



2024 Annual Report

EMPOWERING YOUTH SINCE 1994



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Teaching the next generation with real world, hands-on journalism training

What sets Youth Journalism International apart from many other educational programs is the fact that students don't just learn the skills involved in reporting and writing, but they also practice it out in their own communities.

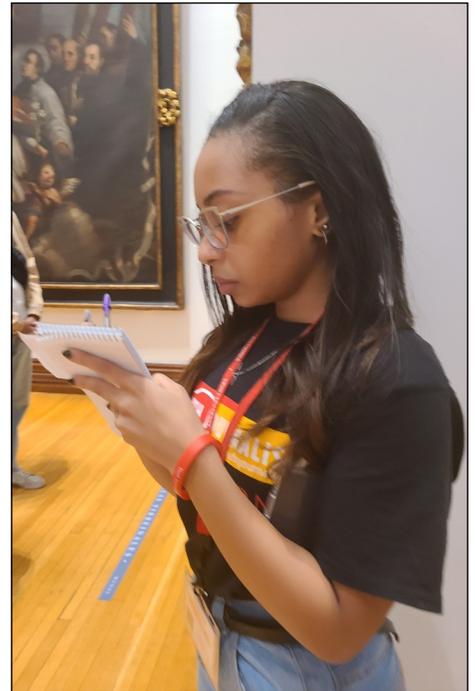
Unlike most academic assignments given to journalism students, the work that YJI students do is published for readers everywhere.

For young people interested in becoming journalists, it is invaluable to have examples of published articles, photographs and illustra-

tions. This builds the student's confidence and encourages them with the thrill of seeing their published byline.

It also puts them on a stronger footing because they are not merely learning about being reporters or photographers, but are actually practicing the craft alongside professionals in the field.

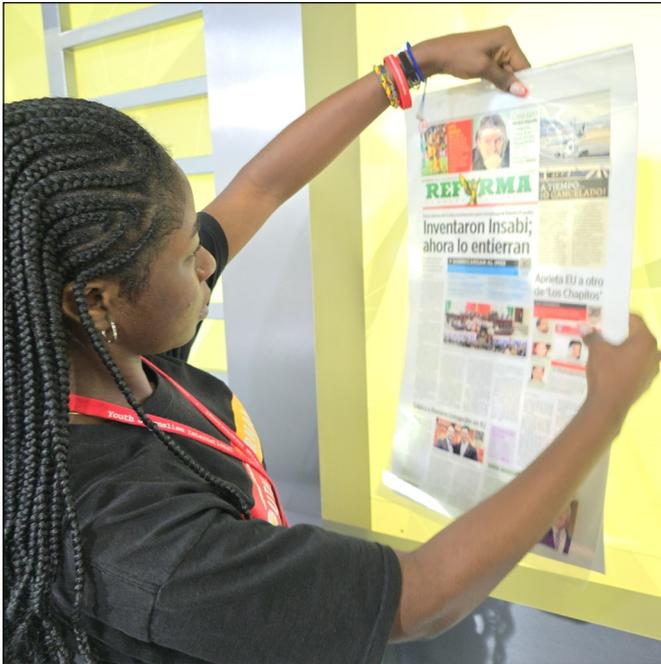
Having a collection of published work is a huge advantage, which is why *The Guardian*, a respected newspaper in the UK, has for years recommended YJI as a great place to learn journalism.



Above: Cassianne Saraiva from Brazil taking notes at a Mexico City art museum.



Below: Charlie Wallis-Martel of Maine and Holly Hostettler – Davies of Wales work on a story about Maine's First Ship.



