

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)

OMB No 1545-0047

2003

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____ **and ending** _____

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

C Name of organization
TAX FOUNDATION
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1900 M STREET, NW 550
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

D Employer identification number
52-1703065

E Telephone number
202-464-6200

F Accounting method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____

G Website: **WWW.TAXFOUNDATION.ORG**

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. **Some states require a complete return**

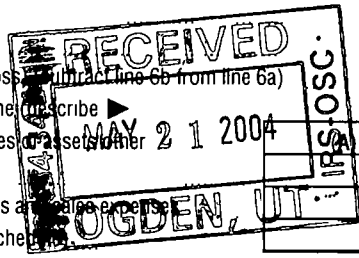
L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **1430685.**

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations
H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates _____
H(c) Are all affiliates included? **N/A** Yes No
 (If "No," attach a list.)
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
I Group Exemption Number _____

M Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

| Revenue | | Expenses | | Net Assets | |
|---------|--|----------|----------|------------|--|
| 1 | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received: | | | | |
| a | Direct public support | 1a | 1357155. | | |
| b | Indirect public support | 1b | | | |
| c | Government contributions (grants) | 1c | | | |
| d | Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 1344561. noncash \$ 12594.) | 1d | | 1357155. | |
| 2 | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93) | 2 | | 27992. | |
| 3 | Membership dues and assessments | 3 | | | |
| 4 | Interest on savings and temporary cash investments | 4 | | 1613. | |
| 5 | Dividends and interest from securities | 5 | | | |
| 6 a | Gross rents | 6a | | | |
| b | Less: rental expenses | 6b | | | |
| c | Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a) | 6c | | | |
| 7 | Other investment income (describe _____) | 7 | | | |
| 8 a | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | 8a | | | |
| b | Less: cost or other basis | 8b | | | |
| c | Gain or (loss) (attach schedule) | 8c | | | |
| d | Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)) | 8d | | | |
| 9 | Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| a | Gross revenue (not including \$ 137019. of contributions reported on line 1a) | 9a | 21755. | | |
| b | Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses | 9b | 56022. | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a) | 9c | | -34267. | |
| 10 a | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 10a | | | |
| b | Less: cost of goods sold | 10b | | | |
| c | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a) | 10c | | | |
| 11 | Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103) | 11 | | 22170. | |
| 12 | Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11) | 12 | | 1374663. | |
| 13 | Program services (from line 44, column (B)) | 13 | | 831711. | |
| 14 | Management and general (from line 44, column (C)) | 14 | | 121326. | |
| 15 | Fundraising (from line 44, column (D)) | 15 | | 274451. | |
| 16 | Payments to affiliates (attach schedule) | 16 | | | |
| 17 | Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A)) | 17 | | 1227488. | |
| 18 | Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12) | 18 | | 147175. | |
| 19 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A)) | 19 | | 343223. | |
| 20 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) | 20 | | 0. | |
| 21 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20) | 21 | | 490398. | |



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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. Page 2

| Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I. | | (A) Total | (B) Program services | (C) Management and general | (D) Fundraising |
|---|--|-----------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 22 | Grants and allocations (attach schedule) cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____ | 22 | | | |
| 23 | Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule) | 23 | | | |
| 24 | Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule) | 24 | | | |
| 25 | Compensation of officers, directors, etc. | 25 | 110000. | 66000. | 22000. |
| 26 | Other salaries and wages | 26 | 398643. | 272800. | 73325. |
| 27 | Pension plan contributions | 27 | 8633. | 5717. | 1308. |
| 28 | Other employee benefits | 28 | 38658. | 25992. | 7511. |
| 29 | Payroll taxes | 29 | 37735. | 24708. | 5504. |
| 30 | Professional fundraising fees | 30 | 16080. | | 16080. |
| 31 | Accounting fees | 31 | 12373. | | 12373. |
| 32 | Legal fees | 32 | 1151. | | 1151. |
| 33 | Supplies | 33 | 11219. | 668. | 6441. |
| 34 | Telephone | 34 | 13862. | 1031. | 12831. |
| 35 | Postage and shipping | 35 | 66928. | 13400. | 5866. |
| 36 | Occupancy | 36 | 125848. | 18. | 125830. |
| 37 | Equipment rental and maintenance | 37 | 4812. | | 4812. |
| 38 | Printing and publications | 38 | 92380. | 47789. | 23417. |
| 39 | Travel | 39 | 161869. | 158187. | |
| 40 | Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 40 | 3503. | 3503. | |
| 41 | Interest | 41 | | | |
| 42 | Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule) | 42 | 10471. | | 10471. |
| 43 | Other expenses not covered above (itemize): | | | | |
| a | _____ | 43a | | | |
| b | _____ | 43b | | | |
| c | _____ | 43c | | | |
| d | _____ | 43d | | | |
| e | See Statement 2 | 43e | 113323. | 211898. | -170707. |
| 44 | Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15 | 44 | 1227488. | 831711. | 121326. |

