

Return of Private Foundation

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

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For calendar year 2021 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation MES Foundation		A Employer identification number 01-0471533
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) P.O. Box 1296	Room/suite	B Telephone number (207) 791-3600
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Alfred, ME 04002		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 4,679,393. (Part I, column (d), must be on cash basis.)	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

	Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <small>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)</small>	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received			N/A	
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	188.	188.		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	75,935.	75,935.		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	389,230.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 4,099,668.				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		389,230.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	10a Less: Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss)				
	11 Other income	4.	4.		Statement 1
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	465,357.	465,357.		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	51,000.	5,100.		45,900.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees				
	b Accounting fees Stmt 2	2,350.	235.		2,115.
	c Other professional fees Stmt 3	32,852.	30,940.		1,912.
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes Stmt 4	18,169.	399.		3,594.
	19 Depreciation and depletion	595.	0.		
	20 Occupancy	1,425.	142.		1,283.
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	60.	5.		55.
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses Stmt 5	10,196.	277.		16,782.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	116,647.	37,098.		71,641.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	206,000.			210,500.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	322,647.	37,098.		282,141.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	142,710.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		428,259.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A		

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	38.	38.	38.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	297,469.	880,714.	880,714.
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	1,040.	0.	0.
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,269.	21,069.	21,069.
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock Stmt 7	3,142,025.	2,824,426.	2,824,426.
	c Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 8	930,329.	952,131.	952,131.
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
Less: accumulated depreciation				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other	50,563.	0.	0.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis Stmt 6	27,771.			
Less: accumulated depreciation	26,756.	1,015.	1,015.	
15 Other assets (describe Interest receivable)	31.	0.	0.	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	4,430,373.	4,679,393.	4,679,393.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,254.	5,367.	
	18 Grants payable	8,000.	3,500.	
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	20,254.	8,867.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30.			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,410,119.	4,670,526.	
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 26 through 30.			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
29 Total net assets or fund balances	4,410,119.	4,670,526.		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,430,373.	4,679,393.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		1	4,410,119.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a		2	142,710.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) Net Unrealized Gain		3	117,697.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3		4	4,670,526.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)		5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 29		6	4,670,526.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a Publicly Traded Securities	P		
b			
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))
a 4,099,668.		3,710,438.	389,230.
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			389,230.
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	389,230.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	N/A

Part V Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)		1	5,953.
b All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	5,953.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	5,953.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2021 estimated tax payments and 2020 overpayment credited to 2021	6a 16,992.		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b 0.		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c 0.		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d 0.		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d		7	16,992.
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached		8	0.
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than 7, enter amount owed		9	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid		10	11,039.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2022 estimated tax 11,039. Refunded		11	0.

Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition. If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ▶ \$ <u>0.</u> (2) On foundation managers. ▶ \$ <u>0.</u>		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ▶ \$ <u>0.</u>		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
4b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ▶ <u>ME</u>		
8b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2021 or the tax year beginning in 2021? See the instructions for Part XIII. If "Yes," complete Part XIII		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions		X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	X	
Website address ▶ <u>www.mesfoundation.org</u>		
14 The books are in care of ▶ <u>Kristie Hurlburt, President & Execu</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(207) 791-3600</u> Located at ▶ <u>9 Pebble Brook Road, Alfred, ME</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>04002</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2021, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.		Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):			
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	1a(1)		X
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	1a(2)		X
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	1a(3)		X
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	1a(4)	X	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	1a(5)		X
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	1a(6)		X
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	1b		X
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
d Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2021?	1d		X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):			
a At the end of tax year 2021, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2021?	2a		X
If "Yes," list the years <input type="checkbox"/> , _____, _____, _____			
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	2b	N/A	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. <input type="checkbox"/> , _____, _____, _____			
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2021 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2021.)	3b	N/A	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2021?	4b		X

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

	Yes	No
5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:		
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?		X
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?		X
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	X	
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions		X
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?		X
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions		X
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
d If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? N/A		
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).		
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.		X
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? N/A		
8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?		X

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Statement 9		51,000.	0.	0.

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ 0

Part VIII-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1	
See Statement 10	282,141.
2	
3	
4	

Part VIII-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
3	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶ 0.

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

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	3,980,382.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	570,057.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	4,550,439.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	4,550,439.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	68,257.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	4,482,182.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	6	224,109.