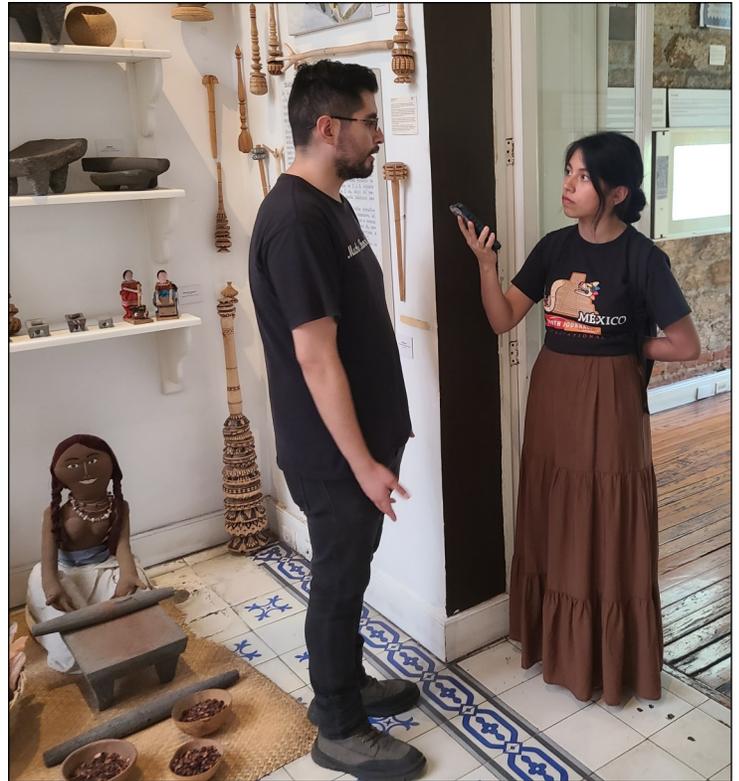
Since its inception in 1994, the organization has operated without charging students to participate, ensuring greater access to young people regardless of family income.

YJI students come from all over the world, representing a wide range of racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, as well as differing abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations. This enriches the YJI community, making it a vibrant space for cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.

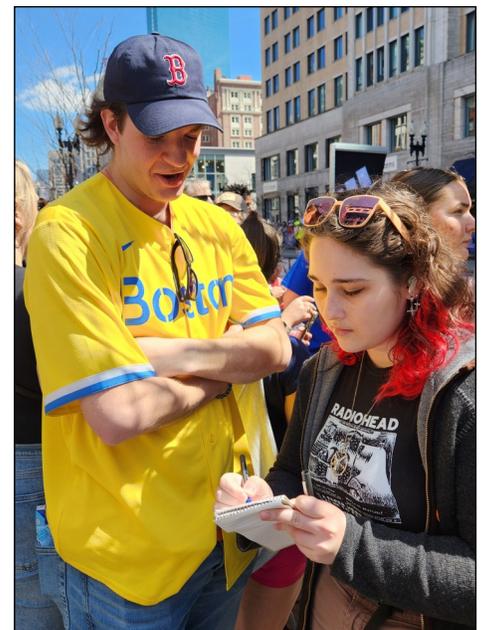
Many students are first-generation immigrants or have lived in multiple countries, giving them a unique global perspective that fuels their curiosity and passion for journalism while their peers reap the benefit of those experiences.

Youth Journalism International is a global force for good, an incredible network of students and alumni throughout the world who are ready and willing to learn from and help each other.

Alumni of YJI's program often stay directly involved. Some serve as board members, mentors and contest judges. Many others generously step forward when a need arises. These compassionate former students understand the challenges facing current students and younger alumni and are able to provide support and advice on university admissions, careers and other issues.



Youth Journalism International students practicing journalism. Upper left, Mayama Opare of Ghana examines a newspaper in Mexico City. Above, Samantha Esquivel of Matamoros, Mexico conducts an interview in a Mexico City museum. Below, Ipek Eser from Turkiye interviews a spectator at the 2024 Boston Marathon.





Who We Are

Youth Journalism International (YJI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating young people around the globe about journalism, fostering cross-cultural understanding and promoting a free youth press. Founded in 1994, YJI provides a platform for students aged 12-22 to share their stories, gain journalistic skills, and engage with peers worldwide. With guidance from professional editors, students report on diverse topics, bridging cultural, religious, and national divides. YJI is committed to empowering youth through truthful, ethical journalism, helping them become thoughtful world citizens and advocates of a free press.

YJI MISSION STATEMENT

Youth Journalism International connects student writers, artists, and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and promotes and defends a free youth press.



YJI Values Statement

Youth Journalism International treats every participant with respect in a safe, non-discriminatory, and diverse environment that nurtures lifelong friendships and community while it teaches, without charging participation fees to students, the skills and values that make good journalists and global leaders, including truth, accuracy, fairness, and courage.



