

EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2018
Short Form

OMB No 1545-1150

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2017

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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

C Name of organization: **ARKANSAS LEARNS**
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address): **1401 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE**
 Room/suite: **260**
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201** *06*

D Employer identification number: **45-5627205**

E Telephone number: **501 492-3418**

F Group Exemption Number: **1**

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) _____

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

I Website: **WWW.ARKANSASLEARNS.ORG**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

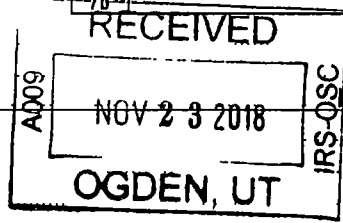
K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 131,001.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	115,000.	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
		Membership dues and assessments	3	16,001.
	4	Investment income	4	
		5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
		5c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
		a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)		6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events		6c		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	131,001.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	7,548.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	19,907.
	17	Total expenses Add lines 10 through 16	17	27,455.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	103,546.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	65,411.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	168,957.



SEE SCHEDULE O

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LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	80,482.	22	167,008.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	3,287.	24	1,949.
25 Total assets	83,769.	25	168,957.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	18,358.	26	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	65,411.	27	168,957.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 SEE SCHEDULE O			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a		28,621.
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a		
30			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a		
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a		
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32		28,621.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated - see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
WALTER HUSSMAN				
DIRECTOR, CHAIRMAN	0.50	0.	0.	0.
JIM WALTON				
DIRECTOR, TREASURER	0.50	0.	0.	0.
CLAIBORNE DEMING				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
BILL DILLARD III				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
LUKE GORDY				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
RANDY ZOOK				
DIRECTOR	0.50	0.	0.	0.
GARY NEWTON				
PRESIDENT AND CEO	5.00	0.	0.	0.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	N/A	
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0.
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	39a	N/A
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A ; section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A ; section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
40b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	N/A
40c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		N/A
40d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		N/A
40e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> GARY NEWTON Telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> 501-492-3418 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> 1401 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, LITTLE ROCK, AR ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 72201		
42b	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: <input type="checkbox"/>	42b	X
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="checkbox"/>	42c	X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 43 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	43	N/A
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
44d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None." N/A

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ 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

Sign Here	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 80%;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">Signature of officer</p> </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 15%;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">Date</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;">11/14/2018</p> </div> </div>
	<p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">Type or print name and title</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;">Gary Keaton</p>

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name JEFF CRONE, CPA	Preparer's signature 	Date 11/13/18	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01302049
	Firm's name ▶ EGP, PLLC		Firm's EIN ▶ 71-0519090		
	Firm's address ▶ 611 MAIN STREET NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72114-5395		Phone no. 501-374-2910		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Inspection

Name of the organization

ARKANSAS LEARNS

Employer identification number

45-5627205

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:	AMOUNT:
MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT & HOSTING SERVICE	11,661.
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	600.
BANK CHARGES	330.
GET OUT THE VOTE DRIVE	6,000.
DEPRECIATION	1,316.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	19,907.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
PREPAID AND OTHER	206.	184.
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	3,081.	1,765.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	3,287.	1,949.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	18,358.	0.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT
EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS TO ENSURE THE TALENT AND WORKFORCE NECESSARY
FOR ARKANSAS BUSINESSES TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY.**

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE - THE ORGANIZATION
IS A VOICE FOR ARKANSAS BUSINESS IN LOCAL, LEGISLATIVE,**

Name of the organization

ARKANSAS LEARNS

Employer identification number

45-5627205

EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE;
 PRODUCES AND ENCOURAGES TALENT DEVELOPMENT, RETENTION, AND RECRUITMENT
 ACTIVITIES WHICH ENSURE THE WORKFORCE NECESSARY FOR ARKANSAS TO
 SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY; AND PROMOTES LOCAL AND STATE
 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE TO FOSTER INNOVATION AND SHARING OF BEST
 PRACTICES TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE STATE OF
 ARKANSAS, AND THE CITIZENS WHO ARE DEPENDENT THEREON.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:
 THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,
 OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.
 THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,
 OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.