Part X Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	1	224,109.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2021 from Part V, line 5	2a	5,953.
2b	Income tax for 2021. (This does not include the tax from Part V.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	5,953.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	218,156.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	218,156.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	7	218,156.

Part XI Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	282,141.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part VIII-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:			
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	4	282,141.

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Part XII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2020	(c) 2020	(d) 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Part X, line 7				218,156.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2021:				
a Enter amount for 2020 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:				
a From 2016				
b From 2017				
c From 2018				
d From 2019				
e From 2020				47,933.
f Total of lines 3a through e	47,933.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2021 from Part XI, line 4: ▶ \$				282,141.
a Applied to 2020, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2021 distributable amount				218,156.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	63,985.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2021 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	111,918.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2020. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2021. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2022				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2016 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	111,918.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2017				
b Excess from 2018				
c Excess from 2019				
d Excess from 2020				47,933.
e Excess from 2021				63,985.

Part XIII Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VI-A, question 9) N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2021, enter the date of the ruling ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2021	(b) 2020	(c) 2019	(d) 2018	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed					
b 85% (0.85) of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4, for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6, for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

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

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
 a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
 None

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
 None

2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
 Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

See Statement 11

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

Part XIV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year				
Abigail Dundore P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Abigail Johnson P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Aliana Smith P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Allison Winship P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Anthony Benson P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total See continuation sheet(s) ▶ 3a				210,500.
b Approved for future payment				
Blake Martin P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Henry Hebert P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Rudy Quinonez P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Total ▶ 3b				1,500.

Part XV-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Business code, (b) Amount, (c) Exclusion code, (d) Amount, (e) Related or exempt function income. Rows include 1 Program service revenue, 2 Membership dues and assessments, 3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments, 4 Dividends and interest from securities, 5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate, 6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property, 7 Other investment income, 8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory, 9 Net income or (loss) from special events, 10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory, 11 Other revenue: Interest on Educational Loans, 12 Subtotal, 13 Total.

Part XV-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Table with 2 columns: Line No., Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XV-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes. Row 11: Servicing student loans for Maine students.

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

- 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:
(1) Cash
(2) Other assets
b Other transactions:
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
(4) Reimbursement arrangements
(5) Loans or loan guarantees
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule.

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include 1a(1), 1a(2), 1b(1), 1b(2), 1b(3), 1b(4), 1b(5), 1b(6), and 1c.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no., (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Content: N/A

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? [] Yes [X] No

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship. Content: N/A

Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Signature of officer or trustee: [Signature] Date: 10/10/22 Title: President/Executive Director

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: Nicholas E. Porto Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 10/05/22 Check [] if self-employed PTIN: P00182972 Firm's name: Baker Newman & Noyes Firm's EIN: 01-0494526 Firm's address: Box 507, Portland, ME 04112 Phone no.: (207) 879-2100

Part XIV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Ben Retberg P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Benjamin Butterfield P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Camden Rollins P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Caroline Payne P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Chad Palmer P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emma Ackerman P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emma Cripps P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emma Lunny P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Emme Ayers P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Ghilaine Uwimpaye P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				185,500.

Part XIV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
Grace Harvey P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Heather Howard P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Jordon Gregory P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Jordyn Cowger P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Kaitlyn Paul P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Kalina Chazin-Knox P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Kylie Levesque P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Liam Hornschild-Bear P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Liam Moynihan P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Lily Tedford P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XIV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Logan Wadick P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Maguire Anuszewski P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Mary Lombardi P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Megan O'Connell P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Michael Tamborini P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Michaela Flanders P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Morgan Pike P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Neily Raymond P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Nicole Dunton P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Norah Tafuri P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XIV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Oliver Sullivan P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Junior Achievement Scholarship	500.
Olivia Gervais P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Olivia Morel P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Rachael Sickles P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Rachel Jones P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Sarah MacDonald P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Sarah Meyer-Waldo P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Sophie Moore P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	None	I	Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Form 990-PF Other Income Statement 1

Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Interest on Educational Loans	4.	4.	
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	4.	4.	

Form 990-PF Accounting Fees Statement 2

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	2,350.	235.		2,115.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16b	2,350.	235.		2,115.

Form 990-PF Other Professional Fees Statement 3

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Other Professional Fees	32,852.	30,940.		1,912.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	32,852.	30,940.		1,912.