Youth Journalism International began in 1994 as a small, informal group in Bristol, Connecticut whose work was printed in the local daily newspaper. From the start, students and their volunteer editors embraced the idea their work should take teens seriously. One of their first projects focused on teen pregnancy, a hot issue at the time.

By 1996, when students finished an award-winning series on teen suicide, its reporting was available online as well, one of the first teen-written newspapers online and the only one from that era that still exists.

It's just kept growing.



What Youth Journalism International does, in a nutshell, is provide a free education for young people in any country who are interested in journalism, current events and getting to know their peers across the globe. With students in scores of countries, the New England-based nonprofit provides a powerful platform for young people to tell their stories — to hand them a megaphone to speak to the world. It is empowering. It is uplifting. And it is building bridges that span the world, crossing cultural, religious and national divides to create a far-flung family that includes students and alumni reaching all the way back to the organization's roots.

Over the years, YJI has had more than 700 students, who have written stories from every conti-



ment, including Antarctica. YJI encourages youngsters between 12 and 22 to develop friendships with one another and to acquire the skills that will help them flourish wherever they are and whatever they wind up doing. Our alumni include doctors, lawyers, social workers, journalists and many, many more leaders of a rising generation that promises a better world. The stories, pictures and videos that students produce under the guidance of professional editors and educators have reached well over a million people of all ages, from every nation.

Rich in diversity, YJI focuses on journalism, but also builds bridges across cultures and helps students grow into thoughtful world citizens. Working with editors one-on-one and in groups, online and in person, students learn about writing, press responsibility and ethics. Reporting from their hometowns, students tackle tough topics such as terrorism, school violence and sexual harassment in addition to writing about music, movies, politics, sports and more.

The key to a better world lies with global understanding and truthful, effective



communication. YJI's students, telling important stories from their own neighborhoods and nations, represent every major religion and many cultures. By bringing these dedicated and idealistic young people together and giving their voices a powerful platform, YJI paves the way toward a brighter future for all. We think of YJI as a sort of peace factory.

Filled with the youthful idealism constantly flooding in from newcomers who want their chance to be heard, YJI makes it possible for students to have their voices added to the global conversation and to be taken seriously. Every year, scores of them jump at the opportunity after finding us online. We don't search them out. They come to us – in numbers that far exceed our ability to accept them all.

When YJI's founders, longtime journalists Jackie Majerus and Steve Collins, started teaching young people, they never imagined what it would become, that it would open doors not just across town but across seas. Now, with the help of generous donors who see its value, YJI has become one of the most respected jour-

nalism organizations anywhere. Its students' work has appeared in a National Geographic textbook, on PBS Newshour Extra, on public radio and in a number of

newspapers. Its annual contest, started in 2010, was the first to take entries from students in every country and has sent trophies to students on five continents. It is constantly growing and, we trust, always improving.

After holding some regional events from Texas to Toronto, YJI looked further afield starting in 2022 when it held its first global conference in Istanbul.



