

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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2016
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final
 Return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
600 EAST HOLLY STREET

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

D Employer identification number
91-0712539

E Telephone number
(360) 676-1168

G Gross receipts \$ 62,872,274

F Name and address of principal officer
JENNIFER KUTCHER
600 EAST HOLLY STREET
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) (14) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.WECU.COM

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1936

M State of legal domicile WA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
IT IS THE MISSION OF WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION TO PROVIDE THE MEANS FOR MEMBERS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

2 Check this box 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)	9
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	9
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	394
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	11
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	53,127,267	60,133,708
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,750,627	2,738,542
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	112,889	24
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	54,990,783	62,872,274
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	168,058	168,468
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)	20,675,394	23,998,847
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	20,628,017	23,262,060
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	41,471,469	47,429,375
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	13,519,314	15,442,899

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,225,832,214	1,367,927,360
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,030,122,679	1,156,494,807
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	195,709,535	211,432,553

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: 2017-11-15
JENNIFER KUTCHER PRESIDENT/CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: ANNE B DAVISON
Preparer's signature: ANNE B DAVISON
Date: _____
Check if self-employed PTIN: P00944246
Firm's name: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP Firm's EIN: 41-0746749
Firm's address: 20 E THOMAS RD STE 2300 Phone no: (602) 266-2248
PHOENIX, AZ 85012

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION (WECU) IS A MEMBER-OWNED FINANCIAL COOPERATIVE WHERE MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SAVE AND BORROW RESPONSIBLY AT FAIR AND COMPETITIVE RATES, IMPROVING THEIR FINANCIAL WELL-BEING AND STANDARD OF LIVING THIS STATE-CHARTERED CREDIT UNION IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION SHARE INSURANCE FUND, AND IS REGULATED BY THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION, AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - DIVISION OF CREDIT UNIONS WECU'S MAIN PRODUCTS ARE CONSUMER LOANS, REAL ESTATE LOANS AND COMMERCIAL LOANS TO MEMBERS, WHICH ARE PRIMARILY FUNDED BY DEPOSITS FROM MEMBERS FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ARE ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF WECU'S OPERATIONS AND SPIRIT OF SERVICE

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 \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

See Additional Data Table

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> 🗑️	3	Yes
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	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 Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> 🗑️	5	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 🗑️	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 🗑️	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 🗑️	8	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 🗑️	9	Yes
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 🗑️	10	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 🗑️	11a	Yes
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 🗑️	11b	Yes
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 🗑️	11c	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 🗑️	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️	11e	Yes
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 🗑️	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 🗑️	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and 501(c)(7), (12), and (29) organizations.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O See instructions

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 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 or 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?; 7b 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; 8a The governing body?; 8b 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 in Schedule O.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b 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?; 11b Describe in 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in 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?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b 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?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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 in Schedule O); 19 Describe in 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; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: JENNIFER KUTCHER 600 E HOLLY STREET BELLINGHAM, WA 98225 (360) 756-7716

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 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) PHIL ISLE DIRECTOR	4 00	X					5,448	0	0	
(2) BRUCE BURPEE DIRECTOR	4 00	X					1,639	0	0	
(3) DAVID WASCHKE DIRECTOR	4 00	X					1,025	0	0	
(4) CATHIE OBERG DIRECTOR	4 00	X					0	0	0	
(5) ASHOK KHANNA DIRECTOR	4 00	X					1,482	0	0	
(6) KRISTI LEWIS TYRAN DIRECTOR	4 00	X					0	0	0	
(7) CAROL LAGER DIRECTOR	4 00	X					2,660	0	0	
(8) DALE ZENDER DIRECTOR	4 00	X					1,005	0	0	
(9) HARTE BRESSLER DIRECTOR	4 00	X					2,989	0	0	
(10) KURT WILLIS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE	4 00	X					1,065	0	0	
(11) SHONDA SHIPMAN SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE	4 00	X					1,022	0	0	
(12) JENNIFER KUTCHER PRESIDENT/CEO	50 00			X			593,502	0	58,910	
(13) JEFF DYKSTRA EVP/CLO	45 00			X			369,631	0	45,938	
(14) COLIN NAYLOR VP/CIO	45 00			X			187,559	0	38,144	
(15) KENT BOUMA VP, BUSINESS SERVICES	45 00			X			158,776	0	34,901	
(16) MATTHEW BERENDSEN VP, REAL ESTATE	45 00			X			127,358	0	31,373	
(17) CINDY KLEIN CHRO	45 00			X			206,706	0	16,788	

