Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
▶ **Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.**

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Name of the organization	**Employer identification number**
Growing Rural Opportunities	47-5091675

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:	**Section:**
Form 990 or 990-EZ	☑ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
	☐ 527 political organization
Form 990-PF	☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
	☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule.**

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☑ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** $5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than $1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling $5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ $ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I **Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Polk County Community Foundation 255 S Trade St Tryon NC 28782	$ 14,800	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Carolina Farm Credit Corporate Mission Fund 146 Victory Ln Statesville, NC 28625	$ 5000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Fidelity Charitable PO Box 770001 Cincinnati OH 45277-0053	$ 7,925	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II **Noncash Property** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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Part III ***Exclusively*** **religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than $1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns **(a)** through **(e) and** the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► $

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), such as legislation enacted after the schedule and its instructions were published, go to *www.irs.gov/form990.*

Note: Terms in **bold** are defined in the *Glossary* of the Instructions for Form 990.

Purpose of Schedule

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) is used to provide information on contributions the organization reported on:

• Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, Part VIII, *Statement of Revenue,* line 1;

• Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, Part I, line 1; or

• Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation, Part I, line 1.

Who Must File

Every organization must complete and attach Schedule B to its Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, unless it certifies that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of this schedule by taking the following action:

• Answering “No” on Form 990, Part IV, *Checklist of Required Schedules,* line 2, or

• Checking the box on

  • Form 990-EZ, line H, or

  • Form 990-PF, Part I, *Analysis of Revenue and Expenses,* line 2.

See the separate instructions for these lines on those forms.

If an organization isn't required to file Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF but chooses to do so, it must file a complete return and provide all of the information requested, including the required schedules.

Accounting Method

When completing Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), the organization must use the same accounting method it checked on Form 990, Part XII, *Financial Statements and Reporting,* line 1; Form 990-EZ, line G; or Form 990-PF, line J.

Public Inspection

Note: Don't include social security numbers of contributors as this information may be made public.

• Schedule B is open to public inspection for an organization that files Form 990-PF.

• Schedule B is open to public inspection for a section 527 political organization that files Form 990 or 990-EZ.

• For all other organizations that file Form 990 or 990-EZ, the names and addresses of contributors aren't required to be made available for public inspection. All other information, including the amount of contributions, the description of **noncash contributions,** and any other information, is required to be made available for public inspection unless it clearly identifies the contributor.

If an organization files a copy of Form 990 or 990-EZ, and attachments, with any state, it shouldn't include its Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) in the attachments for the state, unless a schedule of contributors is specifically required by the state. States that don't require the information might inadvertently make the schedule available for public inspection along with the rest of the Form 990 or 990-EZ.

See the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF for information on telephone assistance and the public inspection rules for these forms and their attachments.

Contributors to be Listed on Part I

A *contributor* (person) includes individuals, fiduciaries, partnerships, corporations, associations, trusts, and exempt organizations. In addition, section 509(a)(2), 170(b)(1)(A)(iv), and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organizations must also report **governmental units** as contributors.

Contributions

Contributions reportable on Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) are contributions, grants, bequests, devises, and gifts of money or property, whether or not for charitable purposes. For example, political contributions to section 527 political organizations are included. Contributions don't include fees for the performance of services. See the instructions for Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, for more detailed information on contributions.

General Rule

Unless the organization is covered by one of the *Special Rules* below, it must list in Part I every contributor who, during the year, gave the organization, directly or indirectly, money, **securities,** or any other type of property that total $5,000 or more for the organization’s **tax year.** In determining the total amount, separate and independent gifts of less than $1,000 can be disregarded.

Include each contribution included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, in calculating a contributor's total contributions and determining whether that contributor must be reported on Schedule B under this General Rule (or one of the following Special Rules, if applicable). For example, if an organization that uses the accrual method of accounting reports a pledge of noncash property in Part VIII, line 1, it must include the value of that contribution in calculating whether the contributor meets the General Rule (or one of the Special Rules, if applicable), even if the organization didn't receive the property during the tax year.

Special Rules

Section 501(c)(3) organizations that file Form 990 or 990-EZ. For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) that meets the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and not just the 10% support test (whether or not the organization is otherwise described in section 170(b)(1)(A)), list in Part I only those contributors whose contribution of $5,000 or more during the tax year is greater than 2% of the amount reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h(A), or Form 990-EZ, line 1. *An organization that claims the benefit of this special rule must either (1) establish on Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, that it met the 33¹/₃% support test for the current year or prior year, or (2) check the box on Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part I, line 7 or 8, and the box on Schedule A, Part II, line 13, as a section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization in its first five years*.

Example. A section 501(c)(3) organization, of the type described above, reported $700,000 in total contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h. The organization is only required to list in Parts I and II of its Schedule B each person who contributed more than the greater of $5,000 or 2% of $700,000 ($14,000) during the tax year. Thus, a contributor who gave a total of $11,000 wouldn't be reported in Parts I and II for this section 501(c)(3) organization. Even though the $11,000 contribution to the organization was greater than $5,000, it didn't exceed $14,000.