Joint Costs Check if you are following SOP 98-2.
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____;
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statement 3 | | Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others) |
| All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.) | | |
| a | RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS - RESEARCH PROPOSED CHANGES IN AREAS OF TAXATION AND ITEMS OF CURRENT INTEREST TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC FINANCE AND COMMUNICATE RESULTS OF RESEARCH TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. (Grants and allocations \$ _____) | 641261. |
| b | CONFERENCES - CONDUCTED TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION ON AREAS OF CURRENT INTEREST ON ISSUES OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX POLICY. (Grants and allocations \$ _____) | 190450. |
| c | _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____) | |
| d | _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____) | |
| e | Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____) | |
| f | Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) | 831711. |

Part IV Balance Sheets

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|--|---|--|------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 45 Cash - non-interest-bearing | 388042. | 45 | |
| | 46 Savings and temporary cash investments | 23387. | 46 | 388717. |
| | 47 a Accounts receivable | 47a 37714. | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts | 47b | 14067. | 47c 37714. |
| | 48 a Pledges receivable | 48a 71560. | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts | 48b | 45320. | 48c 71560. |
| | 49 Grants receivable | | | 49 |
| | 50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | | 50 |
| | 51 a Other notes and loans receivable | 51a | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts | 51b | | 51c |
| | 52 Inventories for sale or use | | | 52 |
| | 53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | | 53 17017. |
| | 54 Investments - securities | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV | | 54 |
| | 55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis | 55a | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 55b | | 55c |
| 56 Investments - other | | | 56 | |
| 57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis | 57a 58654. | | | |
| b Less: accumulated depreciation Stmt 4 | 57b 39833. | 16699. | 57c 18821. | |
| 58 Other assets (describe Other assets) | | | 58 171. | |
| 59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74) | | 487515. | 59 534000. | |
| Liabilities | 60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 84534. | 60 | 35853. |
| | 61 Grants payable | | 61 | |
| | 62 Deferred revenue | 1926. | 62 | |
| | 63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | 63 | |
| | 64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 64a | |
| | b Mortgages and other notes payable | | 64b | |
| | 65 Other liabilities (describe See Statement 5) | | 57832. | 65 7749. |
| 66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65) | | 144292. | 66 43602. | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74. | | | |
| | 67 Unrestricted | 219321. | 67 | 279996. |
| | 68 Temporarily restricted | 123902. | 68 | 210402. |
| | 69 Permanently restricted | | 69 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74. | | | |
| | 70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds | | 70 | |
| | 71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund | | 71 | |
| | 72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 72 | |
| 73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21) | | 343223. | 73 490398. | |
| 74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73) | | 487515. | 74 534000. | |

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

| Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return | Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return |
|---|--|
| <p>a Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements ▶ a 1374663.</p> <p>b Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:</p> <p>(1) Net unrealized gains on investments \$ _____</p> <p>(2) Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____</p> <p>(3) Recoveries of prior year grants \$ _____</p> <p>(4) Other (specify): \$ _____</p> <p>Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) ▶ b 0.</p> <p>c Line a minus line b ▶ c 1374663.</p> <p>d Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:</p> <p>(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____</p> <p>(2) Other (specify): \$ _____</p> <p>Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶ d 0.</p> <p>e Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶ e 1374663.</p> | <p>a Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements ▶ a 1227488.</p> <p>b Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:</p> <p>(1) Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____</p> <p>(2) Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$ _____</p> <p>(3) Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$ _____</p> <p>(4) Other (specify): \$ _____</p> <p>Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) ▶ b 0.</p> <p>c Line a minus line b ▶ c 1227488.</p> <p>d Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:</p> <p>(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____</p> <p>(2) Other (specify): \$ _____</p> <p>Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶ d 0.</p> <p>e Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶ e 1227488.</p> |

| Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated.) | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| (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 & deferred compensation | (E) Expense account and other allowances |
| SCOTT HODGE 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | PRESIDENT 40 | 110000. | 4074. | 0. |
| WAYNE GABLE 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | CHAIRMAN <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| JAMES W. LINTOTT 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | TREASURER <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| MICHAEL P. BOYLE 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | DIRECTOR <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| JOSEPH O. LUBY, JR 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | DIRECTOR <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| BILL ARCHER 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | DIRECTOR <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| R. GLENN HUBBARD 1900 M STREET, NW SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC 20036 | DIRECTOR <1 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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| ----- | | | | |
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75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? If "Yes," attach schedule. ▶ Yes No

| Part VI Other Information | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| 76 | Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity | | X |
| 77 | Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes. | | X |
| 78 a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? N/A | | |
| 79 | Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement | | X |
| 80 a | Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the organization <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt. | | |
| 81 a | Enter direct or indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions 81a 0. | | |
| b | Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? | | X |
| 82 a | Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.) 82b N/A | | |
| 83 a | Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications? | X | |
| b | Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions? | X | |
| 84 a | Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? N/A | | |
| 85 | 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members? N/A | | |
| b | Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? N/A If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year. | | |
| c | Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members 85c N/A | | |
| d | Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures 85d N/A | | |
| e | Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices 85e N/A | | |
| f | Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e) 85f N/A | | |
| g | Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f? N/A | | |
| h | If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year? N/A | | |
| 86 | 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12 86a N/A | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities 86b N/A | | |
| 87 | 501(c)(12) organizations Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders 87a N/A | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 87b N/A | | |
| 88 | At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX | | X |
| 89 a | 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.; section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.; section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> 0. | | |
| b | 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction | | X |
| c | Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0. | | |
| d | Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization 0. | | |
| 90 a | List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | | |
| b | Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003 90b 10 | | |
| 91 | The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> THE TAX FOUNDATION Telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> 202-464-6200 | | |
| Located at <input type="checkbox"/> 1900 M STREET, SUITE 550 WASHINGTON DC ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 20036 | | | |
| 92 | Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 92 N/A | | |

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 33 of the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

| | Unrelated business income | | Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 | | (E) Related or exempt function income |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| | (A) Business code | (B) Amount | (C) Exclu- sion code | (D) Amount | |
| 93 Program service revenue: | | | | | |
| a PUBLICATION SALES | | | | | 27992. |
| b _____ | | | | | |
| c _____ | | | | | |
| d _____ | | | | | |
| e _____ | | | | | |
| f Medicare/Medicaid payments | | | | | |
| g Fees and contracts from government agencies | | | | | |
| 94 Membership dues and assessments | | | | | |
| 95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments | | | 14 | 1613. | |
| 96 Dividends and interest from securities | | | | | |
| 97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate: | | | | | |
| a debt-financed property | | | | | |
| b not debt-financed property | | | | | |
| 98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property | | | | | |
| 99 Other investment income | | | | | |
| 100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | | |
| 101 Net income or (loss) from special events | | | | | -34267. |
| 102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| 103 Other revenue: | | | | | |
| a Other Revenue - Related | | | | | 17703. |
| b ROYALTIES | | | 15 | 4467. | |
| c _____ | | | | | |
| d _____ | | | | | |
| e _____ | | | | | |
| 104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E)) | | 0. | | 6080. | 11428. |
| 105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E)) | | | | | 17508. |

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 34 of the instructions.)

| Line No | Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). |
|---------|---|
| 93A | SALES OF PUBLICATIONS ARE A MEANS TO DESSIMINATE RESEARCH RESULTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC |
| 103A | OTHER INCOME RELATED TO EXEMPT PURPOSE |

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 34 of the instructions.)

| (A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity | (B) Percentage of ownership interest | (C) Nature of activities | (D) Total income | (E) End-of-year assets |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| N/A | % | | | |
| | % | | | |
| | % | | | |
| | % | | | |

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 34 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

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. All information of which preparer has any knowledge

Date: 5-11-04 Type or print name and title: PRESIDENT

Date: _____ Check if self- _____ Preparer's SSN or PTIN: _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

2003

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of the organization TAX FOUNDATION | Employer identification number 52 1703065 |
|---|---|

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are 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 & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|--|--|------------------|---|--|
| <u>Albert Ahern</u> ----- 1900 M Street, NW Suite 550 Wash DC | Dir. Comm. 40 | 70761. | 2996. | |
| <u>Jeffrey Moody</u> ----- 1900 M Street, NW Suite 550 Wash DC | Snr Economist 40 | 66371. | 7600. | |
| <u>Julia Burden</u> ----- 1900 M Street, NW Suite 550 Wash DC | Dev. Dir. 40 | 57874. | 2773. | |
| ----- ----- ----- | | | | |
| Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶ | | 0 | | |