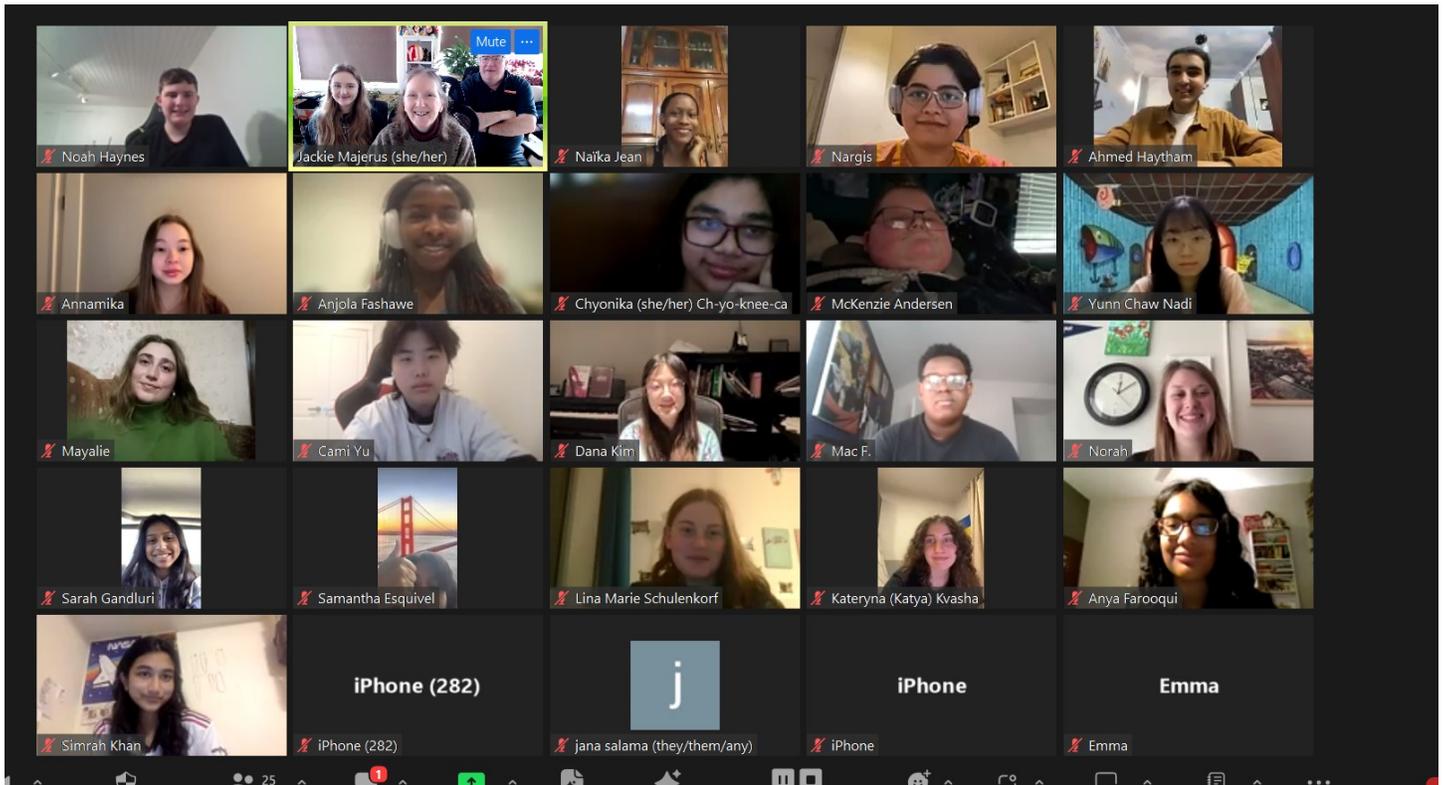
We brought together two dozen students from around the world for eight glorious days that cemented friendships and fostered the family feeling that YJI seeks.

A second global conference in 2023, in Prague, followed the same template to build connections with a healthy dose of idealism and journalism education to create memories that will last a lifetime. Four of YJI's nine board members are alumni who got their start as students years ago. Two others are current students who make sure decisions stay focused on serving the young people who treasure what YJI offers. Many other former students continue to serve as contest judges, advisors, donors and mentors whose bonds with one another and YJI remain strong as the years go by.

None of this would be possible without the aid of generous donors. The organization operates on a shoestring. It always has. We have been committed from the start to devote everything we have to our mission. It is our calling but it only succeeds if those who share our vision are ready to lend a hand financially or in whatever way they can. We are proud that we have never charged a student to participate.

That's one reason we have students in poor Third World villages who have the drive, ambition and talent to take a step onto the world stage. This is one place where it doesn't matter whether a student comes from great wealth or dire poverty. With the help of many supporters, YJI shatters the divisions that threaten our collective future.

Global Classroom teaches journalism, builds connections



At the core of YJI’s programming is its commitment to ethical journalism and nurturing global citizenship. YJI empowers students by giving them the opportunity to work with experienced editors and publish their work for the world to see. The curriculum emphasizes truth, accuracy, fairness, and courage. Students are expected to report with integrity and responsibility. With a focus on real-world issues, students engage in media literacy and develop the tools to express their voices on a global stage.

New students begin with weekly orientation sessions to learn the basics. Once through orientation, students continue to meet weekly on Zoom, where the group discusses story ideas and current events while cross-cultural friendships grow. YJI continues to see an overwhelming demand from eager young people who want to be admitted— with about two students applying each day. We remain dedicated to expanding our reach and providing this invaluable experience to as many young people as possible.

