

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/20, and ending 06/30/21

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

C Name of organization: Sterling College
 Doing business as: _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: P.O. Box 72
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Craftsbury Common VT 05827

D Employer identification number: 03-0197728

E Telephone number: 802-586-7711

G Gross receipts: \$ 10,252,342

F Name and address of principal officer:
Lori Collins-Hall
P.O. Box 72
Craftsbury Common VT 05827

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

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () t (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: www.sterlingcollege.edu

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 1958

M State of legal domicile: VT

H(c) Group exemption number U

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>See Schedule O</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<u>21</u>
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	<u>21</u>
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	<u>105</u>
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	<u>10</u>
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	<u>0</u>
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	<u>0</u>	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>4,229,805</u>	<u>3,754,231</u>
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>5,892,522</u>	<u>5,902,126</u>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>17,586</u>	<u>144,841</u>
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>24,026</u>	<u>16,288</u>
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>10,163,939</u>	<u>9,817,486</u>
Expenses	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>3,912,216</u>	<u>4,017,859</u>
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>2,811,771</u>	<u>3,236,232</u>
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>416,034</u>	<u>2,588,201</u>	<u>2,332,926</u>
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<u>9,312,188</u>	<u>9,587,017</u>
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>851,751</u>	<u>230,469</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>8,767,919</u>	<u>8,938,081</u>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>2,615,983</u>	<u>2,507,095</u>
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>6,151,936</u>	<u>6,430,986</u>

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer: _____ Date: _____
Lori Collins-Hall Interim President
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Bret Hodgdon Preparer's signature: Bret Hodgdon Date: 05/16/22 Check if self-employed PTIN: P00497283

Firm's name: Davis & Hodgdon Associates CPAs, PLC Firm's EIN: 03-0325875
 Firm's address: 33 Blair Park Rd Ste 201
Williston, VT 05495 Phone no.: 802-878-1963

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ 6,231,527 including grants of \$ 4,017,859) (Revenue \$ 4,949,801) Provided post-secondary education and continuing education academic instruction to college students.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 624,634 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) Costs incurred for recruiting, enrolling, and providing health and counseling services to students.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 364,524 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 947,666) Provided dining services, housing, and working farm opportunities for students.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 65,811 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 4,659)

4e Total program service expenses u 7,286,496

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>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	X	
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
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>	X	
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
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>	X	
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>	X	
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>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	X	
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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		X
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>		X
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>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
25b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
28a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee counts, tax filings, and organizational status.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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 columns 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9 and Yes/No columns. Contains questions about voting members, family relationships, and governance documents.

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

Table with columns 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b and Yes/No columns. Contains questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, and compensation.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed u None
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on 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 u Ms. Lori Collins-Hall P.O. Box 72 Craftsbury Common VT 05827 802-586-7711

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 (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Peter Chehayl Chair	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Allison Hooper Vice Chair	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Eric Becker Treasurer	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Wendy Koenig Secretary	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Devorah Alfond Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Margo Baldwin Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Cathy Berry Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Mary Berry Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Richard Detweiler Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Catherine Donnelly Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Ellen Falduto Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) Kenneth Gibbons Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) Christopher Janeway Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) Jon Larsen Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) Steven Thurston Oliver Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) Helen Ouellette Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) Sherilyn Peterson Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) Jo D. Saffair Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(19) Chief Don Stevens Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
1b Subtotal u										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A u								126,115		45,369
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) u								126,115		45,369

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 u 1

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

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.

(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 u 0

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				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,705,012			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,049,219			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 6,000			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u	3,754,231			
Program Service Revenue	2a Tuition & Fees	Business Code 611600	4,949,801	4,949,801		
	b Auxiliary Enterprises	611600	947,666	947,666		
	c Program Service Revenue	611600	4,659	4,659		
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u	5,902,126			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	12,989		12,989	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u				
	5 Royalties	u				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	16,288			
		(ii) Personal				
		6b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c	16,288			
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u	16,288		16,288	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	566,708			
		(ii) Other				
		7b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	7b	434,856		
		c Gain or (loss)	7c	131,852		
	d Net gain or (loss)	u	131,852		131,852	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
8b Less: direct expenses		8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	u					
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	9b Less: direct expenses	9b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u				
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code				
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u				
12 Total revenue. See instructions	u	9,817,486	5,902,126	0	161,129	