Section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations. For contributions to these social and recreational clubs, fraternal beneficiary and domestic fraternal societies, orders, or associations that weren't for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose, list in Part I each contributor who contributed $5,000 or more during the tax year, as described under *General Rule,* earlier.

For contributions to a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization received for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals (sections 170(c)(4), 2055(a)(3), or 2522(a)(3)), list in Part I each contributor whose aggregate contributions for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose were more than $1,000 during the tax year. To determine the more-than-$1,000 amount, total all of a contributor's gifts for the tax year (regardless of amount). For a noncash contribution, complete Part II.

All section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that listed an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contribution in Part I or II must also complete Part III to provide further information on such contributions of more than $1,000 during the tax year and show the total amount received from such contributions that were for $1,000 or less during the tax year.

However, if a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization didn't receive total contributions of more than $1,000 from a single contributor during the tax year for exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purposes and consequently wasn't required to complete Parts I through III with respect to these contributions, it need only check the third *Special Rules* box on the front of Schedule B and enter, in the space provided, the total contributions it received during the tax year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose.

Specific Instructions

CAUTION *Don't attach substitutes for Schedule B or attachments to Schedule B with information on contributors. Parts I, II, and III of Schedule B may be duplicated as needed to provide adequate space for listing all contributors. Number each page of each part (for example, Page 2 of 5, Part II).*

Part I. In column (a), identify the first contributor listed as No. 1 and the second contributor as No. 2, etc. Number consecutively. In column (b), enter the contributor's name, address, and ZIP code. Identify a donor as "anonymous" only if the organization doesn't know the donor's identity. In column (c), enter the amount of total contributions for the **tax year** for the contributor listed.

In column (d), check the type of contribution. Check all that apply for the contributor listed. If a *cash contribution* came directly from a contributor (other than through payroll deduction), check the "Person" box. A cash contribution includes contributions paid by cash, credit card, check, money order, electronic fund or wire transfer, and other charges against funds on deposit at a financial institution.

If an **employee's** cash contribution was forwarded by an employer (indirect contribution), check the "Payroll" box. If an employer withholds contributions from employees' pay and periodically gives them to the organization, report only the employer's name and address and the total amount given unless you know that a particular employee gave enough to be listed separately.

Check the "Noncash" box in column (d) for any contribution of property other than cash during the tax year, and complete Part II of this schedule. For example, if an organization that uses the accrual method of accounting reports a pledge of noncash property on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, it must check the "Noncash" box and complete Part II even if the organization didn't receive the property during the tax year.

For a section 527 organization that files a Form 8871, Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status, the names and addresses of contributors that aren't reported on Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, don't need to be reported in Part I if the organization paid the amount specified by section 527(j)(1). In this case, enter "Pd. 527(j)(1)" in column (b) instead of a name, address, and ZIP code; but you must enter the amount of contributions in column (c).

Part II. In column (a), show the number that corresponds to the contributor's number in Part I. In column (b), describe the **noncash contribution** received by the organization during the tax year, regardless of the value of that noncash contribution. Note the public inspection rules discussed earlier.

In columns (c) and (d), report property with readily determinable market value (for example, marked quotations for securities) by listing its **fair market value (FMV).** If the organization immediately sells **securities** contributed to the organization (including through a broker or agent), the contribution still must be reported as a gift of property (rather than cash) in the amount of the net proceeds plus the broker's fees and expenses. See the instructions for Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, which provide an example to illustrate this point. If the property isn't immediately sold, measure market value of marketable securities registered and listed on a recognized securities exchange by the average of the highest and lowest quoted selling prices (or the average between the *bona fide* bid and asked prices) on the contribution date. See Regulations section 20.2031-2 to determine the value of contributed stocks and bonds. When FMV can't be readily determined, use an appraised or estimated value. To determine the amount of a noncash contribution subject to an outstanding debt, subtract the debt from the property's FMV. Enter the date the property was received by the organization, but only if the donor has fully given up use and enjoyment of the property at that time.

The organization must report the value of any **qualified conservation contributions** and contributions of **conservation easements** listed in Part II consistently with how it reports revenue from such contributions in its books, records, and financial statements and in Form 990, Part VIII, Statement of Revenue.

For more information on noncash contributions, see the instructions for Schedule M (Form 990), Noncash Contributions.

If the organization received a partially completed Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, from a donor, complete it and return it so the donor can get a charitable contribution deduction. Keep a copy for your records.

Original (first) and successor donee (recipient) organizations must file Form 8282, Donee Information Return, if they sell, exchange, consume, or otherwise dispose of (with or without consideration) charitable deduction property (property other than money or certain publicly traded securities) within 3 years after the date the original donee received the property.

Part III. Section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that received contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes during the tax year must complete Parts I through III for each person whose gifts totaled more than $1,000 during the tax year. Show also, in the heading of Part III, the total of gifts to these organizations that were $1,000 or less for the tax year and were for exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purposes. Complete this information only on the first Part III page if you use duplicate copies of Part III.

If an amount is set aside for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose, show in column (d) how the amount is held (for example, whether it is commingled with amounts held for other purposes). If the organization transferred the gift to another organization, show the name and address of the transferee organization in column (e) and explain the relationship between the two organizations.