

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2010** and ending **JUN 30, 2011**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.</b> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>P.O. BOX 1134</b> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>BUFFALO, NY 14205</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>KATHLEEN M. CHRISTY</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>16-1477288</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(716) 854-0869</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts <b>1,835,062.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.BISONFUND.COM</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1995</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>NY</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS A PRIVATELY FUNDED TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN</b> <b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. <b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) <span style="float:right">3 12</span> <b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <span style="float:right">4 12</span> <b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a) <span style="float:right">5 2</span> <b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <span style="float:right">6 37</span> <b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <span style="float:right">7a 0.</span> <b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 <span style="float:right">7b 0.</span>													
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) <span style="float:right">1,283,443. 1,813,454.</span> <b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) <span style="float:right">0. 0.</span> <b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <span style="float:right">3,626. 5,958.</span> <b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <span style="float:right">4,699. -193.</span> <b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) <span style="float:right">1,291,768. 1,819,219.</span>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Prior Year</th> <th>Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1,283,443.</td> <td>1,813,454.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.</td> <td>0.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3,626.</td> <td>5,958.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4,699.</td> <td>-193.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1,291,768.</td> <td>1,819,219.</td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	1,283,443.	1,813,454.	0.	0.	3,626.	5,958.	4,699.	-193.	1,291,768.	1,819,219.
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<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) <span style="float:right">1,251,387. 1,185,470.</span> <b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) <span style="float:right">0. 0.</span> <b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) <span style="float:right">165,971. 169,314.</span> <b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11a) <span style="float:right">0. 0.</span> <b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <span style="float:right">110,346.</span> <b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) <span style="float:right">42,694. 65,630.</span> <b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <span style="float:right">1,460,052. 1,420,414.</span> <b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <span style="float:right">-168,284. 398,805.</span>													
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) <span style="float:right">1,046,861. 1,439,259.</span> <b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) <span style="float:right">11,876. 6,020.</span> <b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 <span style="float:right">1,034,985. 1,433,239.</span>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Beginning of Current Year</th> <th>End of Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1,046,861.</td> <td>1,439,259.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11,876.</td> <td>6,020.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1,034,985.</td> <td>1,433,239.</td> </tr> </table>	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	1,046,861.	1,439,259.	11,876.	6,020.	1,034,985.	1,433,239.				
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**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer  <b>KATHLEEN M. CHRISTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> Type or print name and title	Date <b>11/10/11</b>
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>TJ HOELSCHER CPA</b> Preparer's signature  Date <b>11/8/11</b> Check <input type="checkbox"/> self-employed PTIN Firm's name <b>TRONCONI SEGARRA &amp; ASSOCIATES LLP</b> Firm's address <b>6390 MAIN STREET, SUITE 200 WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221</b> Firm's EIN Phone no. <b>716-633-1373</b>	

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 to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS A PRIVATELY FUNDED TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN (KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE) LIVING IN WESTERN NEW YORK. BISON MAKES A MINIMUM OF A FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT TO EACH STUDENT AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP, BUT HAS SET A GOAL OF PROVIDING

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

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

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 1,249,440. including grants of \$ 1,185,470. ) (Revenue \$ ) BISON'S GOAL IS TO EQUALIZE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS BY OFFERING LOW INCOME FAMILIES EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS NORMALLY DENIED THEM BECAUSE OF COST. BISON BELIEVES THAT: CHILDREN HAVE A CHANCE WHEN FAMILIES HAVE CHOICES; SETTING THE RIGHT PATH EARLY PROMOTES SUCCESS; WHEN PARENTS MAKE A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, THEIR CHILDREN BENEFIT; AND INVESTING IN EDUCATION IS INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE.

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS THROUGHOUT WESTERN NEW YORK AND THE MATCHING GRANT FROM THE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND (CSF), THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS GROWN FROM HELPING 200 CHILDREN IN 1995 WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTED, TO 1,351 FOR THE 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR. THESE CHILDREN

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 1,249,440.