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				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	4,017,859	4,017,859		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	215,984	154,091	47,073	14,820
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,662,466	1,899,505	580,280	182,681
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	84,846	60,533	18,492	5,821
9 Other employee benefits	24,530	17,499	5,348	1,683
10 Payroll taxes	248,406	177,222	54,140	17,044
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	20,749	4,159	16,590	
c Accounting	27,564		27,564	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 7				
f Investment management fees	5,423		5,423	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	503,637	299,587	138,999	65,051
12 Advertising and promotion	83,557		8,689	74,868
13 Office expenses	257,360	149,169	77,204	30,987
14 Information technology	530		530	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	311,731	5,669	306,062	
17 Travel	37,630	26,392	10,663	575
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,160	152	732	2,276
20 Interest	99,843		99,843	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	217,299	6,568	210,731	
23 Insurance	236,177	68,695	167,482	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Food	189,576	189,576		
b Course Costs	95,571	95,571		
c Memberships	78,754	50,408	17,995	10,351
d Bank Fees	60,376	282	60,094	
e All other expenses	103,989	63,559	30,553	9,877
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	9,587,017	7,286,496	1,884,487	416,034
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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	266,857	1	345,927
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	573,445	2	1,054,929
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,533,985	3	2,545,002
	4 Accounts receivable, net	61,848	4	300,681
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	46,141	9	10,340
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 6,703,535		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 3,628,585	3,059,662	10c 3,074,950
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	1,063,733	11	1,248,156
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	162,248	15	358,096
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	8,767,919	16	8,938,081	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	436,552	17	411,963
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	455,079	19	190,082
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	1,724,352	23	1,905,050
	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	2,615,983	26	2,507,095
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	739,795	27	971,410
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	5,412,141	28	5,459,576
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances	6,151,936	32	6,430,986	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	8,767,919	33	8,938,081	

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	9,817,486
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	9,587,017
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	230,469
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	6,151,936
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	48,581
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 on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	6,430,986

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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	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 on Schedule O.	X	
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?	X	
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	X	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(20) Michael Tessler Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(21) Michael Philipp Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(22) Matthew Derr President	40.00 0.00			X				126,115	0	45,369
(23) Lori Collins-Hall Interim President	40.00 0.00			X				0	0	0
1b Subtotal								126,115		45,369
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 u

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		

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.

(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 u

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

2020

Department of the Treasury
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u **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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Name of the organization <p style="text-align:center;">Sterling College</p>	Employer identification number <p style="text-align:center;">03-0197728</p>
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 331/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f); 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.); 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Percentage, %. Row 14: Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
Row 15: Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?
 - b** A family member of a person described in line 11a above?
 - c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? *If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.*

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
 - b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
 - c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).
- 2** Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.
- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*
 - b** Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*
- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.
- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.*
 - b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020			
a From 2015			
b From 2016			
c From 2017			
d From 2018			
e From 2019			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016			
b Excess from 2017			
c Excess from 2018			
d Excess from 2019			
e Excess from 2020			

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u 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. u Attach to Form 990.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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? (Yes/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? (Yes/No)

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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. (2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year u, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located u, 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 u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u \$, 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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 u \$, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$, 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 u \$, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$

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 make 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 program
 - 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 on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	1,063,733	1,078,597	1,018,241	940,672	1,035,414
b Contributions	200			9,358	5,250
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	185,811	36,073	109,993	68,211	101,008
d Grants or scholarships					-201,000
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	-1,588	-50,937	-49,637		
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	1,248,156	1,063,733	1,078,597	1,018,241	940,672

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment u 49.00 %
 - b Permanent endowment u 51.00 %
 - c Term endowment u %
- 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 | | X |
| (ii) Related organizations | | X |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 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" on 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		442,037		442,037
b Buildings		4,856,880	2,525,479	2,331,401
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		985,606	701,983	283,623
e Other		419,012	401,123	17,889
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				3,074,950

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include Financial derivatives, Closely held equity interests, and Other (A-H).

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows numbered 1 through 9.

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows numbered 1 through 9.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes Federal income taxes, followed by rows 2-9.

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII. [X]

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	5,842,785
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a 48,581		
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	48,581
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	5,794,204
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 4,023,282		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	4,023,282
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	9,817,486

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	5,563,735
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	5,563,735
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 4,023,282		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	4,023,282
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	9,587,017

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.

