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**Return of Private Foundation  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust  
Treated as a Private Foundation**

**2011**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

**For calendar year 2011, or tax year beginning** Aug 1 , 2011, **and ending** Jul 31 , 2012

Name of foundation <b>VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.</b>		<b>A</b> Employer identification number <b>23-7336991</b>
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>PO Box 82</b>	Room/suite	<b>B</b> Telephone number (see the instructions) <b>(802) 226-8188</b>
City or town <b>Cavendish</b>	State ZIP code <b>VT 05142</b>	<b>C</b> If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>G</b> Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		<b>D 1</b> Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		<b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) <b>\$ 170,939.</b>	<b>J</b> Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses</b> <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (att sch)	20,100.			
<b>2</b> Ck <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundn is not req to att Sch B				
<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	162.	162.	162.	
<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities	4,983.	4,983.	4,983.	
<b>5a</b> Gross rents				
<b>b</b> Net rental income or (loss)				
<b>6a</b> Net gain/(loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
<b>b</b> Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
<b>7</b> Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
<b>8</b> Net short-term capital gain				
<b>9</b> Income modifications				
<b>10a</b> Gross sales less returns and allowances				
<b>b</b> Less Cost of goods sold				
<b>c</b> Gross profit/(loss) (att sch)				
<b>11</b> Other income (attach schedule)				
<b>12 Total:</b> Add lines 1 through 11	25,245.	5,145.	5,145.	
<b>13</b> Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
<b>14</b> Other employee salaries and wages				
<b>15</b> Pension plans, employee benefits				
<b>16a</b> Legal fees (attach schedule)				
<b>b</b> Accounting fees (attach sch) L-16b Stmt	598.	598.	598.	
<b>c</b> Other prof fees (attach sch)				
<b>17</b> Interest				
<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instrs) <b>Federal tax</b>	62.	62.	62.	
<b>19</b> Depreciation (attach sch) and depletion				
<b>20</b> Occupancy				
<b>21</b> Travel, conferences, and meetings				
<b>22</b> Printing and publications				
<b>23</b> Other expenses (attach schedule)				
<b>Investment fees</b>	1,568.	1,568.	1,568.	
<b>24 Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23	2,228.	2,228.	2,228.	
<b>25</b> Contributions, gifts, grants paid	20,950.			20,950.
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	23,178.	2,228.	2,228.	20,950.
<b>27</b> Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
<b>a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements</b>	2,067.			
<b>b Net investment income</b> (if negative, enter -0 )		2,917.		
<b>c Adjusted net income</b> (if negative, enter -0 )			2,917.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	6,528.	5,018.	5,018.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments – U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
		b Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule)			
		c Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
12	Investments – mortgage loans				
13	Investments – other (attach schedule) L-13 Stmt	132,684.	136,261.	165,921.	
14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
15	Other assets (describe ▶)				
16	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	139,212.	141,279.	170,939.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)			
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	24	Unrestricted	139,212.	141,279.	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions)	139,212.	141,279.	
31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions)	139,212.	141,279.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year – Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	139,212.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	2,067.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	141,279.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	141,279.

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
1 a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from column (h))
(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss). <span style="float:right">— [ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 ]</span>	<b>2</b>	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6).  If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 <span style="float:right">— [ ]</span>	<b>3</b>	

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income )

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?  Yes  No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (column (b) divided by column (c))
2010	30,594.	160,692.	0.190389
2009	28,058.	156,947.	0.178774
2008	28,079.	170,782.	0.164414
2007	28,403.	204,422.	0.138943
2006	22,550.	157,903.	0.142809

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	<b>2</b>	0.815329
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period— divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	<b>3</b>	0.163066
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5	<b>4</b>	165,622.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	<b>5</b>	27,007.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	<b>6</b>	29.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	<b>7</b>	27,036.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	<b>8</b>	20,950.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)**

<b>1 a</b> Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary – see instrs)		
<b>b</b> Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	<b>1</b>	58.
<b>c</b> All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, column (b)		
<b>2</b> Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b> Add lines 1 and 2	<b>3</b>	58.
<b>4</b> Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	<b>4</b>	0.
<b>5</b> Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>5</b>	58.
<b>6</b> Credits/Payments:		
<b>a</b> 2011 estimated tax pmts and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011	<b>6 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	<b>6 b</b>	
<b>c</b> Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	<b>6 c</b>	
<b>d</b> Backup withholding erroneously withheld	<b>6 d</b>	
<b>7</b> Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Tax due If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	<b>9</b>	58.
<b>10</b> Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	<b>10</b>	0.
<b>11</b> Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2012 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b>	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1 a</b> During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
<b>b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see the instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i>		X
<b>c</b> Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		X
<b>3</b> Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
<b>4 a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
<b>6</b> Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
<b>7</b> Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part II, column (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
<b>8 a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If 'No,' attach explanation</i>	X	
<b>9</b> Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2011 or the taxable year beginning in 2011 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV</i>		X
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <u>N/A</u>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of <u>Margie Straub</u> Telephone no <u>(802) 226-8188</u> Located at <u>PO Box 82 Cavendish VT</u> ZIP + 4 <u>05142</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u>			
16	At any time during calendar year 2011, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country <u></u>	16		X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1 a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>	1 b	
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2011?	1 c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2011, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2011? If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see instructions)	2 b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__</u>		
3 a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2011 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2011)	3 b	
4 a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2011?	4 b	X