**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 Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	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 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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>		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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; 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 term, permanent, or 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, XII, and XIII</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, XII, and XIII 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, and program service activities outside the United States? <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 assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <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 assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <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>		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 hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <i>Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)</i>		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		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):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
	b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>			
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>			
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</b>			
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</b>			
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

**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 in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	1a		12
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b		12
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	X	

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NY**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **CINDY MCDONALD - (716) 854-0869**  
**KOESSLER ADMIN BLDG, 320 PORTER AVE, BUFFALO, NY 14201**

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
PAUL D. BAUER PRESIDENT	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
ANDREW L. FORS TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
THOMAS R. BEECHER, JR. SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
THOMAS J. COMER, JR. BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
PATRICIA A. FARRELL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
PAUL G. JOYCE SECRETARY	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CARL J. MONTANTE, JR. BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
NANCY A. NAPLES BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARY E. ROSS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
RICHARD C. SUCHAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DENNIS J. SZYMROWIAK BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	138,807.				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,674,647.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		1,400.				
	h	<b>Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>		<b>1,813,454.</b>				
Program Service Revenue				<b>Business Code</b>				
	2 a							
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
g	<b>Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>							
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			6,043.		6,043.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a			(i) Real				
				(ii) Personal				
		Gross Rents						
		Less: rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a			(i) Securities				
				(ii) Other				
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory			1,678.			
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses			1,763.			
	c	Gain or (loss)			-85.		-85.	
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 138,807. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a	13,887.				
	Less: direct expenses		b	14,080.				
	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				-193.		-193.	
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		a					
	Less: direct expenses		b					
	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a					
	Less: cost of goods sold		b					
	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>					
11 a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	<b>Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b>							
12	<b>Total revenue. See instructions.</b>			<b>1,819,219.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>5,765.</b>	

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	1,185,470.	1,185,470.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
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	136,993.	44,208.	15,584.	77,201.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	32,321.	11,832.	3,805.	16,684.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,700.		5,700.	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	6,210.		6,210.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,000.		1,000.	
17 Travel	1,455.	146.		1,309.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	610.		610.	
23 Insurance	2,850.		2,850.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>SUSTAINABILITY STUDY</b>	23,348.		23,348.	
b <b>POSTAGE</b>	5,290.	1,058.	529.	3,703.
c <b>PRINTING &amp; REPRODUCTION</b>	5,192.	260.	519.	4,413.
d <b>TELEPHONE</b>	2,356.	1,178.		1,178.
e <b>REPAIRS</b>	473.		473.	
f All other expenses	11,146.	5,288.		5,858.
<b>25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f</b>	<b>1,420,414.</b>	<b>1,249,440.</b>	<b>60,628.</b>	<b>110,346.</b>
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	158,649.	1	12,459.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	83,766.	2	81,197.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	711,376.	3	1,248,683.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,793.	9	1,820.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 25,960.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 25,032.	10c 1,538.	928.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	89,739.	12	94,172.
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)</b>	<b>1,046,861.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,439,259.</b>	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,876.	17	6,020.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25</b>	<b>11,876.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6,020.</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	326,301.	27	184,556.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	708,684.	28	1,248,683.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	<b>1,034,985.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,433,239.</b>
	34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	<b>1,046,861.</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,439,259.</b>

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,819,219.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,420,414.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	398,805.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,034,985.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-551.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,433,239.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued 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		
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
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		



**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**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1396173.	1183583.	1034741.	1283443.	1813454.	6711394.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1396173.	1183583.	1034741.	1283443.	1813454.	6711394.
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)						1568890.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						5142504.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1396173.	1183583.	1034741.	1283443.	1813454.	6711394.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	24,925.	30,907.	9,890.	3,287.	5,765.	74,774.
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 IV.)				4,567.		4,567.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6790735.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	176,222.
13 First five 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						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	75.73	%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	74.71	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2010. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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 .....						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) .....						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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 IV.) .....						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .....						
14 First five 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 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	16	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	18	%

- 19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2010.** 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 - 2009.** 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 .....

**Schedule B**

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

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**2010**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

16-1477288

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

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

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2010)

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16-1477288

**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 259,833.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 375,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Name of organization

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**THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**16-1477288**

**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization **THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.** Employer identification number **16-1477288**

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

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
- Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.
 

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....
- Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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)? .....
- In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....	▶ \$ _____
- If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
 

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....	▶ \$ _____

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

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

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

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

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" to 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 XIV 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?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  %
- b Permanent endowment  %
- c Term endowment  %

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

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

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of Investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		25,960.	25,032.	928.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)  928.