Part X - FIN 48 Footnote

The College annually files an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, tax return in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. The College is no longer subject to U.S. Federal income tax examination by tax authorities for the years prior to June 30, 2018. In the normal course of business, the College is subject to examination by various taxing authorities. Although the outcome of tax audits is always uncertain, the management of the College believes that there are no significant unrecognized tax liabilities at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Part XI, Line 4b - Revenue Amounts Included on Return - Other

Investment expenses \$ 5,423

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Student financial aid \$ 4,017,859

Part XII, Line 4b - Expense Amounts Included on Return - Other

Investment expenses \$ 5,423

Student financial aid \$ 4,017,859

Multiple horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information entry.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy on its primary publicly accessible Internet homepage at all times during its taxable year in a manner reasonably expected to be noticed by visitors to the homepage, or through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II	X	
Sterling recruits its students nationally and the racially nondiscriminatory policy of the institution is clearly stated in all recruiting materials. Management believes that the placement of ads in local newspapers or in the local broadcast media would not serve the purpose of notifying prospective		
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	X	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	X	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?		X
b Admissions policies?		X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		X
e Educational policies?		X
f Use of facilities?		X
g Athletic programs?		X
h Other extracurricular activities?		X
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	X	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?		X
If you answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II	X	

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Sch E - Publication of Nondiscriminatory Policy in Media Explanation
students of such policies and that compliance with Section 403
is satisfied.

Sch E - Financial Aid or Government Assistance Explanation
College receives federal aid as tuition reimbursement for students
eligible to receive aid.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)								
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table u
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table u

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule I (Form 990) (2020)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1 Grants paid to individual		4,017,859			
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

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SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- First-class or charter travel
Travel for companions
Tax indemnification and gross-up payments
Discretionary spending account
Housing allowance or residence for personal use
Payments for business use of personal residence
Health or social club dues or initiation fees
Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- Compensation committee
Independent compensation consultant
Form 990 of other organizations
Written employment contract
Compensation survey or study
Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows correspond to questions 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9.

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
Matthew Derr 1 President	(i) 126,115 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	30,075 0	15,294 0	171,484 0	0 0
2	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
3	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
4	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
5	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
6	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
7	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
8	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
9	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
10	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
11	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
12	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
13	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
14	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
15	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....
16	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii)	(i) (ii) .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Part I, Line 3 - Related Org Methods Used for Compensation Explanation

The Board examined and reviewed information and updates on comparable

Presidential compensation for small institutions.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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- u Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- u Attach to Form 990.
- u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization

Sterling College

Employer identification number

03-0197728

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles	X	1	6,000	
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded				
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other u ()				
26 Other u ()				
27 Other u ()				
28 Other u ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

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	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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.

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Form 990 - Organization's Mission

Sterling College uses education as a force to advance ecological thinking and action through affordable experiential learning that prepares people to be knowledgeable, skilled, and responsible leaders in the communities in which they live. We address critical ecological problems caused by unlimited growth and consumption that is destroying the planet as we have known it, such as: fossil fuel dependence and rapid climate change, destruction of biodiversity and loss of wild places, promotion of harmful agricultural practices that threaten human and natural communities, persistence of structural oppression that impacts human and ecological wellbeing, and the deterioration of civil society through estrangement from community, nature, and place.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishments

Costs to operate and maintain facilities, includes a library for the continued education and use of students.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 4 - Significant Changes to Organizational Documents

The bylaws were updated in February 2021.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The leadership team, including the Interim President/Senior Vice President, Vice President of Advancement, and the Finance Officer review the draft of the 990 for corrections. When the 990 is complete, the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees reviews and approves the 990. They also share it with

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the Board of Trustees before filing. The President (or Senior VP) signs the 990 for the organization.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy
Each year, in or around the Spring/Summer Board meeting, and prior to the fiscal year, the Trustees complete a conflict of interest form. New Trustees also complete it as they are approved by the Board of Trustees. This process is administered by the Vice President for Advancement, who serves as the Secretary to the Board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official
The Board of Trustees appoints, evaluates and sets compensation for the President. The Executive Committee administers a formal evaluation and review of the President's contract every five years. The last evaluation was conducted by The Registry. Compensation is set during the contract period, including a schedule for incremental raises over the contract period. Adjustments or modifications required or requested between contracts follow the same process of review and recommendation by the Executive Committee and approval by the full Board of Trustees.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers
Compensation for Officers is set by the President, with review of comparable organizations, market areas, and the organization's general rate of compensation. The President may also approve periodic equity or across the board increases for officers and employees.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

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The Organization makes its governing documents available to the general public by providing copies upon request.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - Other Changes in Net Assets Explanation

Investment expenses \$ -5,423

Student financial aid \$ -4,017,859

Investment expenses \$ 5,423

Student financial aid \$ 4,017,859

Form 990/990PF	Rent Income and Deduction Worksheet	2020
Name Sterling College		Taxpayer Identification Number 03-0197728
Description Rental income		

Use this summary worksheet to verify data entered for a specific activity for your rental information

