

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)

2005

Open to Public

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2005**, and ending **2005**, and ending **20**

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

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization
Acorn Institute, Inc.

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1024 Elysian Fields Avenue

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
New Orleans, LA

D Employer identification number
72 1488419

E Telephone number
(504) 943-5954

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

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 ▶ **N/A**

H(c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
(If "No" attach a list. See instructions)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

G Website: ▶ **N/A**

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 chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.

I Group Exemption Number ▶

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

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 (See the instructions.)

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received.					
	a Direct public support	1a		1,202,280		
	b Indirect public support	1b				
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c		300,880		
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 1,503,159 noncash \$ _____)				1d	1,503,159
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)				2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments				3	
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				4	
	5 Dividends and interest from securities				5	
	6a 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		
8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other			
		8a				
		8b				
		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 \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a					
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)				9c		
10a 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		
12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)				12	1,503,159	
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))				13	942,085
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))				14	44,015
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))				15	15,615
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)				16	0
	17 Total expenses (add lines 13 and 14, column (A))				17	1,001,715
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)				18	501,444
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))				19	40,642
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)				20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)				21	542,086

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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. (See the instructions.)

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 \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	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	0	0	0
26	Other salaries and wages	26	0	0	0
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28			
29	Payroll taxes	29			
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31	22,424	7,137	14,268
32	Legal fees	32			
33	Supplies	33	18,339	12,837	3,668
34	Telephone	34	1,902	1,331	380
35	Postage and shipping	35	2,653	1,857	530
36	Occupancy	36	1,083	758	217
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38	Printing and publications	38	3,485	2,440	697
39	Travel	39	17,648	12,605	3,362
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	28,010	28,010	0
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42			
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
a	Bank Fees	43a	554	0	554
b	Contractual Services	43b	857,095	830,325	17,847
c	Miscellaneous	43c	3,662	3,281	255
d	Recruiting & Advertising	43d	11,186	7,830	2,237
e	Katrina House Gutting	43e	33,674	33,674	0
f	43f			
g	43g			
44	Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43 (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	44	1,001,715	942,085	44,015

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 (See the instructions.)

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.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ► See Statement I 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.)	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)
a Acorn Institute's role is to support training and education programs in low and moderate income communities. Acorn Institute is a leader in Hurricane Katrina and Rita recovery and rebuilding efforts, free income tax preparation, and training community leaders about how to build strong neighborhoods. (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	942,085
b (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
c (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
d (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services). ►	942,085

Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

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	35,201	45	452,899
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47a Accounts receivable			
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	14,500	47c	131,072
	48a Pledges receivable			
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts		48c	
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,995	53	127
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule)		54	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV			
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)		55c		
56 Investments—other (attach schedule)		56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment basis				
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)		57c		
58 Other assets (describe ►)		58		
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58	55,696	59	584,098	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,757	60	42,012
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ►)		65	
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65	8,757	66	42,012	
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		67	210,323
	68 Temporarily restricted		68	331,763
	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)	40,642	73	542,086	
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73	81,068	74	584,098	

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return (See the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		a	N/A
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12.			
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1		
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2		
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3		
4	Other (specify)	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:			
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
2	Other (specify):	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d		e	

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	N/A
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17			
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1		
2	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2		
3	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3		
4	Other (specify)	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a			
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
2	Other (specify)	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d		e	

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated) (See the instructions)

(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 plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Mildred Edmond 1618 Port Street New Orleans, LA 70117	President 1 Hour / wk	0	0	0
Jay Hussy 612 14th Street NE Washington, DC 20003	Vice Pres 1 Hour / wk	0	0	0
Hattie Daniels 3820 Ludwig Little Rock, AR 72204	Secretary 1 hour/wk	0	0	0
Claudia Vizcarra-Barton 4228 Jasmine Avenue Culver City, CA 90232	Treasurer 1 Hour/wk	0	0	0

Part VI Other Information (continued)

		Yes	No
82a	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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?		
83b			
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
84b			
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations		
a	Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
85a			
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? 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.		
85b			
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
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?	85h	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	87b	
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	88	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
89a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0, section 4912 ▶ 0, section 4955 ▶ 0		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. 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	89b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d	Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ see Statement		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions)	90b	0
91a	The books are in care of ▶ Jules Nunn Telephone no ▶ (504) 943-5954 Located at ▶ 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue New Orleans, LA ZIP + 4 ▶ 70117-8402		
b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	91b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	91c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 92		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See 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) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue					
a _____					
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					
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					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					0
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					0

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 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)

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See 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
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

