

Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2016

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2016, and ending, 20

B Check if applicable

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

C Name of organization: Highland Griffith Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): 8536 Kennedy Avenue
Room/suite:
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Highland, IN 46322

D Employer identification number: 35-1049807
E Telephone number: (219) 923-3666
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: [X] 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: www.highlandgriffithchamber.com

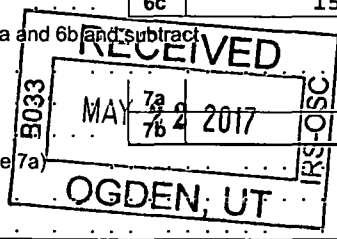
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(6) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Form of organization: [X] 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. \$ 106,418

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 [X]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Contributions, Gaming and fundraising events, Total revenue, Total expenses, and Net assets.



Revenue JAN 19 2017

Expenses

Net Assets

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. EEA

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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	92,301	22	84,189
23 Land and buildings	8,893	23	8,893
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	13,715	24	12,301
25 Total assets	114,909	25	105,383
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	26,068	26	24,867
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	88,841	27	80,516

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Advance the Town of Highland

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.

28 Scholarships awarded to promote the Chamber's civic responsibility to the Town of Highland	(Grants \$ 4,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32

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
Fred Leep President	1.00	0	0	0
Susie Pollard Vice President	1.00	0	0	0
Patricia Makarounas Treasurer	1.00	0	0	0
Shawn Graham Secretary	1.00	0	0	0
Carrie Upchurch Past President	1.00	0	0	0
Mary Luptak Executive Director	40.00	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

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
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)
35 a 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)?
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
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
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38 a 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?
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
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
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
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42 a The organization's books are in care of Highland Chamber of Commerce Telephone no. 219-923-3666 Located at 8536 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN ZIP + 4 46322
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:
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)
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:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041-Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
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
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
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
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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)

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

Table with Yes/No columns and row 46 containing 'X' in the No column.

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

Table with Yes/No columns and row 47.

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

Table with Yes/No columns and row 48.

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

Table with Yes/No columns and row 49a.

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

Table with Yes/No columns and row 49b.

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"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

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"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

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 must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes/No checkboxes with 'No' selected.

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 section containing signature of officer Fred Leep, President, and date 5-11-17.

Paid Preparer Use Only section containing preparer name Mark R Machnic CPA, signature, date 05-11-2017, PTIN P00717553, firm name and address, and phone number 219-595-5290.

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

Yes/No checkboxes with 'No' selected.

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

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Highland Griffith Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

35-1049807

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events	
		(event type)	(event type)	<u>1</u> (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts				
	2	Less Contributions				
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses				
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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01. Description of other revenue (Part I, line 8)

Description	Amount
Newsletter Ads	1,070
Welcome Bags	450

02. List of grants and similar amounts paid (Part I, line 10)

Activity	Scholarships
Amount	4,000

03. Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)

Description	Amount
Computer Software Fees	442
Pay Pal Fees	151
Web Design	1,789
Bank Charges	2
Membership Lunches	11,638
Dues and Subscriptions	636
Insurance	4,097
Internet	705
License and Permits	53
Membership Benefits	961
Merchant Fees	528
Memorial	75
Office Supplies	839

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Travel 414

Depreciation 1,414

04. Description of other assets (Part II, line 24)

Category	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Building and Equipment Net	13,715	12,301

05. Description of total liabilities (Part II, line 26)

Category	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Accounts Payable and Accruals	1,879	1,723
Deferred Revenue	24,189	23,144