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

| (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>None</u> ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- | | |
| Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ | | 0 |

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ► \$ _____ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities. | | X |
| 2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.) | | |
| a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property? | | X |
| b Lending of money or other extension of credit? | | X |
| c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities? | | X |
| d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? See Part V, Form 990 | X | |
| e Transfer of any part of its income or assets? | | X |
| 3 a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.) | | X |
| b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees? | X | |
| 4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds? | | X |

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► _____
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

| (a) Name(s) of supported organization(s) | (b) Line number from above |
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- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) **Use cash method of accounting.**
 Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2002 | (b) 2001 | (c) 2000 | (d) 1999 | (e) Total |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| 15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.) | 1239265. | 1082465. | 1090820. | 990705. | 4403255. |
| 16 Membership fees received | | | | | |
| 17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose | 131755. | 159478. | 162118. | 43196. | 496547. |
| 18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 | 13902. | 9968. | 13639. | 12234. | 49743. |
| 19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18 | | | | | |
| 20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf | | | | | |
| 21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge | | | | | |
| 22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets | 899. | | See Statement 6 | | 899. |
| 23 Total of lines 15 through 22 | 1385821. | 1251911. | 1266577. | 1046135. | 4950444. |
| 24 Line 23 minus line 17 | 1254066. | 1092433. | 1104459. | 1002939. | 4453897. |
| 25 Enter 1% of line 23 | 13858. | 12519. | 12666. | 10461. | |
| 26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24 | | | | | 26a 89078. |
| b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts | | | | | 26b 495521. |
| c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e) | | | | | 26c 4453897. |
| d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 <u>49743.</u> 19 _____ | | | | | 26d 546163. |
| 22 <u>899.</u> 26b <u>495521.</u> | | | | | |
| e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) | | | | | 26e 3907734. |
| f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator)) | | | | | 26f 87.7374% |
| 27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: N/A | (2002) | (2001) | (2000) | (1999) | |
| b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: N/A | (2002) | (2001) | (2000) | (1999) | |
| c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ | | | | | 27c N/A |
| 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ | | | | | |
| d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____ | | | | | 27d N/A |
| e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total) | | | | | 27e N/A |
| f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e) | | | | | 27f N/A |
| g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) | | | | | 27g N/A % |
| h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) | | | | | 27h N/A % |
| 28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15. | None | | | | |

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

| | | Yes | No |
|------|---|-----|----|
| 29 | Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? | | |
| 30 | Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? | | |
| 31 | Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) | | |
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| 32 | Does the organization maintain the following: | | |
| a | Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? | 32a | |
| b | Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? | 32b | |
| c | Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? | 32c | |
| d | Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) | 32d | |
| | | | |
| 33 | Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to: | | |
| a | Students' rights or privileges? | 33a | |
| b | Admissions policies? | 33b | |
| c | Employment of faculty or administrative staff? | 33c | |
| d | Scholarships or other financial assistance? | 33d | |
| e | Educational policies? | 33e | |
| f | Use of facilities? | 33f | |
| g | Athletic programs? | 33g | |
| h | Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) | 33h | |
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| 34 a | Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? | 34a | |
| b | Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement. | 34b | |
| 35 | Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation | 35 | |

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

| Limits on Lobbying Expenditures | | (a) Affiliated group totals | (b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) | | | |
| 36 Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) | 36 | N/A | |
| 37 Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | 37 | | |
| 38 Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37) | 38 | | |
| 39 Other exempt purpose expenditures | 39 | | |
| 40 Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39) | 40 | | |
| 41 Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table - | | | |
| If the amount on line 40 is - | The lobbying nontaxable amount is - | | |
| Not over \$500,000 | 20% of the amount on line 40 | | |
| Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 | | |
| Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 | } 41 | |
| Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 | | |
| Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | | |
| 42 Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41) | 42 | | |
| 43 Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36 | 43 | | |
| 44 Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38 | 44 | | |

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period | | | | N/A |
|--|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | (a) 2003 | (b) 2002 | (c) 2001 | (d) 2000 | (e) Total |
| 45 Lobbying nontaxable amount | | | | | 0. |
| 46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e)) | | | | | 0. |
| 47 Total lobbying expenditures | | | | | 0. |
| 48 Grassroots nontaxable amount | | | | | 0. |
| 49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e)) | | | | | 0. |
| 50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures | | | | | 0. |

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions.)