Form 990-PF Taxes Statement 4

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Excise Taxes	14,176.	0.		0.
Payroll Taxes	3,993.	399.		3,594.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	18,169.	399.		3,594.

Form 990-PF Other Expenses Statement 5

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Insurance	460.	46.		414.
Internet/Website Expense	1,561.	0.		1,561.
Scholarship Management Expense	3,500.	0.		3,500.
Telephone	1,881.	188.		1,693.
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	35.	0.		35.
Supplies	435.	43.		392.
Advertising	2,050.	0.		2,050.
Postage & Shipping	274.	0.		274.
Accrual to Cash Adjustment	0.	0.		6,863.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	10,196.	277.		16,782.

Form 990-PF Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment Statement 6

Description	Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Furniture & Equipment	27,771.	26,756.	1,015.	1,015.
To 990-PF, Part II, ln 14	27,771.	26,756.	1,015.	1,015.

Form 990-PF Corporate Stock Statement 7

Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Bunge Limited	105,123.	105,123.
Johnson Controls Intl PLC	102,532.	102,532.
Adobe Inc	100,370.	100,370.
Apple Inc	109,916.	109,916.
CVS Health Corp	95,629.	95,629.
Cleveland Cliffs Inc	105,106.	105,106.
Deere & Co	98,066.	98,066.
Diamondback Energy	88,976.	88,976.
Dow Inc	102,777.	102,777.
Doximity Inc	96,350.	96,350.
Exelon Corp	101,542.	101,542.
Franco Nevada Corp	103,718.	103,718.

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Freeport McMoran Inc	107,330.	107,330.
Goldman Sach Group	85,309.	85,309.
JP Morgan Chase & Co	98,177.	98,177.
Merck & Company	92,734.	92,734.
Microsoft Corp	110,649.	110,649.
Nvidia Corp	117,938.	117,938.
Proctor & Gamble	97,984.	97,984.
Prologis Inc	103,541.	103,541.
Raytheon Technologies Corp	102,756.	102,756.
Skyworks Solution	104,875.	104,875.
Sterling Construction	98,730.	98,730.
T-Mobile US	95,914.	95,914.
Trade Desk Inc	104,653.	104,653.
Truist Financial Group	92,158.	92,158.
United Parcel Service Inc	102,026.	102,026.
Walmart Inc	99,547.	99,547.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	2,824,426.	2,824,426.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Bonds	Statement	8
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Ishares Tips Bond	130,105.	130,105.
Ishares Ibox Corp Bond	115,028.	115,028.
Ishares JP Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond	65,545.	65,545.
Ishares 1-5 Year Investment Grade Corp Bond	192,136.	192,136.
Ishares Core MSCI EAFE	128,679.	128,679.
SPDR Portfolio Emerging Markets	95,095.	95,095.
Vanguard Short Term Inflation Protected	225,543.	225,543.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	952,131.	952,131.

Form 990-PF Part VII - List of Officers, Directors Trustees and Foundation Managers Statement 9

Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Contrib	Expense Account
Scott Albert P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Todd Cesca P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Guy Langevin P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Chair 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Christopher Bell P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Vice Chair 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Donald Reynolds P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Treasurer 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Darren Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	Director/Secretary 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Kristie Hurlburt P.O. Box 1296 Alfred, ME 04002	President/Executive Director 20.00	51,000.	0.	0.
Totals included on 990-PF, Page 6, Part VII		51,000.	0.	0.

Activity One

Expanding access to higher education for all Maine students by providing valuable college scholarship opportunities. Scholarship awards are made on the basis of demonstrated financial need and distinguished academic merit.

Expenses

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

282,141.

Form 990-PF

Grant Application Submission Information
Part XIV, Lines 2a through 2d

Statement 11

Name and Address of Person to Whom Applications Should be Submitted

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

Telephone Number

(207) 791-3600

Email Address

info@mesfoundation.org

Form and Content of Applications

Scholarship applications can be submitted online from 1/1 - 4/1 at www.mesfoundation.org. At a minimum, applicants must submit transcripts, SAT scores, FAFSA, essay and letter of recommendation.

Any Submission Deadlines

April 1

Restrictions and Limitations on Awards

Applicants must be a Maine resident entering their first year of post secondary education.