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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) BRANDON HAHNEL VP/FINANCE	45 00			X				150,428	0	33,890
(19) LISA LANGEI DIRECTOR OF PAYMENTS	40 00					X		155,020	0	33,069
(20) AARON WHITSON CREDIT ADMINISTRATOR	40 00					X		140,349	0	27,545
(21) MIKE YEEND MBL TEAM LEAD	40 00					X		155,587	0	25,613
(22) GRANT DYKSTRA BUSINESS LOAN OFFICER	40 00					X		122,494	0	31,003
(23) ROBERT LANGEI - FORMER EVP/COO	40 00						X	439,436	0	2,037
1b Sub-Total										
1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								2,825,181	0	379,211

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 ▶ 21

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3 Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4 Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

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
JACK HENRY & ASSOCIATES (JHA) PO BOX 807 MONETT, MO 65708	VISA CARD PROCESSOR	1,346,311
DIAMOND MARKETING 710 SW 34TH ST RENTON, WA 98057	STATEMENT PROCESSING AND POSTAGE	652,579
DAWSON CONSTRUCTION PO BOX 30920 BELLINGHAM, WA 98228	FACILITY REMODEL	606,197
DH USA CORPORATION PO BOX 535120 ATLANTA, GA 30353	CORE DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM	505,899
CUBUS SOLUTIONS 3049 INDEPENDENCE DRIVE LIVERMORE, CA 94551	ONLINE BANKING SYSTEMS	393,031

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 ▶ 28

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check 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					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		522100	60,133,708	60,133,708		
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			60,133,708				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			2,737,742		2,737,742	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			800		
		c Gain or (loss)			0		
		d Net gain or (loss)			800		800
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b Less direct expenses	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a ROBBERY LOSSES		900099	24	24			
b _____							
c _____							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			24				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions			62,872,274	60,133,732	0	2,738,542	

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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	157,468			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	11,000			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	3,204,391			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	14,622,689			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	1,598,558			
9 Other employee benefits.	3,118,195			
10 Payroll taxes.	1,455,014			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	161,937			
c Accounting.	13,299			
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	853,614			
12 Advertising and promotion.	721,170			
13 Office expenses.	1,048,519			
14 Information technology.	2,259,655			
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	1,135,966			
17 Travel.	224,232			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	247,919			
20 Interest.	3,968,134			
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	1,598,531			
23 Insurance.	152,241			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	9,380,802			
b PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSS	1,496,041			
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	47,429,375			
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 Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	22,525,638	1	25,682,880
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	233,630,478	2	121,727,991
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	775,964,553	7	1,002,957,014
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	51,902,779		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	18,659,824		
		32,498,039	10c	33,242,955
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	4,710,065	11	4,990,184
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	140,248,522	12	160,717,235
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	16,254,919	15	18,609,101	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,225,832,214	16	1,367,927,360	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,753,571	17	8,882,821
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	1,173,583	21	1,408,721
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	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	1,020,195,525	25	1,146,203,265
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,030,122,679	26	1,156,494,807
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	30	0
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	195,709,535	32	211,432,553
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	195,709,535	33	211,432,553
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,225,832,214	34	1,367,927,360

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	62,872,274
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	47,429,375
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	15,442,899
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	195,709,535
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	280,119
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	211,432,553

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
<p>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>			
<p>2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	2a		No
<p>b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	2b	Yes	
<p>c 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?</p> <p>If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p>	2c	Yes	
<p>3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?</p>	3a		No
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits</p>	3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 91-0712539

Name: WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

WECU OFFERS SEVERAL TYPES OF CREDIT CARDS TO MEMBERS EACH CARD INCLUDES CASH BACK ON PURCHASES, NO ANNUAL FEE, LOW FIXED ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR), TRAVEL ACCIDENT INSURANCE WHEN YOU PURCHASE TRAVEL TICKETS WITH YOUR WECU VISA, OPTIONAL PAYMENT PROTECTION, 24 HOUR ACCESS WITH E-MAX ONLINE BANKING AND TELE-MAX AUDIO RESPONSE AND LOCAL SERVICE YOU CAN TRUST WECU HAS APPROXIMATELY 22% MEMBER PENETRATION IN OUR CREDIT CARD PROGRAM IN 2016, WE OPENED 3,299 NEW VISA ACCOUNTS FOR OUR MEMBERS, WITH NEW CREDIT LIMITS TOTALING OVER \$17 MILLION IN 2001, WECU LAUNCHED A STUDENT VISA PROGRAM WITH OUR CLASSIC VISA CARD THE GOAL OF OUR STUDENT VISA PROGRAM IS NOT TO PROMOTE SPENDING, BUT RATHER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT MONEY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTAINING GOOD CREDIT OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR MEMBERS 16 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE AND BEGINS WITH AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AND WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE LEGAL GUARDIANS OR PARENTS TO ATTEND THE STUDENT VISA SEMINAR COVERS MANY TOPICS, INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF CREDIT, CREDIT SCORES, HOW LOANS WORK, MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS, THE BENEFIT OF A VISA CARD AND WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CARD IS LOST OR STOLEN UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT VISA SEMINAR AND A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH PROOF OF INCOME OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AS CO-BORROWER, STUDENT MEMBERS WILL BE ISSUED A \$250 STUDENT VISA THE CARD IS GOOD UNTIL AGE 21 HOWEVER, IF THE LOAN IS IN GOOD STANDING AT THE AGE OF 18, STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR A \$500 CLASSIC VISA BY FILLING OUT A NEW APPLICATION WITH PROOF OF INCOME OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AS CO-BORROWER THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND AS OF THE END OF 2016, WE HAD 146 STUDENT VISA ACCOUNTS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