Showcasing Student Work highlights stories, photos and more



This program puts student articles, photographs and illustrations firmly into the public eye. It includes YJI’s website and social media platforms, but also newsletters, the annual calendar and any other opportunities to spotlight YJI students worldwide. Seeing their work treated professionally and shared far and wide builds student confidence and encourages success.



YJI Together unites students in person for cultural exchange, strengthening friendships

When YJI students work on news stories, they're expected to focus on their own community – school, town or nation. But YJI goes beyond that when it brings students from different places together to write about something entirely new.

In the program *YJI Together*, our young reporters gather in the same physical space and work together in person.

The most impactful of these gatherings are YJI's annual Global Conferences and smaller, regional events. The conferences bring students together for about 10 days of cultural exploration and reporting. They include lessons in reporting and interviewing, visits to newsrooms and the chance to hear from local journalists.

Student participants write insightful pieces about what they've seen and the value it added to their lives. They collaborate with each other, creating an impressive body of work that examines a myriad of issues from a single host city.



Our annual *Excellence in Journalism Contest* honors work by teens, teachers worldwide

Each February, teens around the world enter news stories, photos, cartoons and other published work in YJI's annual competition, vying for trophies and custom award certificates.

About two dozen professionals serve as judges. The 2024 contest was the 15th year of selecting winners, including for student journalist and teacher of the year.



Students from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis won the 2024 First Amendment Award. The prize is sponsored by the First Amendment Museum in Maine.

The map on the YJI website tells an insightful story

This story map shows the locations where students were when they reported stories. Each place marker indicates how many articles originated in that place.

Some have just one, but most are places that

generated many stories.

An interactive version of this map is on the YJI website and allows users to zoom in and see the headline for each article, the author's name and a clickable link to the story.



Winners in the YJI contest are spread around the world, too



This map at left plots the geographic reach of YJI's annual Excellence in Journalism contest. Each small circular orange symbol denotes a trophy winner. Zooming in and clicking on a symbol brings up the winner's name, category and year.

The 2024 competition marked the 15th year of the contest.

Discover YJI, a new online newsletter, made its debut

Amanda Lehmert, a communications professional and a YJI alum, volunteered to create *Discover YJI*, a biweekly online newsletter. It began appearing in inboxes in January 2024. She uses the platform to highlight student articles and share news about the organization.



At the International Women’s Club of New England



YJI board member Arooj Khalid, also a YJI alum, represented the organization at a January 2024 awards luncheon of the International Women’s Club of New England. For the second time, the club chose YJI as one of four charities to receive a grant.

In the photos above, Khalid speaks with the club’s past president, Mariene Benoit at left and accepts a check from club leaders at right.



Journalism Education Association honored YJI leader

The Kansas-based Journalism Education Association named YJI Executive Director Jackie Majerus as one of four recipients of the 2024 “Friend of Scholastic Journalism” award.

The century-old American organization is dedicated to “encouraging student excellence and teacher

achievement” with its support for “free and responsible scholastic journalism.”

Majerus, who co-founded YJI three decades ago, has worked “with hundreds, maybe thousands, of students one-on-one and in groups as the nonprofit she shepherded grew,” the JEA said.

More notable moments

Regional gathering drew students and alums to New York City

Regina Lopez, a YJI student and board member from Mexico City traveled to New York in January for an academic workshop.

Seizing the opportunity, YJI held a regional gathering in the city with students from New York and another from Texas who



is studying there. YJI alums who live in the area and Jackie Majerus, the organization's executive director, joined in as well, ensuring the forming of even more connections.

'Bringing Youth Voices From LA to the World' was a Maine event

The Great Falls Forum, a regional showcase in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, featured two Youth Journalism International speakers in April, 2024.

Linus Unah, a multi-media journalist and a YJI alum, joined YJI Executive Director Jackie Majerus in presenting, 'Bringing Youth Voices from LA to the World.'

The Great Falls Forum is a collaborative speaker series put on by Bates College, the *Sun Journal* newspaper and the Lewiston Public Library.

Linus told the audience about getting his start in journalism as a young Nigerian through YJI.