N/A

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:

- a Volunteers
- b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)
- c Media advertisements
- d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
- h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)

| Yes | No | Amount |
|-----|----|--------|
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| | | 0. |

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

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| Asset No | Description | Date Acquired | Method | Life | Line No | Unadjusted Cost Or Basis | Bus % Excl | * Reduction In Basis | Basis For Depreciation | Accumulated Depreciation | Current Sec 179 | Amount Of Depreciation |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------|--------|------|---------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | TELEPHONE SYSTEM | 080198SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 11121. | | | 11121. | 8897. | | 2224. |
| 2 | COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 123198SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 15908. | | | 15908. | 12726. | | 3182. |
| 3 | COMPUTER NETWORK | 123198SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 5613. | | | 5613. | 4490. | | 1123. |
| 4 | COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 010199SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 1569. | | | 1569. | 1255. | | 314. |
| 5 | COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 111401SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 8000. | | | 8000. | 1800. | | 1600. |
| 6 | SERIES 235 SERVER | 100102SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 3849. | | | 3849. | 192. | | 770. |
| 7 | HP LJ4200N &4600 | 051303SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 4994. | | | 4994. | | | 499. |
| 8 | IBM COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 060103SL | | 5.00 | 16 | 7600. | | | 7600. | | | 761. |
| | * Total 990 Page 2 Depr | | | | | 58654. | | 0. | 58654. | 29360. | 0. | 10473. |

| Form 990 | Special Events and Activities | | | | Statement | 1 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| Description of Event | Gross Receipts | Contribut. Included | Gross Revenue | Direct Expenses | Net Income | |
| ANNUAL DINNER | 158774. | 137019. | 21755. | 56022. | -34267. | |
| To Fm 990, Part I, line 9 | 158774. | 137019. | 21755. | 56022. | -34267. | |

| Form 990 | Other Expenses | | | | Statement | 2 |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|
| Description | (A) Total | (B) Program Services | (C) Management and General | (D) Fundraising | | |
| DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS | 26884. | 24631. | 1863. | 390. | | |
| ADVERTISING AND MARKETING | 3786. | 3536. | 250. | 0. | | |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 720. | 82. | 5573. | -4935. | | |
| CONSULTANTS | 46491. | 35461. | 4178. | 6852. | | |
| ALLOCATED OVERHEAD | 0. | 148188. | -190354. | 42166. | | |
| BANK CHARGES | 1167. | | 1167. | | | |
| CREDIT CARD FEES | 1786. | | 1786. | | | |
| INSURANCE | 2648. | | 2648. | | | |
| REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE | 852. | | 852. | | | |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | 1302. | | 1302. | | | |
| AUTOMATION EXPENSE | 27687. | | 28. | 27659. | | |
| Total to Fm 990, ln 43 | 113323. | 211898. | -170707. | 72132. | | |

| Form 990 | Statement of Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose | Statement | 3 |
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| Part III | | | |

Explanation

TAX FOUNDATION IS A RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT STUDIES FISCAL POLICY ISSUES TO EDUCATE POLICY MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC.

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| Form 990 | Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment | Statement | 4 |
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| Description | Cost or Other Basis | Accumulated Depreciation | Book Value |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| TELEPHONE SYSTEM | 11121. | 11121. | 0. |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 15908. | 15908. | 0. |
| COMPUTER NETWORK | 5613. | 5613. | 0. |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 1569. | 1569. | 0. |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 8000. | 3400. | 4600. |
| X SERIES 235 SERVER | 3849. | 962. | 2887. |
| HP LJ4200N &4600 | 4994. | 499. | 4495. |
| IBM COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 7600. | 761. | 6839. |
| Total to Form 990, Part IV, ln 57 | 58654. | 39833. | 18821. |

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|----------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Form 990 | Other Liabilities | Statement | 5 |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|---|

| Description | Amount |
|---|--------|
| Due to related party | 0. |
| Deferred rent | 7749. |
| Total to Form 990, Part IV, line 65, Column B | 7749. |

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|------------|--------------|-----------|---|
| Schedule A | Other Income | Statement | 6 |
|------------|--------------|-----------|---|

| Description | 2002 Amount | 2001 Amount | 2000 Amount | 1999 Amount |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| MISC INCOME | 899. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| Total to Schedule A, line 22 | 899. | 0. | 0. | 0. |