ALONG WITH CREDIT CARD LOANS, WECU OFFERS AUTO, BOAT, RV, PERSONAL, SECURED, TIMELINE AND OTHER CONSUMER LOANS WECU ALSO OFFERS A CREDIT BUILDER LOAN SOLUTION FOR AUTO LOANS TO ASSIST MEMBERS WITH ESTABLISHING AND/OR BUILDING CREDIT ACTIVITY WE HAVE VERY COMPETITIVE RATES AND OFTEN FUND VERY SMALL LOANS THAT OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD NOT IN THIS CAPACITY, WECU FILLS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE MICRO-LENDING ECONOMY IN 2016, WE ISSUED 10,608 CONSUMER LOANS (EXCLUDING CREDIT CARDS) TO OUR MEMBERS, TOTALING OVER \$206 MILLION WECU ALSO PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE BALANCE FINANCIAL FITNESS PROGRAM FREE OF CHARGE TO MEMBERS PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL COUNSELORS AT BALANCE PROVIDE DIRECTION AND SUPPORT TO ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO NEED HELP MANAGING THEIR DEBT AND GETTING THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES BACK ON TRACK

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

WECU OFFERS SEVERAL TYPES OF BUSINESS LOANS - COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, LINES OF CREDIT, COMMERCIAL TERM LOANS, LAND/LOT LOANS AND OTHERS. WECU ALSO FACILITATES BUSINESS LOANS THROUGH THE SBA 504 LOAN PROGRAM. AT THE END OF 2016, WECU'S MEMBER BUSINESS LOAN PORTFOLIO CONSISTED OF 728 LOANS FOR A TOTAL OF \$230 MILLION. WECU HAS SEEN A STEADY GROWTH IN OUR MEMBER BUSINESS LOAN PORTFOLIO SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN MAY 2001. THIS GROWTH SERVES AS EVIDENCE OF THE NEED FOR A LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OFFERING BUSINESS LOANS WITH LOW FEES AND COMPETITIVE RATES. REAL ESTATE LOANS. WECU OFFERS RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LOANS WITH VERY COMPETITIVE RATES AND LOW FEES. WECU ALSO OFFERS MEMBER EDUCATION SEMINARS RELATED TO BUYING A HOME. DURING 2016, WE FUNDED 938 RESIDENTIAL FIRST MORTGAGES FOR OUR MEMBERS, TOTALING OVER \$233 MILLION. AT THE END OF 2016, WECU HAD 2,409 RESIDENTIAL FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS OUTSTANDING, TOTALING OVER \$428 MILLION. WE WERE ALSO SERVICING AN ADDITIONAL 2,615 IN SOLD RESIDENTIAL FIRST MORTGAGES FOR OUR MEMBERS, INCREASING OUR OVERALL REAL ESTATE PENETRATION TO ABOUT 6.1%. THE AVERAGE BALANCE OF RESIDENTIAL FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS BEING SERVICED BY WECU IS APPROXIMATELY \$167,926. WECU ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE HOME\$TART PROGRAM THROUGH THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DES MOINES. THE PROGRAM HELPS FAMILIES EARNING UP TO 80% OF THE AREA'S MEDIAN INCOME PURCHASE A HOME BY PROVIDING GRANTS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR DOWN PAYMENTS, CLOSING COSTS, OR REHABILITATION OF AN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT.