Linus, who is from Nigeria but works in several African nations, also met with YJI students and supporters at the *Sun Journal* newspaper office in Lewiston.

In October, Linus joined YJI's Board of Directors.



More notable moments

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- EMILY ZIDEK AND ROB TOKANIEL, WGBH DIGITAL VIDEO STORYTELLING
- STEPH YANG, THE ATHLETIC COVERING US WOMEN'S SPORTS
- JUSTIN SILVERMAN, 1ST AMEND. COALITION PUBLIC RECORDS
- NICOLE YANG, BOSTON GLOBE PHOTOJOURNALIST
- ANDREW NGUYEN, BOSTON GLOBE PHOTOJOURNALIST
- AROJ KHALID, YOUTH JOURN. INT'L MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

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New England high school journalism conference features YJI alum

YJI board member Arooj Khalid was a featured speaker at the New England Scholastic Press Association's spring conference in Boston in May.

The press group invited her to speak to high school students from New England states who had come to Boston for the conference. Then a student at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, Arooj spoke to the high school students about inclusive journalism.

Arooj, who is from Lahore, Pakistan, got her start as a published writer when she joined YJI at age 14.

Students gathered in Boston, Maine and Chicago



Longtime YJI student Holly Hostettler-Davies from Wales crossed the Atlantic to connect with YJI in the U.S. in October. She reunited with old friends and made wonderful new connections with fellow students and alums, collaborated on a story in Maine and created a video story about Harvard with the help of YJI's Lyat Melese, a second year student there.

Board members have continued to operate Youth Journalism International with conservative budgets and an eye on the future.

At the end of 2024, the organization had 4 percent more cash-on-hand than we did at the start of the year, enough to keep up with inflation and leave our \$200,000 prudent reserve untouched.

At the same time, we held a wildly successful global conference in Mexico City and a handful of smaller in-person gatherings as part of our YJI Together program, which absorbs most of our annual spending.

The big picture remains rosy. We hold enough money to cover more than five years of operation even if we received no funding from anyone. But, of course, that's not our plan. We are continuing to press ahead with new initiatives, including the Showcasing Student Work program we started in 2024 to emphasize YJI's longstanding commitment to publishing the work done by our students.

Our Global Classroom program, which brings together students online several times a week, is at the heart of YJI. It is astonishing in its reach and in the quality of the work it helps students produce. I would be surprised if there is anything of its type in the world with such proven success, especially since its cost is so minimal – less than \$6,000 in 2024.

Since YJI began 30 years ago, it has kept close tabs on spending and proceeded cautiously with new initiatives to ensure the required funding for them would be available. We still adhere to that policy.

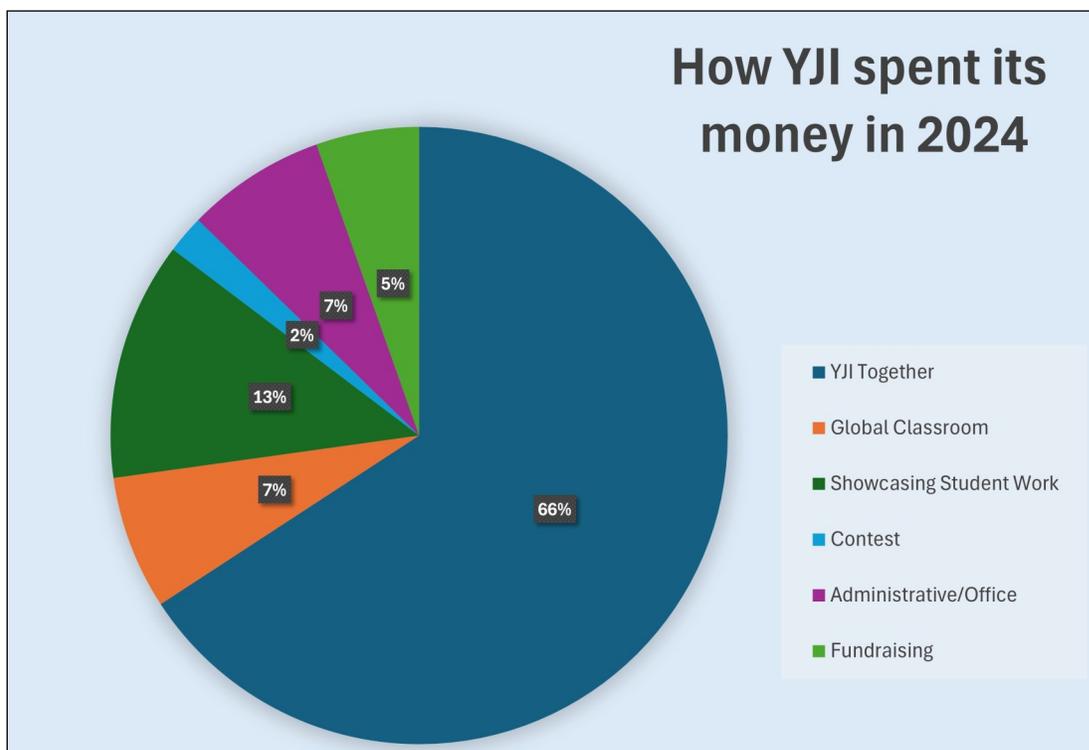
Our 2024 budget projected costs of \$69,300. We wound up spending \$74,147, near-