**Part VII** Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely-held equity interests .....		
(3) Other		
(A) INVESTMENTS	94,172.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶	94,172.	

**Part VIII** Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX** Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X** Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ▶

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text or the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,819,219.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,420,414.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	398,805.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-551.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	-551.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	398,254.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,843,068.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-551.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	24,400.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	23,849.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,819,219.
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,819,219.

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,444,814.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	24,400.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	24,400.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,420,414.
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,420,414.

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**FIN 48 - ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES - THE ORGANIZATION**

ADOPTED AN ACCOUNTING POLICY DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 FOR  
 ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES. THE ORGANIZATION'S MANAGEMENT  
 EVALUATES ITS TAX POSITIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN  
 NOT THAT A TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION, INCLUDING  
 RESOLUTION OF ANY RELATED APPEALS OR LITIGATION, BASED ON TECHNICAL MERITS  
 OF THE TAX POSITION. MANAGEMENT HAS ANALYZED THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX  
 POSITIONS AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT, AS OF JUNE 30, 2011, THERE ARE NO





**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		BISON LUNCHEON (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	152,694.		152,694.
	2	Less: Charitable contributions	138,807.		138,807.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	13,887.		13,887.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	14,080.		14,080.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			( 14,080 )
	11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10			-193.

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)			( )
	8	Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No  
 b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No  
 b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_





**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
PRIVATELY FUNDED TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN LIVING IN WESTERN NEW YORK. FAMILIES CHOSEN TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE ARE ABLE TO SEND THEIR CHILD TO A	1351	1,185,470.	0.		

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

THE ORGANIZATION PAYS THE SCHOLARSHIPS DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOLS ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN (NOT THE PARENTS). THE SCHOOL IS RESPONSIBLE TO INFORM BISON IF A STUDENT HAS LEFT THE SCHOOL AND THE REASON. BISON STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH THEIR SCHOLARSHIP. IF A STUDENT LEAVES THE PROGRAM, THERE IS A 6 MONTH GRACE PERIOD IF THEY WISH TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AND THEIR SCHOLARSHIP IS REACTIVATED. HOWEVER STUDENTS THAT LEAVE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN EXPELLED IMMEDIATELY LOSE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP PERMANENTLY.

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

PART III, COLUMN (A):

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: PRIVATELY FUNDED TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN LIVING IN WESTERN NEW YORK. FAMILIES CHOSEN TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE ARE ABLE TO SEND THEIR CHILD TO A PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL OF CHOICE.

SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Inspection

Name of the organization

THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

Employer identification number  
16-1477288

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

(KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE) LIVING IN WESTERN NEW YORK. BISON'S GOAL IS TO  
EQUALIZE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS BY OFFERING  
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS NORMALLY DENIED THEM BECAUSE OF  
COST. BISON MAKES A MINIMUM OF A FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT TO EACH STUDENT  
AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP, BUT HAS SET A GOAL OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO  
STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR GRAMMAR SCHOOL YEARS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR GRAMMAR SCHOOL YEARS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATTEND OVER 59 DIFFERENT PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: A COPY OF FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO  
THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR THEIR APPROVAL

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: A WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
CONFIRMATION FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE ORGANIZATION WHEN AN  
INDIVIDUAL BECOMES A BOARD MEMBER. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITH THE ELECTION OF  
THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS THE ORGANIZATION REVISITS ALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE THAT NO CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST AS DEFINED IN THE WRITTEN POLICY EXIST.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A: ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE

ORGANIZATION PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION TO THE OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S TWO EMPLOYEES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. SUCH INFORMATION INCLUDES COMPARABLE DATA FROM SIMILAR SIZED TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WESTERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY OF SIMILAR SIZE, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND GEOGRAPHY. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT BY THE OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS DOCUMENTED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S PAYROLL RECORDS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST

FORM 990, PART VII CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ETC:  
PATRICIA A. FARRELL - 590 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 3300, NEW YORK, NY 10022

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

NET UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS: -551.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS IN PLACE A GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT IS CHARGED WITH ENGAGING, MEETING, EVALUATING AND HIRING OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DEFINING AND MONITORING THE SCOPE OF THE AUDIT AND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AMONG OTHER DUTIES.