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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2012, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:
- [ ] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [ ] Initial return
- [ ] Terminated
- [ ] Amended return
- [ ] Application pending

C Name of organization THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street addr) 1016 16TH STREET NW

Room/suite 8TH FLOOR

City, town or country WASHINGTON

State DC ZIP code + 4 20036

D Employer Identification Number 31-1816446

E Telephone number (202) 223-5452

G Gross receipts $ 3,104,366.

F Name and address of principal officer CHESTER E FINN JR SAME AS ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [ ] Yes [X] No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status: [X] 501(c)(3) [ ] 501(c) ( )◄ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

J Website: ► WWW.EDEXCELLENCE.NET

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other ►

L Year of Formation 2001

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. SEE ATTACHMENT A

2 Check this box ► [ ] if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	8
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	7
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	30
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	

Revenue

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	3,266,778.	2,790,215.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	138,119.	147,865.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		4,462.
12	Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,404,897.	2,942,542.

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	145,343.	41,500.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	968,272.	1,369,499.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 51,078.		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,355,163.	1,222,128.
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,468,778.	2,633,127.
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	936,119.	309,415.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,222,875.	8,965,751.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	220,650.	214,822.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	8,002,225.	8,750,929.

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date 11/11/13

Type or print name and title: Chester E. Finn Jr President

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: DAVID C. KOHLES	Preparer's signature: David C. Kohles	Date: 10/21/13	Check [X] if self-employed; PTIN: P01622353
Firm's name ► Lane & Company, CPAs			Firm's EIN ► 52-1738520
Firm's address ► 1920 N Street NW, Suite 320 Washington DC 20036			Phone no (202) 463-6500

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE ATTACHMENT A

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 $ 768,909. including grants of $ 0.) (Revenue $ 0.)

RESEARCHING AND EVALUATING ISSUES OF SCHOOL CHOICE: PRODUCING AND DISSEMINATING REPORTS ON THE DATA AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY IN VOUCHER PROGRAMS AND OTHER SCHOOL CHOICE ISSUES. PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDE DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENDITURES.

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses $ 545,131. including grants of $ 15,500.) (Revenue $ 0.)

RESEARCHING AND EVALUATING ISSUES OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY, STANDARDS, AND STRENGTHENING CAPACITY: PRODUCING AND DISSEMINATING REPORTS ON THE COMMON CORE, STATE STANDARDS, TEACHERS UNIONS, THE USE OF DATA IN SCHOOLS, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SCHOOLS. PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDE DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENDITURES.

4c (Code _____) (Expenses $ 533,052. including grants of $ 0.) (Revenue $ 0.)

DOING MORE WITH LESS: PRODUCED AND DISSEMINATED REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS IDENTIFYING EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS AND BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CURRENT BUDGETARY CHALLENGES IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM. THIS STRAND OF WORK FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY ON ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES THAT IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY IN SCHOOLS WHILE HOLDING STUDENTS HARMLESS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses $ 432,678. including grants of $ 26,000.) (Revenue $ 0.)

4e Total program service expenses ► 2,279,770.

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*	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?	2	X	
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*	3		X
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations** 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*	4	X	
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*	5		X
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*	6		X
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*	7		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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*	9		X
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*	10		X
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*	11a		X
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*	11b		X
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*	11c		X
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*	11d		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	X	
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*	11f		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII*	12a		X
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 and XII is optional*	12b	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E*	13		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
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*	14b		X
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*	15		X
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*	16		X
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)*	17		X
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*	18		X
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*	19		X
20 a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H*	20		X
b	If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	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*	22		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*	23	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, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If 'No,'go to line 25*	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		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*	25b		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		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*	27		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*	28a		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		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*	28c		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M*	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M*	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		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*	32		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*	33		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*	34	X	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		X
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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*	35b		X
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		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*	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	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 ☐

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	47		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	30		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		2b	X	
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to *e-file* (see instructions)				
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?		3a		X
b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O*		3b		
4a	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)?		4a		X
b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ►				
	See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b		X
c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c		X
d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non - exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a		
b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		13a		
	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O				
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a		X
b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O*		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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	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.	1a 8		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 7		
2	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?	2		X
3	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?	3		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X
7a	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?	7a		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body?	7b		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X	
9	Is there any officer, director or 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*	9		X

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

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		X
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?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If 'No,' go to line 13*	12a	X	
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done*	12c	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X	
15	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?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X	
b	Other officers of key employees of the organization	15b	X	
	If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		X
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 taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply.

