

Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

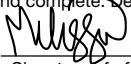
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Inspection**

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning		01/01/2023	and ending	12/31/2023
B Check if applicable:		C Name of organization RUNNING START		D Employer identification number 20-8666097
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Doing business as		E Telephone number 818-903-9150
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)		Room/suite
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		1310 L Street NW Suite 820		
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		Washington, DC 20005		G Gross receipts \$ 1,181,606
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		F Name and address of principal officer: Melissa Richmond 5138 Earl Drive, La Canada, CA 91011		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
				If "No," attach a list. See instructions.
J Website: www.runningstart.org				H(c) Group exemption number
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 2007		M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Running Start is a nonpartisan nonprofit that trains young women to run for political office.		
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	3	25
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	24
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	250
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0
Revenue		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,069,258	1,121,671
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	28,685	59,935
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-22,011	-61,250
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,075,932	1,120,356
Expenses			
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	24,450	22,000
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	727,474	890,021
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	107,172	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	232,403	350,352
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	984,327	1,262,373
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	91,605	-142,017
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	137,833	39,978
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	40,207	12,792
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	97,626	27,186

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
		Melissa Richmond, COO	
		Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name		Firm's EIN		
	Firm's address		Phone no.		

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Running Start trains young women to run for political office - giving them the confidence, capabilities, and connections they need to run, win, and lead!

- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ **232,763** including grants of \$ **22,500**) (Revenue \$ **73,370**)
High School Program - Running Start's High School Program is a weeklong in-person program in Washington, DC. Approximately 50 participants learn leadership and campaign skills from 100+ speakers, trainers, and Members of Congress while working with a team on a campaign simulation. 90% of High School Program alums said their training gave them confidence to believe that they would be qualified to run for office in the future. Notable High School Program alum Abrar Omeish (D) became the youngest-ever elected official in Virginia and one of the first Muslim women elected in Virginia. She serves on the Fairfax County School Board.

- 4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **205,276** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **27,000**)
Elect Her - Elect Her is a daylong training for college women on how to run for student government and beyond. 88% of Elect Her alums who ran for office reported that their training informed their campaign strategy. Each year, 50 Elect Her trainings are held around the country. Since 2009 500+ Elect Her trainings have been held, in 43 states and 9 countries, with 168+ partners, for 17,500+ participants. Notable Elect Her alum Allyson Carpenter (I) became the youngest-ever elected official in Washington, DC as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. She was later elected student body president at Howard University.

- 4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **251,026** including grants of \$ **236,666**) (Revenue \$ **67,500**)
Congressional Fellowship - The Congressional Fellowship includes a semester-long internship with a woman in Congress, a living stipend, and travel to and from Washington, DC. Participants practice real-world campaign skills through a campaign simulation and get training on how to run for office from mentors and alums. 85% of fellowship alums say their training helped them believe that they can speak about important issues on behalf of others. With Walmart's partnership, Running Start has trained 165+ Congressional Fellows who have been placed in the offices of 85+ women in Congress. Notable Congressional Fellowship alum Avery Bourne (R) is the youngest-ever elected official in Illinois. She represents the 95th district in the state legislature and recently ran for Lieutenant Governor.

- 4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) **See Schedule O, Statement 1**

(Expenses \$ **245,598** including grants of \$ **20,000**) (Revenue \$ **177,500**)

- 4e Total program service expenses **934,663**

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 ✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 ✓	
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 ✓	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e ✓	
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 ✓	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a ✓	
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 ✓	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 ✓	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a ✓	
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 ✓	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15 ✓	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.	16 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a ✓	
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b ✓	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21 ✓	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22 ✓	
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 ✓	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a ✓	
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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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 ✓	
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 ✓	
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26 ✓	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27 ✓	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a ✓	
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b ✓	
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c ✓	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29 ✓	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30 ✓	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34 ✓	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a ✓	
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	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38 ✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 0	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on 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 ✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)			Yes	No
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	0	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	5a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5c		
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	6a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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?	6b		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	7a		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7b		
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?	7c		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7d		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7e		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7f		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7g		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7h		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	8		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	9a		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9b		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	10a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	11a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	12a		
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	12b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	13a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	13b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	13c		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	14a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	14b		
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	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	17		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O			
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?			
	If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?			
	If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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 on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		1a	25	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 on Schedule O.				
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		24		
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?			✓	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?			✓	
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?			✓	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?			✓	
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?			✓	
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?			✓	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?			✓	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			✓	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O				✓

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?		✓
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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		✓
b	Describe on 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		✓
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done.		
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		
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		
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on 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?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16a			✓
16b			

