxes | 4,052 | | 4,052 | |
| 11 | Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a | Management | 0 | | | |
| b | Legal | 0 | | | |
| c | Accounting | 4,800 | | 4,800 | |
| d | Lobbying | 0 | | | |
| e | Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 | 0 | | | |
| f | Investment management fees | 0 | | | |
| g | Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) | 0 | | | |
| 12 | Advertising and promotion | 0 | | | |
| 13 | Office expenses | 2,941 | 2,353 | 588 | |
| 14 | Information technology | 0 | | | |
| 15 | Royalties | 0 | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | 23,210 | 18,800 | 4,410 | |
| 17 | Travel | 960 | 600 | 360 | |
| 18 | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | 0 | | | |
| 19 | Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 17,213 | 15,836 | 1,377 | |
| 20 | Interest | 0 | | | |
| 21 | Payments to affiliates | 0 | | | |
| 22 | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 2,385 | | 2,385 | |
| 23 | Insurance | 1,783 | 1,426 | 357 | |
| 24 | Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O) | | | | |
| a | PAC Distributions | 9,050 | 9,050 | | |
| b | Public Relations | 4,924 | | 4,924 | |
| c | Telephone | 2,553 | 2,042 | 511 | |
| d | Dues and Subscriptions | 2,352 | 600 | 1,752 | |
| e | All other expenses | 6,523 | 6,156 | 367 | |
| 25 | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 239,352 | 176,864 | 62,488 | 0 |
| 26 | Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

| | | (A) | | (B) |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | | Beginning of year | | End of year |
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | 89,398 | 1 | 89,201 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 44,173 | 2 | 38,943 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | 0 |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | 0 |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | 0 |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | 0 |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | 0 |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | 0 |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 1,783 | 9 | 0 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 55,201 | | |
| | b Less accumulated depreciation | 10b 45,654 | 11,932 | 10c 9,547 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | 0 |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | 595,337 | 12 | 595,292 |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | 0 |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | 0 |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 110,643 | 15 | 110,351 |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 853,266 | 16 | 843,334 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 10,355 | 17 | 6,200 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 10,355 | 26 | 6,200 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | |
| | 27 Unrestricted net assets | 719,731 | 27 | 710,834 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | 11,820 | 28 | 14,852 |
| | 29 Permanently restricted net assets | 111,360 | 29 | 111,448 |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | |
| | 30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| 33 Total net assets or fund balances | 842,911 | 33 | 837,134 | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 853,266 | 34 | 843,334 | |

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 233,575 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 239,352 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | -5,777 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 842,911 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 837,134 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O | | |
| 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | Yes | |
| b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | No |
| c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O | | No |
| 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | | No |
| b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | | |

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
Billings Education Association
Employer identification number
81-0304158

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |
| 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

| | Held at the End of the Year |
|---|-----------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

| | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | 110,642 | 110,796 | 107,337 | 103,475 | 99,243 |
| b Contributions | 88 | 175 | 3,558 | 3,720 | 4,268 |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | 1,090 | 1,419 | 1,598 | 1,701 |
| d Grants or scholarships | | 1,419 | 1,518 | 1,456 | 1,564 |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | 173 |
| g End of year balance | 110,730 | 110,642 | 110,796 | 107,337 | 103,475 |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

| | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | No |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | No |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | No |

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | 6,699 | 3,917 | 2,782 |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | 48,502 | 41,737 | 6,765 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) | | | | 9,547 |

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|----------------|---|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely-held equity interests | 595,292 | F |
| (3) Other | | |
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| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) | 595,292 | |

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value |
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| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) | | |

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| (1) Certificates of Deposits | 110,350 |
| (2) Rounding | 1 |
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| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) | 110,351 |

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| Federal income taxes | |
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| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) | |

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | 1 | 233,575 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12 | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 2d | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 233,575 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 4b | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12) | | 5 | 233,575 |

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | 1 | 239,352 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 2d | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 239,352 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 : | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 4b | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18) | | 5 | 239,352 |

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**2015****Open to Public
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder | The organization has members as part of a common group of workers and is organized for the purpose of acting on behalf of members as a bargaining unit, advocate of members' human, constitutional, and professional rights, and educational excellence and freedoms |
| Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Form 990 Review Process | The organization was provided with a finalized copy of the tax return and Form 8879 along with instructions to return a signed Form 8879 upon approval of the Form 990 by an authoritative representative of the organization |

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available | Governing documents, policies and procedures, and financial statements are available for view ing in the business office |