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

CHECKING ACCOUNTS AT WECU OFFER MAXIMUM CONVENIENCE WITH NO OR FEW FEES WE HAVE FIVE CHECKING ACCOUNT OPTIONS 1) BASIC CHECKING WITH NO MONTHLY SERVICE FEES OR PER CHECK CHARGES, 2) CHECK PLUS, WHICH IS DIVIDEND BEARING, 3) MONEY MARKET CHECKING, 4) BUSINESS ECONOMY CHECKING, AND 5) BUSINESS BASIC CHECKING CHECKING ACCOUNTS ARE MADE MORE CONVENIENT WITH MOBILE BANKING, MOBILE DEPOSIT CAPTURE, DEPOSIT TAKING ATMS, VISA DEBIT CARD, AROUND THE CLOCK ACCESS WITH E-MAX AND TELE-MAX, DIRECT DEPOSIT AND AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS OVERDRAFT PROTECTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON ALL CHECKING ACCOUNTS WITH OUR VISA DEBIT CARD, MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO CHECKING ACCOUNT FUNDS ELECTRONICALLY AND CAN ALSO USE MORE THAN 25,000 SURCHARGE-FREE ATMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA THERE ARE 64,378 MEMBERS WITH A CHECKING SERVICE AND 55,052 VISA DEBIT CARD HOLDERS ABOUT 76% OF OUR ADULT MEMBERS HAVE A CHECKING SERVICE WITH WECU WECU TRULY STRIVES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE UNDERSERVED OUR CREDIT UNION HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A "LOW INCOME CREDIT UNION" (LICU), RECOGNIZING THAT OVER 50% OF THE CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ARE PART OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

WHILE TECHNICALLY NOT A CHARTERED SERVICE, WECU IS COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROVIDES SUPPORT TO A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS WECU IS A MAJOR PARTNER WITH THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, THE AREA'S COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY PROJECTS INCLUDE FREQUENT FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS, PRODUCTION OF FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION POSTERS AND BROCHURES PROMOTING FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AARP WECU'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COORDINATOR IS A CUNA CERTIFIED CREDIT UNION FINANCIAL COUNSELOR AND PROVIDES FREE COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS TO VARIOUS GROUPS WECU'S TWO EDUCATION CENTERS OFFER SPACE IN WHICH LOCAL NON-PROFIT OR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS MAY MEET IN ADDITION, BRANCHES HAVE MADE THEIR LUNCHROOMS AND CONFERENCE ROOMS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL GROUPS FOR MEETINGS THESE FACILITIES SAW APPROXIMATELY 612 OUTSIDE USES THE SWEAT EQUITY TEAM - COMPRISED OF WECU STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS - VOLUNTEERED AT 29 EVENTS DURING 2016 THROUGH THESE EVENTS, 239 WECU EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERED 364 TIMES

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
 ▶ Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION	Employer identification number 91-0712539
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____

3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No

4a Was a correction made? Yes No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
(1) NORTHWEST CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION	18000 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SUITE 35 SEATAC, WA 98188	91-0460483	17,632	
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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- 1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-
- j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

Yes No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I-A, LINE 1	CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE TO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) AS PART OF WECU'S NORTHWEST CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION (NWCUA) DUES THE TOTAL CHECK IS PAYABLE TO NWCUA, AND THE PAC PIECE IS DISTRIBUTED BY THE NWCUA TO THE CREDIT UNION LEGISLATIVE ACTION FUND (CULAF), WHICH IS OUR WASHINGTON STATE PAC CULAF'S FUNDS ARE RAISED FROM THE DUES INVOICES AS PART OF A VOLUNTARY "FAIR-SHARE" CONTRIBUTION LISTED FOR EACH STATE-CHARTERED CREDIT UNION

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
91-0712539

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- | | Amount |
|--|--------|
| c Beginning balance | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f Ending balance | |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | Yes | No |
| 3a(i) | | |
| (ii) related organizations | Yes | No |
| 3a(ii) | | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | Yes | No |
| 3b | | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		12,289,071		12,289,071
b Buildings		20,834,206	4,524,408	16,309,798
c Leasehold improvements		689,438	562,006	127,432
d Equipment		12,726,014	10,772,527	1,953,487
e Other		5,364,050	2,800,883	2,563,167
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				33,242,955

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) OTHER INVESTMENTS	155,014,035	C
(B) FHLB STOCK	1,469,200	C
(C) HELD TO MATURITY	4,234,000	C
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	160,717,235	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
OTHER LIABILITIES	10,965,914
MEMBER SHARE DRAFT	227,681,774
MEMBER IRA SHARES	36,026,402
SHARE AND IRA CDS	18,198,176
SHARE SAVINGS	852,985,400
ACCRUED PENSIONS AND PROFIT SHARING	345,599
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	1,146,203,265