[X] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [X] Other *(explain in Schedule O)*

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes 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.

► GARY LABELLE 1016 16TH STREET NW, 8TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 223-5452

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

1 a 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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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) DAVID PONITZ	1.00									
CHAIRMAN/TRUSTEE	1.00	X						1,500.	1,500.	0.
(2) MICHAEL W. KELLY	1.00									
TRUSTEE	1.00	X						1,500.	1,500.	0.
(3) RAYMOND CRAIG KENNEDY	1.00									
TRUSTEE	1.00	X						500.	500.	0.
(4) ROD PAIGE	1.00									
TRUSTEE	1.00	X						1,500.	1,500.	0.
(5) DAVID DRISCOLL	1.00									
TRUSTEE	1.00	X						1,500.	1,500.	0.
(6) CAPRICE YOUNG	1.00									
TRUSTEE	1.00	X						1,500.	1,500.	0.
(7) CHESTER E. FINN, JR.	25.00									
PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE	25.00	X		X				100,977.	100,977.	24,854.
(8) THOMAS A. HOLTON	1.00									
SECRETARY AND TRUSTEE	1.00	X		X				1,500.	1,500.	0.
(9) CHRIS TESSONE	25.00									
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	25.00			X				31,884.	31,884.	15,190.
(10) SPENCER ANDERSON	25.00									
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	25.00			X				19,613.	19,613.	1,313.
(11) GARY LABELLE	25.00									
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	25.00			X				21,706.	21,706.	9,962.
(12) MICHAEL PETRILLI	25.00									
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	25.00				X			91,978.	91,978.	29,455.
(13) TERENCE RYAN	25.00									
VP - OHIO PROGRAMS AND POLICY	25.00				X			85,323.	85,323.	31,632.
(14) AMBER WINKLER	25.00									
RESEARCH DIRECTOR	25.00					X		72,886.	72,886.	20,705.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organiza - tions below dotted line)	(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)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1 b Sub-total ►								433,867.	433,867.	133,111.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ►										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ►								433,867.	433,867.	133,111.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 1

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual*		X
4	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	
5	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 in compensation from the organization ► 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,790,215.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f $					
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f		2,790,215.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		Business Code				
	2a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a-2f					
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		174,524.	0.	0.	174,524.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal				
	6a Gross rents					
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
		(i) Securities / (ii) Other				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	135,165.				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	161,824.				
	c Gain or (loss)	-26,659.				
	d Net gain or (loss)		-26,659.	0.	0.	-26,659.
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
	b Less cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
	11a PUBLICATIONS	511190	4,462.	4,462.	0.	0.
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d		4,462.			
	12 **Total revenue.** See instructions		2,942,542.	4,462.	0.	147,865.

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)

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21	41,500.	41,500.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	417,183.	336,375.	69,127.	11,681.
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	750,858.	605,417.	124,417.	21,024.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	73,656.	59,389.	12,206.	2,061.
9 Other employee benefits	55,594.	44,826.	9,213.	1,555.
10 Payroll taxes	72,208.	58,221.	11,963.	2,024.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	2,216.	0.	1,896.	320.
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	1,684.	1,358.	279.	47.
g Other (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)	786,422.	784,519.	1,628.	275.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	105,807.	85,312.	17,532.	2,963.
14 Information technology	50,669.	40,854.	8,396.	1,419.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	73,737.	59,454.	12,218.	2,065.
17 Travel	77,439.	62,439.	12,832.	2,168.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	33,586.	27,081.	5,565.	940.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	21,556.	17,381.	3,572.	603.
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 TEMPS/INTERNS	55,087.	44,417.	9,128.	1,542.
b MISCELLANEOUS	13,925.	11,227.	2,307.	391.
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	2,633,127.	2,279,770.	302,279.	51,078.
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 ► ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing		1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,215,423.	2	2,464,872.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	685,000.	3	725,000.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	500.
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L		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	5,153,971.	11	5,605,893.
	12	Investments – other securities See Part IV, line 11	168,481.	12	169,486.
	13	Investments – program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	8,222,875.	16	8,965,751.
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,059.	17	0.
	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	Loans and other 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	207,591.	25	214,822.
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	220,650.	26	214,822.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► [X] and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**			
	27	Unrestricted net assets	5,811,125.	27	6,509,563.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	2,191,100.	28	2,241,366.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	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	Total net assets or fund balances	8,002,225.	33	8,750,929.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	8,222,875.	34	8,965,751.

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	2,942,542.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,633,127.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	309,415.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	8,002,225.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	439,289.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	8,750,929.

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: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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?	2a		X
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both			
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X	
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both			
	☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	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?	2c	X	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O			
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?	3a		X
b	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	3b		

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.**

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Name of the organization	Employer identification number
THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE	31-1816446

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 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 – Non-functionally integrated

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 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?

		Yes	No
(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?	**11 g (i)**	
(ii)	A family member of a person described in (i) above?	**11 g (ii)**	
(iii)	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	**11 g (iii)**	

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 column (i) listed in your governing document? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support? Yes	(v) No	(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U S ? Yes	(vi) No	(vii) Amount of monetary support
(A)										
(B)										
(C)										
(D)										
(E)										
Total										

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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants')	1,877,232.	2,646,770.	2,655,789.	3,266,778.	2,790,215.	13,236,784.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	1,877,232.	2,646,770.	2,655,789.	3,266,778.	2,790,215.	13,236,784.
5 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)						6,761,603.
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,475,181.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,877,232.	2,646,770.	2,655,789.	3,266,778.	2,790,215.	13,236,784.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	132,461.	145,987.	160,896.	144,641.	174,524.	758,509.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	0.	0.	0.	0.	4,462.	4,462.
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						13,999,755.

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

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	46.25 %
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	51.65 %

16a **33-1/3% support test – 2012.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the 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 – 2011.** 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 – 2012.** 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 – 2011.** 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 yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants ')						
2 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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7 a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10 a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lns 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

15	Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16	Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2012** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2011** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19 a **33-1/3% support tests – 2012.** 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 – 2011.** 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 ► ☐

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).

Other Income Part II, Line 10

Description: PUBLICATIONS

2008: 0.

2009: 0.

2010: 0.

2011: 0.

2012: 4462.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

► **Complete if the organization is described below.** ► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
► **See separate instructions.**

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If the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of organization	Employer identification number
THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE	31-1816446

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures ► $ _____

3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► $ _____

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► $ _____

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4 a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► $ _____

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► $ _____

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► $ _____

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

	(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ► ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ► ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and 'limited control' provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term 'expenditures' means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.	The lobbying nontaxable amount is.
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2 a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each 'Yes' response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity	(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	X		2,874.
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		38,134.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			41,008.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered 'No' OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered 'Yes.'

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Pt II-B Line 1i THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN DIRECT LOBBYING ACTIVITIES THROUGH PUBLICATIONS POSTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND DISSEMINATED DIRECTLY TO LEGISLATORS ELECTRONICALLY, AND THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS.

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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, lines 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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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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

		Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► $ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $

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 XIII.

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 XIII and complete the following table:

		Amount
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	1f	

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

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explantion has been provided in Part XIII ☐

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

	(a) Current	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years	(d) Three years	(e) Four years
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment ► _____ %

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations (3a(i))		
(ii) related organizations (3a(ii))		
b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? (3b)		

4 Describe in Part XIII 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
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e 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		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)* ►		

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)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (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)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.)* ►	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DUE TO RELATED PARTY	214,822.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)* ►	214,822.

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, 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) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12.			
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c
5	Total revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)*			5

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1
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 XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3
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 XIII)	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

Part XIII 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, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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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? [X] 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. 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) CTR FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS 1333 H ST. NW WASHINGTON DC 20005	30-0126510	501(c)3	15,000.	0.	N/A	N/A	PROG. SUPPORT
(2) COMMUNITY RESEARCH PRTNRS 360 S. THIRD ST. COLUMBUS OH 43215	31-1690992	501(c)3	25,000.	0.	N/A	N/A	PROG. SUPPORT
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ► 2

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ► 0

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, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Pt I Line 2 THE ORGANIZATION ASKS FOR WRITTEN REPORTS ON THE USE OF FUNDS AND COMMUNICATES WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING THE GRANTS.

SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1 a	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.		
	☐ First-class or charter travel		
	☐ Travel for companions		
	☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
	☐ Discretionary spending account		
	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
	☒ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
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	X	
2	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?	X	
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used 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, but explain in Part III		
	☒ Compensation committee		
	☐ Independent compensation consultant		
	☒ Form 990 of other organizations		
	☐ Written employment contract		
	☒ Compensation survey or study		
	☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	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		
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	X	
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		X
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		X
	If 'Yes' to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5	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.		
a	The organization?		X
b	Any related organization?		X
	If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	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		
a	The organization?		X
b	Any related organization?		X
	If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	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		X
8	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		X
9	If 'Yes' to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?		

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 columns (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

	(A) Name and Title		(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 and incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
	CHESTER E. FINN, JR.	(i)	100,977.	0.	0.	12,220.	207.	113,404.	0.
1	PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE	(ii)	100,977.	0.	0.	12,220.	207.	113,404.	0.
	MICHAEL PETRILLI	(i)	88,978.	3,000.	0.	10,913.	3,815.	106,706.	0.
2	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	(ii)	88,978.	3,000.	0.	10,912.	3,815.	106,705.	0.
	TERENCE RYAN	(i)	80,573.	4,750.	0.	10,012.	5,803.	101,138.	0.
3	VP - OHIO PROGRAMS AND POLICY	(ii)	80,573.	4,750.	0.	10,013.	5,804.	101,140.	0.
	AMBER WINKLER	(i)	69,886.	3,000.	0.	8,350.	2,003.	83,239.	0.
4	RESEARCH DIRECTOR	(ii)	69,886.	3,000.	0.	8,350.	2,002.	83,238.	0.
		(i)							
5		(ii)							
		(i)							
6		(ii)							
		(i)							
7		(ii)							
		(i)							
8		(ii)							
		(i)							
9		(ii)							
		(i)							
10		(ii)							
		(i)							
11		(ii)							
		(i)							
12		(ii)							
		(i)							
13		(ii)							
		(i)							
14		(ii)							
		(i)							
15		(ii)							
		(i)							
16		(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Pt I Line 4a SPENCER ANDERSON WAS TERMINATED 12/4/12. TOTAL SEVERANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 12/5/12 - 2/15/13 WERE $22,000 IN BASE SALARY AND $1,983 IN BENEFITS SHARED BETWEEN THE FILING ORGANIZATION AND THE THOMAS B. FORDHAM FOUNDATION.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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.**

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Name of the organization	Employer identification number
THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE	31-1816446

Pt VI, Line 11b SEE ATTACHMENT C.

Pt VI, Line 12c THE BOARD SECRETARY (WHO IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY) COLLECTS A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM EACH BOARD MEMBER ANNUALLY. THESE STATEMENTS DISCLOSE ANY ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TRUSTEE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY.

Pt VI, Line 15a SEE ATTACHMENT D.

Pt VI, Line 15b SEE ATTACHMENT D.

Pt VI, Line 18 THE FORM 1023 IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Pt VI, Line 19 THESE DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
► **Attach to Form 990.** ► **See separate instructions.**

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THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

31-1816446

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity? Yes	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity? No
(1) THOMAS B. FORDHAM FOUNDATION 1016 16TH STREET NW, 8TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036 31-6032844	EDUCATION AND AWARENESS	OH	501(C)(3)	LINE 11 TYPE 1	THOMAS B. FORDHAM		X
(2)					INSTITUTE		
(3)							
(4)							

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) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No	(k) Percentage ownership
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												

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	(i) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity? Yes	(i) No
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									

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

	Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule		Yes	No
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	1a		X
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b		X
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c		X
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d		X
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e		X
f	Dividends from related organization(s)	1f		X
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g		X
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h		X
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i		X
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j		X
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k		X
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l		X
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m		X
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	X	
o	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	X	
p	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	X	
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	X	
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r		X
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s		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-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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? Yes	(e) No	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 Form (1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No	(k) Percentage ownership
(1)													
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													
(5)													
(6)													
(7)													
(8)													

Part VII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990
Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4d (continued)

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 are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

Code. _____ Description: SEE ATTACHMENT B
Expenses 432,678.
Grants Of 26,000.
Revenue 0.

Thomas B. Fordham Institute
2012 Form 990,
Page 1, Part 1, Line 1
Page 2, Part III, Line 1

EIN #31-1816446

Organization's Mission

The Thomas B. Fordham Institute is the nation's leader in advancing educational excellence for every child through quality research, analysis, and commentary, as well as on-the-ground action and advocacy in Ohio.

Nationally and in our home state of Ohio, we embrace:

- High standards for schools, students and educators;
- Quality education options for families;
- A more productive, equitable and efficient education system; and
- A culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and excellence.

We promote education reform by:

- Producing rigorous policy research and incisive analysis;
- Building coalitions with policy makers, donors, organizations and others who share our vision; and
- Advocating bold solutions and comprehensive responses to education challenges, even when opposed by powerful interests and timid establishments.

ATTACHMENT A

Thomas B. Fordham Institute
2012 Form 990, Page 3
Part III, Line 4d

EIN #31-1816446

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments- Other Programs

1. **Researching and Evaluating Ohio Education Policy:** Produced and disseminated information aimed at strengthening and improving education policy in Ohio, including a publication of a bi-weekly electronic news-brief, the *Ohio Education Gadfly*, and analysis key education policy issues. Program expenses include direct and indirect expenditures

   Grants and Allocations: $26,000 Program Service Expenses: $318,965

2. **Human Capital Programs:** Designed and co-led a fellowship program to provide emerging K-12 education policy scholars opportunities to network, collaborate, brainstorm, and share new research. This program has helped to identify potential research topics, enlarged the pool of quality education scholars, and helped to support the work of established scholars.

   Grants and Allocations: $0 Program Service Expenses: $113,713

Total Other Grants and Allocations: $26,000

Total Other Program Service Expenses: $432,678

ATTACHMENT B

Thomas B. Fordham Institute
2012 Form 990, Page 6, Part VI-B
Line 11b

EIN #31-1816446

990 Review Process

The 990 is made available electronically to all Fordham Institute trustees prior to the filing deadline. It is also discussed at a meeting of a committee of the board (Audit & Risk Committee, which has purview over all financial and administrative matters). This committee is comprised of three of the eight members of the Fordham Institute Board. The Director of Finance reviews each line of the 990 before its filing. The Fordham Institute Secretary, trustee Thomas Holton, a partner with Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (PWMA), reviews the 990 with his colleague at PWMA, tax attorney Edward Segelken. Fordham Institute President, Chester E. Finn, Jr., receives an overview of the filing from the Director of Finance and serves as a member of the Audit & Risk Committee.

ATTACHMENT C

Thomas B. Fordham Institute
2012 Form 990, Page 6, Part VI-B
Line 15a/15b

EIN #31-1816446

Process for Determining Compensation

The compensation of the President is determined by the Board, and it has based its determination on an analysis of comparable positions at similar organizations. This process for the CEO was last undertaken in December of 2003 by the Board's Administration and Finance Committee (now known as the Audit and Risk Committee). The salary of the President has remained unchanged since that time. An updated review of salaries at comparable organizations was done at the full board's annual meeting in October, 2010. Compensation for the two Vice Presidents (Mike Petrilli and Terry Ryan) is determined by the President, based on a thorough annual review process conducted in November and December of each year (with mid-year and quarterly components as well). A comparable-salary analysis for the two vice presidents was last reviewed by the President in 2008.

ATTACHMENT D

Form **8868**
(Rev January 2013)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

► **File a separate application for each return.**

OMB No 1545-1709

- 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 extention 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 You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions) For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit *www irs.gov/efile* and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

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

Type or print

File by the due date for filing your return See instructions

Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE	31-1816446
Number, street, and room or suite number If a P O box, see instructions	Social security number (SSN)
1016 16TH STREET NW, #8TH FLOOR	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions	
WASHINGTON DC 20036	

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

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► GARY LABELLE

Telephone No ► (202) 223-5452 FAX No. ► (202) 223-9226

- 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 Aug 15, 20 13, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above
The extension is for the organization's return for:
► [X] calendar year 20 12 or
► [ ] tax year beginning _____, 20 ___, and ending _____, 20 ___

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

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions	**3a**	$ 0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	**3b**	$ 0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	**3c**	$ 0.

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

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II** and check this box ► [X]

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I** (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE	31-1816446
File by the extended due date for filing your return See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite number If a P O box, see instructions 1016 16TH STREET NW, #8TH FLOOR	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON DC 20036	

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

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	[redacted]	
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in care of ► GARY LABELLE
  Telephone No ► (202) 223-5452 FAX No ► (202) 223-9226
- 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

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until Nov 15, 20 13.

5 For calendar year 2012, or other tax year beginning _____, 20 __, and ending _____, 20 __

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return
[ ] Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO GATHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions	8a	$ 0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b	$ 0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	8c	$ 0.

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature ► [signature] Title ► CPA Date ► 8/12/13