Section C. Disclosure

- List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **None**
- Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
Melissa Richmond, (818)903-9150

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

 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Susannah Wellford	35.00								
CEO, Founder & Board Member	0.00	✓		✓	✓		133,889	0	25,082
Melissa Richmond	40.00								
Chief Strategy Officer	0.00			✓			110,101	0	8,362
Tasha Cole	1.00								
Democratic CoChair	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Sabrina Schaeffer	1.00								
Republic Board CoChair	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Angela Baker	1.00								
Treasurer	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Alethia Jackson	1.00								
Secretary	0.00	✓					0	0	0
LaKeitha Anderson	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Rosemary Bechhi	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Nancy Bocskor	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Peter Brown	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Allyson Carpenter	1.00								
Board Member & Alum	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Charlotte Clymer	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Isaac Fordjour	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0
Zoe Glas	1.00								
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former		
Karen Goldmeier Green	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Jessica Grounds	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Sohini Gupta	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Nishita Henry	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Jessica Hogle	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
William Minor	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Pepper Natonski	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Alyse Nelson	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Lucinda Robb	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	1.00									
Board Member & Former Member of Congress	0.00	✓							0	0
Laura Siegrist	1.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓							0	0
1b Subtotal								243,990	0	33,444
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								243,990	0	33,444

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 **2**

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual | 3 | ✓ |
| 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 | 4 | ✓ |
| 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 | 5 | ✓ |

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
None		
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization	0	

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 0				
	1b	Membership dues	1b 0				
	1c	Fundraising events	1c 207,090				
	1d	Related organizations	1d 0				
	1e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 914,581				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$ 0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	1,121,671				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code						
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue . . .		59,935	59,935	0	0
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		59,935			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)					
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6b						
	6c		0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
7b							
7c		0	0				
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 207,090) of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . .	8a	0				
b	Less: direct expenses	8b	61,250				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-61,250		0	-61,250	
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . .	9a					
b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
	11a						
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
12	Total revenue. See instructions		1,120,356	59,935	0	-61,250	

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 or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	22,000	22,000		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	251,112	125,556	62,778	62,778
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0		
7 Other salaries and wages	429,242	284,848	100,000	44,394
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	34,018	34,018		
9 Other employee benefits	73,596	73,596		
10 Payroll taxes	102,053	102,053		
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0	0		
b Legal	0	0		
c Accounting	5,694	5,694		
d Lobbying	0	0		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	0	0		
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	0	0		
13 Office expenses	29,009		29,009	
14 Information technology	28,751		28,751	
15 Royalties	0	0		
16 Occupancy	19,060	19,060		
17 Travel	52,738	52,738		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0		
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0	0		
20 Interest	0	0		
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0		
23 Insurance	9,698	9,698		
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses	205,402	205,402		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,262,373	934,663	220,538	107,172
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	28,478 1 32,458	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	5,496 2 0	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	97,500 3 7,520	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	6,359 4 0	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0 5 0	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0 6 0	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	0 7 0	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	0 8 0	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0 9 0	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	10c
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	0 11 0	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0 12 0	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0 13 0	
	14	Intangible assets	0 14 0	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0 15 0	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	137,833 16	39,978	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,207 17 12,792	
	18	Grants payable	7,500 18 0	
	19	Deferred revenue	27,500 19 0	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0 20 0	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0 21 0	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0 22 0	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0 23 0	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0 24 0	
	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	25	12,792
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	40,207 26	12,792
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	97,626 27 27,186	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	0 28 0	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances	97,626 32 27,186	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	137,833 33 39,978	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,120,356
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,262,373
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-142,017
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	97,626
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	76,484
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	-4,907
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	27,186

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?	✓	
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .		

Schedule O, Statement 1Form: **Form 990 (2023)**Page: **2****RUNNING START**EIN: **20-8666097****Part III, Line 4d****Other Program Services Accomplishments**

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	Alum / Mentor programming - Since 2007, Running Start has given 25,000+ young women the confidence, capabilities and connections they need to run and win. 90% of our participants who run for office win and 99% would recommend Running Start to a friend. Running Start stays connected with alums through a series of 20-30 events and trainings each year, most of which focus on mentorship and network building. Alums also stay connected via Slack and LinkedIn communities. In 2023, Running Start hosted its fourth-annual HBCU Women Leaders Summit in Washington, DC with partner organization Xceleader. More than 75 HBCU students from around the country attended and received training on how to run for office. Notable alum Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (D) is the first woman, the first person of color, and the first millennial to represent Illinois's 14th District in Congress and the youngest Black woman to serve in Congress.	245,598	20,000	177,500
Total:		245,598	20,000	177,500