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**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**

**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?  Yes  No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?  Yes  No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?  Yes  No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc, organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions)  Yes  No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?  Yes  No

**b** If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?  Yes  No

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?  Yes  No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

**6a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870.

**7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?  Yes  No

**b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?  Yes  No

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Tao Smith PO Box 509 Killington VT 05751	President	0.00	0.	0.
Lynn Sullivan PO Box 187 Jacksonville VT 05342	Treasurer	0.00	0.	0.
Lori Furrer 191 Frazier Rd. Wolcott VT 05680	Vice Pres	0.00	0.	0.
Kirk Dwyer Alpine Lane East Burke VT 05832	Secretary	0.00	0.	0.

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1— see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
none				
0				
0				
0				
0				

**Total** number of other employees paid over \$50,000 None

**Part VIII** Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services None

**Part IX-A** Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 Scholarships awarded to approximately 30 eligible recipients to pay tuition and related expenses to ski academies and ski clubs	20,950.
2 -----	
3 -----	
4 -----	

**Part IX-B** Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 -----	
2 -----	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3 -----	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶

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**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b> Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes:		
<b>a</b> Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	162,371.
<b>b</b> Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	5,773.
<b>c</b> Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	<b>1c</b>	0.
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	168,144.
<b>e</b> Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	168,144.
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	2,522.
<b>5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	165,622.
<b>6 Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	8,281.

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here  and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b> Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	8,281.
<b>2a</b> Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	58.
<b>b</b> Income tax for 2011. (This does not include the tax from Part VI )	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	58.
<b>3</b> Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	8,223.
<b>4</b> Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	8,223.
<b>6</b> Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Distributable amount</b> as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	8,223.

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b> Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc, purposes		
<b>a</b> Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	20,950.
<b>b</b> Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b> Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b> Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4 Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	20,950.
<b>5</b> Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	0.
<b>6 Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	20,950.

**Note.** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

**Part XIII** Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2010	(c) 2010	(d) 2011
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7				8,223.
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011.				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2010 only			7,973.	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __				
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2011				
<b>a</b> From 2006	0.			
<b>b</b> From 2007	28,692.			
<b>c</b> From 2008	28,091.			
<b>d</b> From 2009	25,851.			
<b>e</b> From 2010	30,656.			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e	113,290.			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 20,950.				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a				
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)				
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)				
<b>d</b> Applied to 2011 distributable amount				
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	20,950.			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	134,240.			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount – see instructions		0.		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount – see instructions			7,973.	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2011 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2012				8,223.
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)				
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2006 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2012. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	134,240.			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9:				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2007	28,692.			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2008	28,091.			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2009	25,851.			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2010	30,656.			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2011	20,950.			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) N/A

**1 a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2011, enter the date of the ruling ▶

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section  4942(j)(3) or  4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2011	(b) 2010	(c) 2009	(d) 2008	
<b>2 a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
<b>a</b> 'Assets' alternative test – enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> 'Endowment' alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
<b>c</b> 'Support' alternative test – enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)**

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2) )

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**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

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**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:**

Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc, (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

**a** The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

VARA Scholarship Committee  
 PO Box 82  
 Cavendish VT 05142 (802) 226-8188

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**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

see application on VARA website [www.vara.org](http://www.vara.org)

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**c** Any submission deadlines:

October 15

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**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

none

**Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**

**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
Brittany Lathrop PO Box 2021 South Londonderry VT 05155	None	N/A	scholarship	500.
Mikayla Lathrop PO Box 2021 South Londonderry VT 05155	None	N/A	travel	300.
Quinn Trainer 773 Chapman Rd. Ludlow VT 05149	None	N/A	scholarship	500.
Hana Saydek PO Box 41 Cavendish VT 05142	none	N/A	scholarship	1,000.
Mark Nebraska 413 Highland Ave Manchester Ctr VT 05255	none	N/A	scholarship	500.
Hunter Dansin 134 West Main St. Cambridge NY 12816	none	N/A	scholarship	500.
Hayley Armbruster PO Box 806 Stowe VT 05672	none	N/A	scholarship	500.
Thomas Walsh PO Box 2821 Vail CO 81658	none	N/A	scholarship	500.
Matthew Devereux 2 Orion Ave Ludlow VT 05149	none	N/A	scholarship	500.
See Line 3a statement				16,150.
<b>Total</b>				<b>20,950.</b>
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total</b>				<b>3b</b>

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Business code, (b) Amount, (c) Exclusion code, (d) Amount, and (e) Related or exempt function income. Rows include 1 Program service revenue, 2 Membership dues and assessments, 3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments, 4 Dividends and interest from securities, 5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate, 6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property, 7 Other investment income, 8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory, 9 Net income or (loss) from special events, 10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory, 11 Other revenue, 12 Subtotal, and 13 Total.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations )

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Table with 2 columns: Line No. and Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions ). Rows 3, 4, and 7 contain handwritten responses.