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	62,872,274
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	62,872,274
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	62,872,274

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	47,429,375
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	47,429,375
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	47,429,375

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 91-0712539

Name: WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IV, LINE 2B	MONEY RECEIVED WITH MORTGAGE PAYMENTS THAT IS HELD IN ESCROW FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE CREDIT UNION EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS AND DETERMINED NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS EXIST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number 91-0712539

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance...
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

Table with 7 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 3
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	9	11,000			
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART III	WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION ASSIGNS SPECIFIED SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS THE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES THEN DETERMINE THE MOST DESERVING RECIPIENTS

Additional Data

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Software Version:
EIN: 91-0712539
Name: WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY 1500 CORNWALL AVE SUITE 203 BELLINGHAM, WA 98226	91-0570788	501(C)(3)	15,000				LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND INCOME INITIATIVES
NORTHWEST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION 13221 SW 68TH PARKWAY SUITE 400 TIGARD, OR 97223	91-1649328	501(C)(3)	11,352				SUPPORT OF TRADE ASSOCIATION AND ONGOING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
NORTHWEST CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION 13221 SW 68TH PARKWAY SUITE 400 TIGARD, OR 97223	91-0460483	501(C)(3)	17,632				ADMINISTRATIVE DONATION FOR SERVICES SUPPORTING THE CREDIT UNION INDUSTRY

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION	Employer identification number 91-0712539
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</p>		
<p>b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</p>	Yes	
<p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>	Yes	
<p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</p>		
<p>4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p>		
<p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p>	Yes	
<p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>		No
<p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>		No
<p>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p>		
<p>5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p>		
<p>a The organization?</p>		
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p>		
<p>a The organization?</p>		
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 4A	EXPLANATION SCHEDULE J, PART III, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION THE CREDIT UNION MADE NO CONTRIBUTIONS TO A 457(F) PLAN DURING THE YEAR SEVERANCE PAYMENT TO ROBERT LANGEI \$180,937.72

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

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

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Name of the organization

WHATCOM EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS THE CREDIT UNION'S MEMBERS RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PROFITS OR EXCESS DUES IN THE FORM OF CASH DIVIDENDS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY, WHETHER PERIODICALLY, OR AS VACANCIES ARISE, OR OTHERWISE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	OUR FORM 990 TAX FILING IS REVIEWED BY WECU'S CONTROLLER, CFO AND PRESIDENT/CEO IN DETAIL IT IS COMPARED TO OUR PREVIOUS YEAR'S RETURN AND TIED BACK TO OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND GENERAL LEDGER RECORDS A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	WECU'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOCUSES ON DEFINING AND PREVENTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY, TRANSACTION, OR BEFORE ENTERING INTO ANY RELATIONSHIP THAT MIGHT GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, EMPLOYEES MUST SEEK REVIEW FROM THEIR MANAGERS OR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WECU'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND INTERNAL AUDITOR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT NO CONFLICT OF INTERESTS OCCUR THAT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON WECU IF ANYONE SUSPECTS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT IS REPORTED TO MANAGEMENT, THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	WECU'S COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES PROVIDES FOR REWARDS THAT ARE MARKET-COMPETITIVE, RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGE EXPERIENCE WECU PARTNERS WITH A THIRD-PARTY COMPENSATION ADVISOR TO ENSURE PAY RATES ARE COMPETITIVE WITHIN THE MARKET AS A RESULT OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, WECU'S PRESIDENT/CEO AND EVPS DETERMINE THE OVERALL SALARY STRUCTURE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT/CEO IS OUTLINED IN THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT SET FORTH BETWEEN THE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE PRESIDENT/CEO

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	WECU HAS A MEMBER RIGHTS POLICY IN WHICH WE STIPULATE HOW OUR MEMBERS CAN REQUEST AND RECEIVE CREDIT UNION CORPORATE RECORDS, WHICH INCLUDE OUR ARTICLES AND BYLAWS, MINUTES OF OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND FORMS, CODE OF ETHICS, BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICIES, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE NAMES. A MEMBER REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CREDIT UNION AND SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THE DISCLOSABLE RECORDS REQUESTED. THE CREDIT UNION MAY REQUIRE THE MEMBER TO SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT TO PROTECT THE CREDIT UNION FROM UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. IF ANY DOCUMENTS CONTAIN MEMBER INFORMATION, IT WILL BE EXPUNGED FROM THE DOCUMENT BEFORE BEING PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED GAIN ON AFS INVESTMENTS 280,119

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS