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Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2011**

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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 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/11, and ending 06/30/12**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <p align="center"><b>FERRIS FOUNDATION</b></p> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <p><b>420 OAK STREET PRAKKNEN 101</b></p> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <p><b>BIG RAPIDS MI 493072031</b></p>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <p align="center"><b>38-6115813</b></p> <b>E</b> Telephone number <p align="center"><b>231-591-2365</b></p> <b>G</b> Gross receipts\$ <b>7,739,625</b>
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <p><b>CARLA MILLER</b>  <b>420 OAK STREET PRAKKNEN 101</b>  <b>BIG RAPIDS MI 493072031</b></p>		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.FERRIS.EDU/FOUNDATION</b>		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1991</b>
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>MI</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <p align="center"><b>THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY BY GENERATING AND MANAGING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY.</b></p>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>-33,636</b>
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>-33,636</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>1,426,526</b>	<b>649,768</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>1,845,956</b>	<b>-107,975</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>-22,945</b>	<b>-62,120</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>3,249,537</b>	<b>479,673</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<b>1,074,500</b>	<b>1,005,298</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>51,935</b>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<b>227,087</b>	<b>244,152</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,301,587</b>	<b>1,249,450</b>
	<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>1,947,950</b>	<b>-769,777</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>37,770,981</b>	<b>36,275,137</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>90,386</b>	<b>101,451</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>37,680,595</b>	<b>36,173,686</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <p align="center"><b>JERRY L. SCOBY</b></p> Type or print name and title	Date <p align="center"><b>TREASURER</b></p>
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <p><b>MICHELLE L. DERIDDER</b></p> Firm's name ▶ <b>ANDREWS HOOPER PAVLIK PLC</b> <b>3333 DEPOSIT DR NE STE 310</b> Firm's address ▶ <b>GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546</b>	Preparer's signature Date Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN <b>P00059494</b> Firm's EIN ▶ <b>38-3133790</b> Phone no. <b>616-942-6440</b>

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.**

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Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Form 8868 (Rev. January 2012)

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box [X]
If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension-check this box and complete Part I only [ ]

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Table with 2 columns: Type or print, Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. Employer identification number (EIN) or Social security number (SSN). Includes FERRIS FOUNDATION, 420 OAK STREET PRAKKN 101, BIG RAPIDS MI 493072031.

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) [01]

Table with 4 columns: Application Is For, Return Code, Application Is For, Return Code. Lists various forms like Form 990, Form 990-T, etc.

KAREN THOMPSON
420 OAK STREET

The books are in the care of [BIG RAPIDS MI 49307]

Telephone No. [231-591-2157] FAX No. [ ]

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box [ ]
If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) [ ] . If this is for the whole group, check this box [ ] . If it is for part of the group, check this box [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 02/15/13, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- [ ] calendar year [ ] or
[X] tax year beginning 07/01/11, and ending 06/30/12

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return [ ] Change in accounting period

Table with 3 columns: Description, 3a, 3b, 3c. Rows for nonrefundable credits, refundable credits, and balance due.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY BY GENERATING AND MANAGING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,005,298 including grants of \$ 1,005,298 ) (Revenue \$ )

OUR MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH: A COMPREHENSIVE, AGGRESSIVE, AND ETHICAL PRIVATE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM TARGETED TOWARD IDENTIFIED UNIVERSITY NEEDS AND GOALS; AGGRESSIVE, YET PRUDENT, FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF LONG-TERM PRIVATE ASSETS; AND ENTHUSIASTIC AND ETHICAL ADVOCACY OF THE UNIVERSITY AMONG ALL ITS CONSTITUENTS.

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

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

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 1,005,298

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<b>X</b>	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<b>X</b>	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		<b>X</b>
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<b>X</b>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<b>X</b>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		<b>X</b>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		<b>X</b>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<b>X</b>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		<b>X</b>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<b>X</b>	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		<b>X</b>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<b>X</b>	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		<b>X</b>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		<b>X</b>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>X</b>	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>X</b>	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	<b>X</b>	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	<b>X</b>	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<b>X</b>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		<b>X</b>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		<b>X</b>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		<b>X</b>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		<b>X</b>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<b>X</b>	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		<b>X</b>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		<b>X</b>

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

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	X	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	X	
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response. Includes questions 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, and 14a-14b.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	<b>24</b>		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	<b>20</b>		
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<b>X</b>

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MI**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **KAREN THOMPSON**  
**420 OAK STREET**

**BIG RAPIDS**

**MI 49307**

**231-591-2157**

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DR. DAVID L. EISLER BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	321,571	111,473	
(2) JERRY L. SCOPY TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0	190,157	75,778	
(3) DR. ROBERT FRIAR BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	106,675	36,377	
(4) CARLA MILLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	20.00	X		X			0	102,952	41,026	
(5) KEVIN CROSS CHAIR	0.30	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) HOWARD C. STROSS CHAIR-ELECT	0.30	X		X			0	0	0	
(7) RICHARD SHAW IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(8) THOMAS P. SCHOLLER SECRETARY	0.30	X		X			0	0	0	
(9) KENNETH BAILEY BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(10) DALE DEHAAN BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(11) DAVID W. DRAKE BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(12) DR. JEAN K. ELDER BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(13) DR. JOHN ENGELMAN II BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	
(14) MARY GARVELINK BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X					0	0	0	



**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) <b>JAMES GIROUX</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(16) <b>DR. JOHN HARE</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(17) <b>JOE MIKOLS</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(18) <b>RANDALL L. PHELPS</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(19) <b>KARL ROTH</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(20) <b>PAUL M. EICHENBERG</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(21) <b>DR. RONALD MOHONEY</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(22) <b>TERRY STEWART</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(23) <b>GARY TRIMARCO</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(24) <b>SUEANN WALZ</b> BOARD MEMBER	0.30	X						0	0	0
(25) <b>JOHN H. WILLEY</b> FORMER EXEC DIRECTOR	0.30						X	0	184,527	73,534
<b>1b Sub-total</b>									905,882	338,188
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>									905,882	338,188

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>	110,492			
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>	38,000			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	501,276			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			649,768		
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
	<b>2a</b>					
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		734,463			734,463
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents					
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		6,326,405				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.			7,168,843		
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)			-842,438		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			-842,438		-842,438
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 110,492 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>		62,625		
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>		91,109		
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-28,484		-28,484	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b> RCP FUND VII, L.P.		900003	40		40	
<b>b</b> SIGULER GUFF DISTRESSED OPPOR		900003	5		5	
<b>c</b> METROPOLITAN REAL ESTATE PTNR		900003	-1,342		-1,342	
<b>d</b> All other revenue			-32,339		-32,339	
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			-33,636			
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			479,673	0	-33,636	-136,459

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	1,005,298	1,005,298		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	11,850		11,850	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	179,400		179,400	
12 Advertising and promotion	21,293			21,293
13 Office expenses	1,927			1,927
14 Information technology	6,321			6,321
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	4,321			4,321
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	169			169
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	7,033			7,033
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a AWARDS	4,889			4,889
b FOOD	3,487			3,487
c DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,495			2,495
d BANK CHARGES	967		967	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,249,450	1,005,298	192,217	51,935
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	352,328	1	169,605
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,197,803	2	558,345
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	289,490	3	200,247
	4	Accounts receivable, net	16,260	4	28,296
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	6,499,728	11	6,525,775
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	29,415,372	12	28,792,869
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	<b>37,770,981</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36,275,137</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	927	17	4,547
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	89,459	25	96,904
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	<b>90,386</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>101,451</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	10,107,334	27	9,688,963
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	9,343,574	28	7,789,511
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	18,229,687	29	18,695,212
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	<b>37,680,595</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36,173,686</b>	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	<b>37,770,981</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36,275,137</b>	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	479,673
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,249,450
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-769,777
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	37,680,595
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-737,132
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	36,173,686

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**FERRIS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**38-6115813**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: .....
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  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 exempt 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)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I    b  Type II    c  Type III—Functionally integrated    d  Type III—Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....

	Yes	No
11g(i)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(ii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(iii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A) <b>FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>38-6005159</b>	<b>6</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>1,005,298</b>
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									<b>1,005,298</b>

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3						
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12

**13 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	%

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

**b 33 1/3% support test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ►

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) .....						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .....						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** .....

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions .....



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**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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38-6115813

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and two questions about donor advisement.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of conservation easements, number of easements, and various monitoring and reporting questions.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include questions about reporting art and historical treasures.

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

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

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

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

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

- c** Beginning balance .....
- d** Additions during the year .....
- e** Distributions during the year .....
- f** Ending balance .....

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....	36,703,233	28,949,156	25,141,915	33,717,379	
<b>b</b> Contributions .....	505,573	1,275,623	629,049	1,064,729	
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....	-859,490	7,737,021	4,397,742	-8,314,008	
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....	-1,005,298	-1,074,500	-1,030,455	-1,192,709	
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....	-161,414	-184,067	-189,095	-133,476	
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....	35,182,604	36,703,233	28,949,156	25,141,915	

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ **26.40 %**
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ **53.10 %**
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ **20.50 %**

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

- (i)** unrelated organizations .....
- (ii)** related organizations .....

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3a(ii)</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3b</b>		

**b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? .....

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....				
<b>e</b> Other .....				

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

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other <b>LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS</b>	<b>9,736,840</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(A) <b>EQUITY INDEX</b>	<b>6,723,865</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(B) <b>EUROPACIFIC GROWTH</b>	<b>5,182,496</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(C) <b>COMMON FUND - MULTI-STRATEGY</b>	<b>2,236,357</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(D) <b>REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>1,841,275</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(E) <b>GMO EMERGING</b>	<b>1,684,673</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(F) <b>VANGUARD SMALL-CAP</b>	<b>1,243,780</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(G) <b>CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>143,583</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
(H) <b>PIMCO FUNDAMENTAL INDEX</b>		<b>MARKET</b>
(I)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	<b>28,792,869</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) <b>ANNUITY LIABILITY</b>	<b>96,904</b>
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	<b>96,904</b>

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

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	479,673
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,249,450
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-769,777
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-737,132
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	-737,132
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,506,909

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	-166,350
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-737,132
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-737,132
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	570,782
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	-91,109
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-91,109
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	479,673

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,340,559
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	91,109
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	91,109
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,249,450
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,249,450

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

**TO ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY.**

**PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE**

**THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FOUNDATION IS TAX EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUIRE MANAGEMENT TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ORGANIZATION AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY IF THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE IRS OR OTHER APPLICABLE TAXING AUTHORITIES. MANAGEMENT HAS ANALYZED THE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE FOUNDATION AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT AS OF JUNE 30, 2012, THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF A LIABILITY OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE FOUNDATION IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS IN PROGRESS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2009.

PART XI, LINE 8 - RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES - OTHER

FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$	91,109
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$	-91,109
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PART XII, LINE 4B - REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED ON RETURN - OTHER

FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$	-91,109
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PART XIII, LINE 2D - EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER

FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$	91,109
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**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

**FERRIS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**38-6115813**

**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a**  Mail solicitations
- b**  Internet and email solicitations
- c**  Phone solicitations
- d**  In-person solicitations
- e**  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f**  Solicitation of government grants
- g**  Special fundraising events

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
<b>Total</b>							

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<b>FOUNDATION GALA</b> (event type)	<hr/> (event type)	<b>NONE</b> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	173,117		173,117
	2	Less: Charitable contributions	110,492		110,492
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	62,625		62,625
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages	75,567		75,567
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	15,542		15,542
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				-28,484

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

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

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

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





**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization

**FERRIS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**38-6115813**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	<b>FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY 420 OAK STREET BIG RAPIDS MI 49307</b>	<b>38-6005159</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,005,298</b>				<b>SUPPORT UNIVERSITY</b>
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶ 1**
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶ 0**

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**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

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

**PART I, LINE 2 - PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS**

THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY BY GENERATING AND MANAGING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY. THE FOUNDATION EXISTS SOLELY TO SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY. THEREFORE GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY IS IN THE FORM OF SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND IS NOT A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS. SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS, AND EDUCATIONAL FACULTY GRANTS ARE ISSUED AND MONITORED THROUGH FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**FERRIS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number  
**38-6115813**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<p><b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel                      <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use  <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                                  <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence  <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments      <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees  <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account                      <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)                 </p>		
<p><b>b</b> If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</p>		
<p><b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>		
<p><b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director. Explain in Part III.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee                              <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract  <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant              <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study  <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations                      <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee                 </p>		
<p><b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p> <p><b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p> <p><b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p> <p><b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>		
		<b>X</b>
		<b>X</b>
		<b>X</b>
<p><b>Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5–9.</b></p>		
<p><b>5</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p> <p><b>a</b> The organization?</p> <p><b>b</b> Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>		
		<b>X</b>
		<b>X</b>
<p><b>6</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p> <p><b>a</b> The organization?</p> <p><b>b</b> Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>		
		<b>X</b>
		<b>X</b>
<p><b>7</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p>		
<p><b>8</b> Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p>		
<p><b>9</b> If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)–(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 DR. DAVID L. EISLER	(i) 0	(ii) 0	(iii) 0	0	0	0	0
	(ii) 241,232	38,500	41,839	0	111,473	433,044	0
2 JERRY L. SCOBY	(i) 0	(ii) 0	(iii) 0	0	0	0	0
	(ii) 190,157	0	0	0	75,778	265,935	0
3 JOHN H. WILLEY	(i) 0	(ii) 0	(iii) 0	0	0	0	0
	(ii) 184,527	0	0	0	73,534	258,061	0
4	(i)						
	(ii)						
5	(i)						
	(ii)						
6	(i)						
	(ii)						
7	(i)						
	(ii)						
8	(i)						
	(ii)						
9	(i)						
	(ii)						
10	(i)						
	(ii)						
11	(i)						
	(ii)						
12	(i)						
	(ii)						
13	(i)						
	(ii)						
14	(i)						
	(ii)						
15	(i)						
	(ii)						
16	(i)						
	(ii)						



SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Internal Revenue Service

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.

Name of the organization

FERRIS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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FORM 990, PART VI - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LINE 15: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO THE FERRIS FOUNDATION. FOUR OF THE DIRECTORS WORK FOR AND RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM A RELATED ENTITY (FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY). THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEGOTIATES WITH THE PRESIDENT ON HIS CONTRACT. EMPLOYEE WAGES ARE SET BY THE PRESIDENT WITH CONSULTATION OF THE BOARD IF APPROPRIATE. COMPARABILITY DATA IS USED WHEN SETTING WAGES FOR KEY EMPLOYEES. THE MOST RECENT YEAR THIS PROCESS WAS UNDERTAKEN WAS FISCAL YEAR 2012.

LINE 13: WRITTEN WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY:

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY THAT ITS GOVERNING BODY FORMALLY ADOPTED. HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION IS COVERED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WHISTLEBLOWER LAW.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990  
THE FOUNDATION BOARD WAS PROVIDED A PDF OF THE FORM 990 VIA EMAIL BEFORE IT WAS SUBMITTED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY  
ALL DIRECTORS, HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FERRIS FOUNDATION ARE TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE ANNUALLY. DIRECTORS OR MEMBERS WITH A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARE TO GIVE FULL FACTUAL DISCLOSURE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SUCH DIRECTORS OR MEMBERS SHALL ABSENT THEMSELVES DURING THE REVIEW OF THE MATTER BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS VOTING ON THE MATTER, WHICH WOULD

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BE REFLECTED IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION THE BYLAWS, FORM 990 TAX RETURN, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE FOUNDATION WEBSITE. OTHER DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AND IRS DETERMINATION LETTER, ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST THROUGH THE FOUNDATION OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART VII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LINE 1A: HOURS WORKED FOR RELATED ORGANIZATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JERRY SCOPY - 40 HOURS PER WEEK

DAVID EISLER - 40 HOURS PER WEEK

CARLA MILLER - 20 HOURS PER WEEK

ROBERT FRIAR - 40 HOURS PER WEEK

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS EXPLANATION

UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS AND SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS: \$737,132





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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Dispro- portionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) .....												
(2) .....												
(3) .....												
(4) .....												

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership
(1) .....							
(2) .....							
(3) .....							
(4) .....							

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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36.)

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

**f** Sale of assets to related organization(s)

**g** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

**h** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

**i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

**k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

**m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

**n** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

**o** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

**p** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

**q** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

**r** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		X
<b>1b</b>	X	
<b>1c</b>		X
<b>1d</b>		X
<b>1e</b>		X
<b>1f</b>		X
<b>1g</b>		X
<b>1h</b>		X
<b>1i</b>		X
<b>1j</b>		X
<b>1k</b>		X
<b>1l</b>	X	
<b>1m</b>		X
<b>1n</b>		X
<b>1o</b>	X	
<b>1p</b>		X
<b>1q</b>		X
<b>1r</b>	X	

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY	B	1,005,298	ACTUAL CASH
(2)	FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY	L	163,500	ACTUAL CASH
(3)	FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY	O	598	ACTUAL CASH
(4)	FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY	R	38,000	ACTUAL CASH
(5)				
(6)				

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**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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