

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2013

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▶ **Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2013, and ending 06/30, 20 14

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

C Name of organization: Blue Ribbon Foundation Inc
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1499 Hampton View Ct
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Marietta, GA 30008

D Employer identification number: 46-3574768

E Telephone number: 478-397-5542

F Group Exemption Number: ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: <http://theblueribbonfoundation.org/>

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 59,888

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	<u>56,238</u>
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	<u>0</u>
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	<u>0</u>
	4 Investment income	4	<u>0</u>
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	<u>0</u>
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	<u>0</u>
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	<u>0</u>
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	<u>0</u>
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	<u>3,650</u>	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	<u>2,537</u>	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	<u>1,113</u>	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	<u>0</u>	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	<u>0</u>	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	<u>0</u>	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	<u>0</u>	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	<u>57,351</u>	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	<u>0</u>
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	<u>0</u>
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	<u>0</u>
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	<u>24,574</u>
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	<u>3,507</u>
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	<u>207</u>
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 2</u>	16	<u>23,076</u>
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	<u>51,364</u>	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<u>5,987</u>
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	<u>0</u>
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	<u>0</u>
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	<u>5,987</u>

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	0	22 5,987
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	0	25 5,987
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0	27 5,987

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O, Statement 3

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

		Expenses <small>(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)</small>
28 <u>Advocacy: The Blue Ribbon Foundation contracted with Ryan Prior and Nicole Castillo to produce a feature-length documentary film on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS). Ryan (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 4)</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	46,799
29 <u>Medical School Fellowships: At a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington DC on January 24, Ryan Prior announced the Blue Ribbon Foundation's Medical School Student Fellowships. (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 5)</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	0
30 _____ _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____ (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	46,799

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Ryan Prior</u> President	10	0	0	0
<u>Nicole Castillo</u> Secretary	5	0	0	0
<u>Girdhar Subramanian</u> Treasurer	10	0	0	0
<u>Linda Tannenbaum</u> Director	5	0	0	0
<u>Hannah Tsui</u> Director	5	0	0	0
<u>Joey Tuan</u> Director	5	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance. Includes input fields for amounts and state names.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I **46** Yes No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 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 **47** Yes No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** Yes No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** Yes No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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: *Ryan T. Prior* Date: *2 March 2015*
 Type or print name and title: **Ryan Prior, President**

Preparer's Information: Print/Type preparer's name: _____ Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Check if self-employed PTIN: _____
Use Only: 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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2013

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

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Name of the organization Blue Ribbon Foundation Inc	Employer identification number 46-3574768
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Non-functionally integrated
 - e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")					56,238	56,238
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose					3,650	3,650
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	0	0	0	0	59,888	59,888
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						59,888

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	0	0	0	0	59,888	59,888
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	0	0	0	0	59,888	59,888
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization
Blue Ribbon Foundation Inc

Employer identification number
46-3574768

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Reasonable Cause Explanations

Explanation

This is our first fiscal year as a non-profit foundation, all of us are volunteers, and we continue learning all the financial reporting requirements as fast as possible. In October 2014 the IRS notified us of our approval as an IRS designated 501(c) 3 tax-exempt non-profit corporation with an effective date of September 13, 2013. We have maintained thorough and accurate financial records since we formed our organization in June 2013 and our corporation in September 2013, but erred in not filing a timely request for our automatic extension before November 15, 2014. In early February 2015 we recruited a volunteer knowledgeable in non-profit accounting and 990 preparation. He prepared appropriate non-profit financial statements as well as our 2013 IRS Form 990 Tax Return. In the future we will continue to maintain thorough and accurate financial records, file our tax return on-time, and, if necessary, file timely extension requests.

Other Expenses Structured Explanation

Description	Amount
Equipment Rental and Purchase	5,046
Production	1,083
Travel	15,491
Info Tech	570
Insurance	107
Subscriptions Memberships Registrations	579
Bank Fees	200
Total:	23,076

Primary Exempt Purpose

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To foster a national dialogue toward finding the cause, cure, and prevention of neuro-immune diseases.

First Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

and Nicole traveled throughout the US interviewing the foremost authorities on ME/CFS. 90% of the filming is complete. Post production work on editing, sound, color, animation, and distribution are underway. The expenses associated with this program service area include contractor fees, travel, equipment purchase and rental, and information technology costs.

Second Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

These fellowships will be \$4000 grants to second-year medical school students to study Neuro-Immune Disease at leading ME/CFS research institutes. The foundation received a restricted contribution in the amount of \$4,000 from the Wisconsin ME/CF Association to fund the first fellowship in the summer of 2015. During the fiscal year the foundation incurred no expenses associated with the fellowships.