

Short Form

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Form **990-EZ****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

2016**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ 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 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning **September 1**, 2016, and ending **August 31**, 2017**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization **hc****Monrovia Football Academy, Inc.**Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) **hc****39 Saxon Woods**

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Avont, CT 06001**D** Employer identification number **hc****473279465****E** Telephone number**860-836-2807****F** Group ExemptionNumber ▶ **hc****G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ **www.monroviafa.com****H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B **hc**

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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. ▶ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) **hc**Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

hc	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	149,921
hc	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	4,066
hc	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
hc	4	Investment income	4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 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	0
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	153,987
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits hc	12	79,883
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors hc	13	0
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	7,838
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) hc	16	37,015
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	124,736
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	29,251
	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	51,104
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	80,355

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Engage in social development via education and sport

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

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Part IV

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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. ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Connecticut		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ William Halg Smith Telephone no. ▶ 860-836-2807 Located at ▶ 39 Saxon Woods, Avon, CT ZIP + 4 ▶ 06001		
b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ Liberia See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ Liberia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 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

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 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.		

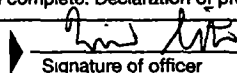
- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving more than \$100,000

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must complete Schedule A

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 provided by the taxpayer.

Sign Here

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Signature of officer

William H. Smith, Co-Founder & Executive Director
Type or print name and title

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Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Firm's name

Firm's address

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Monrovia Football Academy, Inc.

Employer identification number

47-3279465

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 12, 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 ☐ 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.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ 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 in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

- **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.**
► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

► **Information about Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II. <u>We hold an open application process every June. When advertising the opportunity to the community, we indicate on all materials that the Academy recruits children of any and all backgrounds. The only requirement is that they fit within our age range, and from there acceptance is based on merit. If there are further questions about eligibility, we refer applicants and their parents to our website, where our racially nondiscriminatory policy is listed (at the bottom of the site).</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Admissions policies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Educational policies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Use of facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g Athletic programs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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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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Part I, 16. Other Expenses. The total amount of 'other expenses' listed is \$37,015. These include: International Travel Expenses (\$7859.18), Payment Processing Fees (\$987.98), Promotions (\$1413.54), Advertising (\$2248.95), Bank Charges (\$883.04), Internet & Phone (\$654.00), Legal Fees (\$615.00), Local Transportation (\$1107.02), Meals & Entertainment (\$160.00), Office Expenses (\$2148.25), Website (\$108.00), Football Equipment (\$6521.75), Nutrition Expenses (\$7153.11), Medical Supplies (\$267.03), Recruitment Expenses (\$1018.45), School Supplies (\$3770.14), and Monitoring & Evaluation (\$100.00).

Part III, 31. Other Program Services. We offer a holistic set of programs to our student-athletes. They are with us from 8:30am-6pm, Monday-Friday, and from 9am-1:30pm on Saturdays. During the week, our students have football (soccer) training in the morning, lunch at noon, and academic classes in the afternoon. On Saturdays, they only have academic classes. Our schedule outlines our core programs. First and foremost, we are providing Liberia's talented youth with a quality education. Second, we provide them with world-class football training. Third, we provide them with nutritious lunches (good nutrition) and on-site medical care (healthcare). The final expenses listed in line 31 round out our budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and they cover our life skills and gender equality programs. The expenses within this \$21522 are mostly fundraising and management expenses, but they enable us to deliver messages about life skills and gender equality on a daily basis. These expenses include: International Travel Expenses (\$7859.18), Payment Processing Fees (\$987.98), Promotions (\$1413.54), Advertising (\$2248.95), Bank Charges (\$883.04), Internet & Phone (\$654.00), Legal Expenses (\$615.00), Local Transportation (\$1107.02), Meals & Entertainment (\$160.00), Office Expenses (\$2148.25), Website (\$108.00), Staff Benefits (\$2219.05), Recruitment Expenses (\$1018.45), and Monitoring & Evaluation (\$100.00).

Part IV, Note from Executive Director of Monrovia Football Academy, Inc.:

This is specifically related to Part IV. I would like to point out that we had more staff members in FY 16-17 than listed on Form 990. I have not listed them on Form 990 because they would not be considered 'key employees'. They included three more teachers, two medics, two assistant coaches, and two cooks. All are Liberian and do not pay taxes in the United States.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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