

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)

2007

Open to Public Inspection

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 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 20 08

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

C Name of organization
Aspire Education Project
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 10083
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Oakland, CA 94610

D Employer identification number
20 5274459

E Telephone number
(510) 658-7500

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

G Website: ▶ **www.aspireeducation.org**

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

K Check here ▶ if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **239,997**

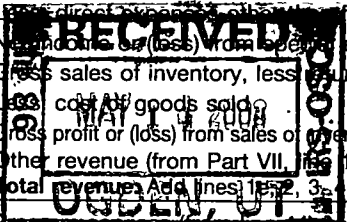
H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations
H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶
H(c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
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 (See the instructions.)

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a Contributions to donor advised funds	1a	0	
	b Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b	3,694	
	c Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c	0	
	d Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d	0	
	e Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ 3,694 noncash \$ 0)	1e		3,694
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		0
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3		236,303
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		0
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5		0
	6a Gross rents	6a		
	b Less: rental expenses	6b		
	c Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c		0
	7 Other investment income (describe ▶)	7		0
	8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a		
	c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b		
	d Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)	8c		
	8d Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)	8d		0
	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 1b)	9a		
	b Less: direct support and other fundraising expenses	9b		
	c Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a	9c		0
	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		0
	11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11		0
	12 Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12		239,997
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		230,862
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		32,192
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		3,724
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16		0
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 13 and 14, column (A)	17		266,777
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18		(26,780)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		19,663
	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		(10,117)

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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
22a	Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	0	0		
22b	Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	0	0		
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	0	0		
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	0	0		
25a	Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A	103,161	83,560	17,537	2,064
b	Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B	0	0	0	0
c	Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
26	Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c	123,171	112,356	9,614	1,201
27	Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c	0	0	0	0
28	Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	4,680	4,043	569	68
29	Payroll taxes	20,347	17,576	2474	297
30	Professional fundraising fees	0	0	0	0
31	Accounting fees	0	0	0	0
32	Legal fees	0	0	0	0
33	Supplies	2293	2146	131	16
34	Telephone	2,950	2,685	236	29
35	Postage and shipping	457	415	37	5
36	Occupancy	1739	1582	139	18
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	0	0	0	0
38	Printing and publications	1418	1418	0	0
39	Travel	0	0	0	0
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	198	0	198	0
41	Interest	508	462	41	5
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	0	0	0	0
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	Fingerprinting	1327	1327	0	0
b	Web Hosting	150	136	12	2
c	Insurance	535	487	43	5
d	Membership Dues	157	0	157	0
e	Bad Debt	4802	0	0	0
f	Organization Expenses (licenses, applications et	858	83	775	0
g	Paypal Fees	0	119	0	0
44	Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	269,777	233,862	32,192	3,724

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? ► Charitable and Educational Purposes	Program Service Expenses
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.)	(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)
<p>a Individual Tutoring. Aspire provided tailored one-on-one tutoring in academic subjects and in standardized test preparation to 168 students in 2007, 12% of whom come from families who earn below 400% of the federal poverty level and receive our services at reduced or no cost. Our tutoring helps students overcome obstacles that stand in the way of their education by increasing their confidence and understanding of subject matter, improving their grades and increasing scores on crucial tests such as high school exit exams and college entrance exams. The individualized program means that we achieve the greatest impact in the least amount of time.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	140,317
<p>b Academic Support for Schools and Other Institutions. In 2007 we staffed after-school programs that help students at public schools (MetWest, Leadership Preparatory High School, East Oakland School of the Arts, Castlemont Information and Technology School, Piedmont High school), a private school (Bentley High School) and a local nonprofit (BUILD Oakland). The goals of the programs include helping students to raise and maintain grades, improve comprehension of subject matter and increase confidence in and enjoyment of learning. Through these programs we have reached approximately 350 students in 2007 by working in group environments.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	63,143
<p>c Community Reading Buddies. We recruited over 100 junior and high school students to volunteer to spend two afternoons a week with a similar number of pre-k - 4th graders at an Oakland Unified School Childhood Development Center. The primary focus of the 8 week program is to building language skills for children from predominantly non-English speaking families. The volunteers lead reading activities and literacy-based games while also serving as role models. At the same time, the volunteers learn from the children they work with, are provided with training in pedagogy and are exposed to the challenges and rewards of teaching.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	21,048
<p>d Group Test Prep with Partner Organizations. Aspire provided standardized test preparation to students through other East Bay Nonprofits including the Gooden Family Scholarship Fund, UC Berkeley's Educational Guidance Center and DUSTY. These programs target disadvantaged students and increase the likelihood of their graduating from high school and/or attending college by improving their performance on standardized exams. These programs have improved the scores of over 80 students on the SAT or CAHSEE exams. The group programs achieve a broad impact by reaching more students and by keeping costs low.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	9,354
<p>e Other program services (attach schedule)</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	0
<p>f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ►</p>	233,862