**Part XVII** Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

**1** Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

	Yes	No
<b>1 a (1)</b>		X
<b>1 a (2)</b>		X
<b>1 b (1)</b>		X
<b>1 b (2)</b>		X
<b>1 b (3)</b>		X
<b>1 b (4)</b>		X
<b>1 b (5)</b>		X
<b>1 b (6)</b>		X
<b>1 c</b>		X

**a** Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

- (1) Cash
- (2) Other assets

**b** Other transactions.

- (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization
- (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
- (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
- (4) Reimbursement arrangements
- (5) Loans or loan guarantees
- (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

**c** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

**d** If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

**2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?  Yes  No

**b** If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here** Lynne Sullivan 11/21/12 Treasurer  
Signature of officer or trustee      Date      Title

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

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Print/Type preparer's name: Lawrence E. Reed, CPA      Preparer's signature: [Signature]      Date: 11/30/12      Check  if self-employed      PTIN: P01272907  
 Firm's name: LAWRENCE E REED CPA PC      Firm's EIN: 02-0452861  
 Firm's address: PO BOX 760  
CHESTER VT 05143-0760      Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2011**

Name of the organization

**VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.**

Employer identification number

**23-7336991**

**Organization type** (check one):

**Filers of:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Form 990-PF

**Section:**

- 501(c)(\_\_\_\_) (enter number) organization  
 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation  
 527 political organization  
 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, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

**Special Rules**

- For a section 501(c)(3) organization 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), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution 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 a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc. purposes, but these contributions did not total to 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. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc. contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not 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 Part I, line 2, of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.**

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2011)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

VARA Educational Foundation, Inc.

23-7336991

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

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Vermont Alpine Racing Association PO Box 145 Cavendish VT 05142	\$ 20,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
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**Line 3a statement**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Founda- tion status of re- cipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Person or Business Checkbox  Amount
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
Ken McNeill 16 Susan Lane rutland VT 05701	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,250.
Jesse McNeill 16 Susan Lane Rutland VT 05701	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,250.
Tanner Mottau Stratton Mtn School Stratton VT 05360	none	N/A	travel	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 750.
Danny Duffy 85 Burnt Mountain Rd. Warren CT 05674	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,200.
Drew Duffy 85 Burnt Mountain Rd. Warren CT 05674	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 700.
Alexandra Duffy 69 Route 4 Mendon VT 05701	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 750.
Claire Hamnet 51 Cypress Lane Tymgsboro MA 01879	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Kazio Korowski 7 Cove Rd. Saratoga Springs NY 12866	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Ben Alexopoulos 1566 Herrick Brook Rd. Pawlet VT 05761	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Sawyer Mattson PO Box 176 Bridgewater VT 05034	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Tyler Guth 3 South rd. Mendon VT 05701	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Spencer Stodgell 22 Shore Ave Saratoge NY 12866	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.
Ryan Mooney PO Box 295 Charlemont MA 01339	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.
Nicholas Krause 4 Deanna Drive Oxford CT 06478	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 750.
Alita Rogers 2180 Main Rd. Huntington VT 05462	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 500.

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**Line 3a statement**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Founda- tion status of re- cipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Person or Business Checkbox  Amount
<b>a Paid during the year</b>				
Danielle Brownell PO Box 196 East Burke VT 05832	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.
Cody Putre 161 Stonegate Lane Shelburne VT 05402	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.
Andrew Kimbell 100 Golf Ave Woodstock VT 05091	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.
Ellie Gilbert 27025 Church Hill Rd. Woodstock VT 05091	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.
Linley Shaw 1520 Spear St. S. Burlington VT 05403	none	N/A	scholarship	Person or <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000.

Total

16,150.

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**Line 16b - Accounting Fees**

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LER CPA	tax preparation	598.	598.	598.	
Total		<u>598.</u>	<u>598.</u>	<u>598.</u>	

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**L-13 Stmt**

Line 13 - Investments - Other:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Blackrock International Bond	10,702.	10,684.
American Cap Inc Builder	25,587.	30,758.
Eaton Vance Large Cap	22,161.	28,700.
Pimco Total Return	28,287.	31,044.
Pimco High Yield Fund	11,746.	13,923.

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**L-13 Stmt**

<b>Line 13 - Investments - Other:</b>	<b>End of Year</b>	
	<b>Book Value</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>
T Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	18,700.	25,953.
Victory Diversified Stock	19,750.	25,531.
Money fund	-672.	-672.
Total	<u>136,261.</u>	<u>165,921.</u>