1. Gross rents	1.	16,288
Expenses (see details on worksheets below):		
2. Fees for services	2.	
3. Depreciation Expense	3.	
4. Direct Expense	4.	
5. Total expenses. Add lines 8 through 12	5.	
6. Net Income/Loss. Line 7 minus Line 13	6.	16,288

Expense Details - Fees for Services:

Accounting	
Legal	
Commissions	
Management	
Other Professional Fees	
Total Fees for Services	

Expense Details - Depreciation Expense:

On non-investment property	
On investment property	
Amortization	
Depletion	
Total Depreciation Expense	

Expense Details - Direct Expense:

Interest	
Taxes/licenses	
Occupancy Expenses	
Repairs & Maintenance	
Travel/conferences/meetings	
Printing & Publication	
Advertising	
Insurance	
Utilities	
Supplies	
Other expenses	
Total Direct Expense	

Information is indicated for use on Form 990-T, Schedule A:

- Part IV, Rent Income
- Part V, Debt Financing
- Part VI, Controlled Org Income
- Part VII, Investments for C(7)(9)(17)

Expense Allocation to Program Service Accomplishments for 990/990EZ:

- First
- Second
- Third
- All other

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Form 990/990-PF	Electronic Filing - PDF Attachment Report	2020
For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning 07/01/20 , and ending 06/30/21		

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Title	Attachment Source	Proforma
MANUALLY ATTACHED TO RETURN Made Changes to Organizing Documents, Etc.	I:\Common\CURRENT PROJECTS\2021 OPEN PROJECTS\8750 Sterling College\Bylaws-2021-Final.pdf	

Form 990	Two Year Comparison Report	2019 & 2020
For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning 07/01/20, ending 06/30/21		

Name _____ Taxpayer Identification Number _____

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		2019	2020	Differences
Revenue	1. Contributions, gifts, grants	3,399,345	2,049,219	-1,350,126
	2. Membership dues and assessments			
	3. Government contributions and grants	830,460	1,705,012	874,552
	4. Program service revenue	5,892,522	5,902,126	9,604
	5. Investment income	17,586	12,989	-4,597
	6. Proceeds from tax exempt bonds			
	7. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory		131,852	131,852
	8. Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			
	9. Net income or (loss) from gaming			
	10. Net gain or (loss) on sales of inventory			
	11. Other revenue	24,026	16,288	-7,738
	12. Total revenue. Add lines 1 through 11	10,163,939	9,817,486	-346,453
Expenses	13. Grants and similar amounts paid	3,912,216	4,017,859	105,643
	14. Benefits paid to or for members			
	15. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	234,619	215,984	-18,635
	16. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	2,577,152	3,020,248	443,096
	17. Professional fundraising fees			
	18. Other professional fees	501,898	557,373	55,475
	19. Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	277,395	311,731	34,336
	20. Depreciation and Depletion	284,260	217,299	-66,961
	21. Other expenses	1,524,648	1,246,523	-278,125
	22. Total expenses. Add lines 13 through 21	9,312,188	9,587,017	274,829
	23. Excess or (Deficit). Subtract line 22 from line 12	851,751	230,469	-621,282
Other Information	24. Total exempt revenue	10,163,939	9,817,486	-346,453
	25. Total unrelated revenue			
	26. Total excludable revenue	5,934,134	6,063,255	129,121
	27. Total assets	8,767,919	8,938,081	170,162
	28. Total liabilities	2,615,983	2,507,095	-108,888
	29. Retained earnings	6,151,936	6,430,986	279,050
	30. Number of voting members of governing body	17	21	
	31. Number of independent voting members of governing body	17	21	
	32. Number of employees	140	105	
	33. Number of volunteers	10	10	

Federal Statements

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Taxable Interest on Investments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Interest Income	\$ 2,190		14			
Total	\$ 2,190					

Taxable Dividends from Securities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Dividends	\$ 10,799		14			
Total	\$ 10,799					

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
Contracted Services	\$ 503,637	\$ 299,587	\$ 138,999	\$ 65,051
Total	<u>\$ 503,637</u>	<u>\$ 299,587</u>	<u>\$ 138,999</u>	<u>\$ 65,051</u>

Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
Miscellaneous	\$ 30,871	\$ 14,454	\$ 6,737	\$ 9,680
Periodicals	19,087	17,655	1,235	197
Equipment Repair	18,881	385	18,496	
Recruitment	14,375	10,290	4,085	
Bad Debts	12,540	12,540		
Honoraria	6,065	6,065		
Professional Books	2,170	2,170		
Total	<u>\$ 103,989</u>	<u>\$ 63,559</u>	<u>\$ 30,553</u>	<u>\$ 9,877</u>