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	5,701	45	(5,808)	
	46	Savings and temporary cash investments	0	46	0	
	47a	Accounts receivable	36,778			
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0	28,300	47c	36,778
	48a	Pledges receivable	0			
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0	0	48c	0
	49	Grants receivable	0	49	0	
	50a	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)	0	50a	0	
	b	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)	0	50b	0	
	51a	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	0			
	b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0	0	51c	0
	52	Inventories for sale or use	0	52	0	
	53	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	53	517	
	54a	Investments—publicly-traded securities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	0	54a	0	
	b	Investments—other securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	0	54b	0	
	55a	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis	0			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	0	0	55c	0
	56	Investments—other (attach schedule)	0	56	0	
	57a	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	0			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	0	0	57c	0
58	Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ► <u>rent deposit</u>)	0	58	518		
59	Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58	34,001	59	32,005		
Liabilities	60	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,296	60	6,473	
	61	Grants payable	0	61	0	
	62	Deferred revenue	0	62	11,888	
	63	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)	10,042	63	0	
	64a	Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)	0	64a	0	
	b	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	0	64b	0	
	65	Other liabilities (describe ► <u>credit card and credit line</u>)	0	65	23,761	
66	Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65	14,338	66	42,13		
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	19,663	67	(10,117)	
	68	Temporarily restricted	0	68	0	
	69	Permanently restricted	0	69	0	
	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 and column (B) must equal line 21)	19,663	73	(10,117)	
	74	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73	34,001	74	32,005	

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
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:		b
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:		d
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
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:		b
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:		d
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
Matthew Hulse PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Executive Director, 60 hours/week	\$60,000	364	0
Alexandra Calsoyas PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director of Operations and Finance, 40 hours/week	\$43,161	364	0
Rebecca Davis (replaced 7/07) PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Patricia Jensen (replaced 7/07) PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Nancy McKee-Jolda (elected 7/07) PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Nate Byerley (elected 7/07) PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Sarah Thompson (replaced 7/07) PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Deena McClain PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Heidi Mickelson PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	0	0	0
Rick Richetta PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Director, .5 hours/week	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"/>	<input 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 13,295		
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to <i>quid pro quo</i> contributions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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?		
85a	501(c)(4), (5), or (6). Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
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.		
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	
88a	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.	88a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Part XI	88b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶; section 4912 ▶; section 4955 ▶		
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		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	89e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f	All organizations. Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?	89f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g	For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	89g	
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ California		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007 (See instructions.)	90b	
91a	The books are in care of ▶ Alexandra Calsoyas Telephone no. ▶ (925) 255-3312 Located at ▶ 420 3rd Street Ste 105, Oakland, CA ZIP + 4 ▶ 94607		
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"/>

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? **91c**

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country

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**

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 Tutoring (individual, group, centers)					236,303
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))					
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					239,997

Note: Line 105 plus line 1e, 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).
93a	All of Aspire's tutoring (individual and group) provides educational support (academic or test prep) for students in the East Bay.

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
none	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

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).

Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13).

106 Did the reporting organization **make** any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity.

Yes	No
	✓

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	----- -----			
b	----- -----			
c	----- -----			
Totals				

107 Did the reporting organization **receive** any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity.

Yes	No
	✓

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	----- -----			
b	----- -----			
c	----- -----			
Totals				

108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

Yes	No
	✓

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: *Alexandra Calsoyas* Date: 5/7/2008

Type or print name and title: Alexandra Calsoyas, Director of Operations and Finance

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. X)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	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

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

Name of the organization Aspire Education Project	Employer identification number 20 : 5274459
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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
Matthew Hulse PO Box 10083, Oakland, CA 94610	Executive Director	\$60,000	364	0
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . ▶		0		

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
Aspire Education Project had no paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services in 2007		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		0

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
Aspire Education Project had no paid Independent Contractors for Other Services in 2007.		
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other 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.)

1 ✓

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?

2a ✓

b Lending of money or other extension of credit?

2b ✓

c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?

2c ✓

d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?

2d ✓

e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?

2e ✓

3a Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)

3a ✓

b Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?

3b ✓

c Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement

3c ✓

d Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?

3d ✓

4a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g

4a ✓

b Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

4b ✓

c Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

4c ✓

d Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

e Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

f Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts ▶ 0

g Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 of the instructions.)

I certify that 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 otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3) Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization:
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Type III-Functionally Integrated
 - Type III-Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 8 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Total					

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 8 of the instructions.)

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 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:		
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?	32d	
	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:		
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?	33h	
	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 11 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													
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	
If the amount on line 40 is—	The lobbying nontaxable amount is—														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 40														
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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														
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 13 of the instructions)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(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 14 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.)			

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