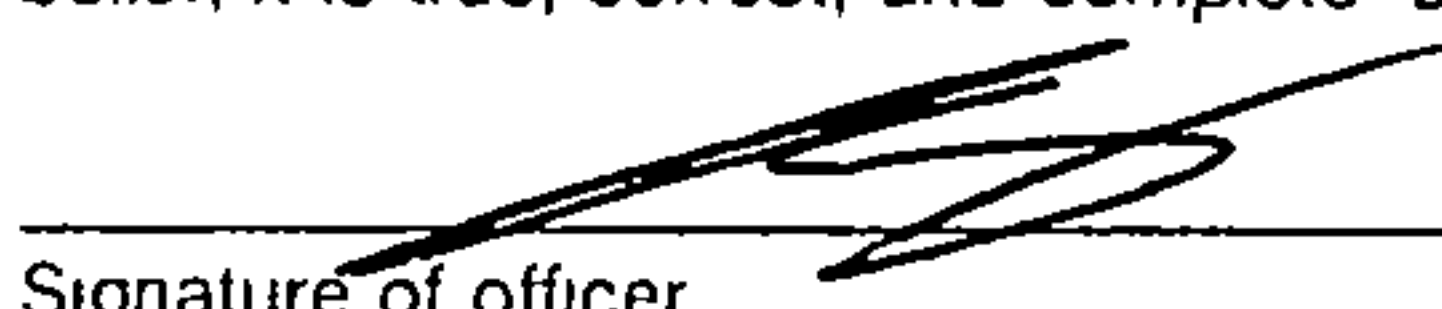
Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

- (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. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer:  Date: 01.31.07

Alexander P. McCoy Executive Director

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) address, and ZIP + 4: _____ Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst W): _____

EIN: _____ Phone no: _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2005

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)

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

Name of the organization

Acorn Intsitude, Inc.

Employer identification number

72 : 1488419

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
None				

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

Part II-A 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
Association of Community Organizations 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue New Orleans, LA 70117	Outreach	104,184
ACORN Associates, Inc 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue New Orleans, LA 70117	Outreach	61,451

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

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
H E Butt Grocery Company Houston Texas	Outreach	130,712

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶

None

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.		✓
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?		✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		✓
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		✓
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
3a 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.)		✓
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓
c During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?		✓
4a Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		✓
b Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		✓

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)** sections 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization ▷ Type 1 Type 2 Type 3

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 6 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 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) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	139,548	227,085	310,980		677,613
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					
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					
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					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22					
24 Line 23 minus line 17					
25 Enter 1% of line 23					

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	▷	26a	N/A
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 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	▷	26b	N/A	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e)	▷	26c	N/A	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	▷	26d	N/A	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	▷	26e	N/A	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	▷	26f	%	

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:

(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)

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 11b, 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

(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 139,548 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____	▷	27c	139,548
d Add Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____	▷	27d	0
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	▷	27e	139,548
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e) ▷ 27f _____			
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	▷	27g	100 %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)).	▷	27h	%

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, 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

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)
(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?	29	
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?	30	
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)	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following:	32a	
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32b	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32c	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32d	
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)		
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to	33a	
a Students' rights or privileges?	33b	
b Admissions policies?	33c	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33d	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33e	
e Educational policies?	33f	
f Use of facilities?	33g	
g Athletic programs?	33h	
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
34a 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.)
 (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— <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 40 is—</td> <td style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is—</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </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	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	41	
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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				
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

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.	Yes	No	Amount
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.)			0

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

Acorn Institute, Inc.

72-1488419

Form 990

Cash Contributions of \$5,000 or more
Included on Part I Line 3

<u>Contributor's Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	500,000.00
	5,000.00
	10,000 00
	25,000.00
	23,000 00
	10,000.00
	125,000 00
	7,500.00
	7,000 00
	5,000 00
	20,000 00
	5,000 00

8,000.00

10,000.00

103,125.00

5,000.00

5,000 00

10,000.00

30,000 00

Form 990

Part III

Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

ACORN Institute's role is to support training and education programs in low and moderate income communities. ACORN Institute is a leader on Hurricane Katrina and Rita recovery and rebuilding efforts, free income tax preparation, and training community leaders about how to build strong neighborhoods.

Form 990

90 a

List the states with which a copy of this return is filed:

Arkansas	Ohio
Arizona	Oklahoma
Colorado	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Rhode Island
DC	Texas
Florida	Michigan
Georgia	Minnesota
Iowa	Missouri
Illinois	Nebraska
Louisiana	New Jersey
Massachusetts	New York
Maryland	Ohio
New York	Washington
New Jersey	Wisconsin