ly \$5,000 more. That's because a family foundation that has helped fund YJI's annual conferences upped its contribution by \$5,000. Since we try extremely hard to make sure the financial limitations for some students' families don't hinder their full participation in our programs, we jumped at the chance to use that extra money. The increased grant allowed us to cover the entire tab for more students to come to Mexico City.

While we are grateful for donations from foundations, we rely largely on the generosity of individual donors, many of whom have given for years. They provide most of the money YJI uses for its regular operations. Interest earnings and contest fees also help, sources that are likely to remain safe for future years.

Our Board of Directors remains committed to conservative budgeting while searching continuously for ways to make YJI more sustainable as it moves forward with long-term plans for growth. We want to work with more students in more places – and to keep the organization thriving. Our track record of financial stability and our growing base of support give us faith that our plans will come to fruition.

— Steve Collins, President of the Board



Youth Journalism International's Board of Directors

Linus Unah, Nigeria

Linus Unah is a journalist, producer, and documentary filmmaker with a passion for crafting powerful stories that foster a deep appreciation for wildlife and the environment.

His work has been featured on several media platforms, including Mongabay, *Al Jazeera*, *The Guardian*, National Public Radio, the *Los Angeles Times* and Devex, among others.

Linus currently works with Wild Africa where he leads public awareness campaigns aimed at reducing demand for illegal wildlife products and promoting local support for conservation efforts.

Linus is a graduate of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism where he co-directed the short documentary, "Split Jury," for his master's thesis.



Cassie Lloyd Perrin, UK

Cassie Lloyd Perrin is a Youth Journalism International alum and Cambridge University graduate who lives in London. She leads industry change strategy, research, advocacy and outreach for Level 20, a primarily European non-profit focused on diversity and inclusion in financial services – specifically gender equity in private equity and venture capital firms.

Before Level 20, she started her career in government and startups HR (via archaeology, theatre, and lifeguarding), before spending a decade in finance working on the people-related issues arising in mergers and acquisitions.

She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), and active with the Industrial Law Society, of which she was previously a Trustee, and the National Governance Association, with whom she has qualified in board governance. She enjoys hiking, reading and theater, and is learning Hungarian.



Mike Soltys, U.S.A.

Mike Soltys was hired in the summer of 1980 as a college intern by ESPN's founder, Bill Rasmussen, and served 43 years in ESPN's corporate communications department, the last 20 as a vice president. Today his work for ESPN sees him guiding a documentary about Rasmussen and the company's earliest years.

Soltys was responsible for strategic planning for publicity and issue management for ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN on ABC, ESPN's college networks, ESPNEWS, ESPN Radio and its news and social operations. He was instrumental in building ESPNPR's content creation including its social media fees, corporate blog ESPNFrontRow and media website ESPNPressRoom. Soltys served on ESPN's Editorial Board for 20 years, longer than anyone. Soltys lives in Connecticut, where he is heavily involved in his community and church, in addition to his longtime service to Youth Journalism International.



Shaina Zurlin, U.S.A.

Shaina Zurlin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Doctor of Clinical Psychology who has dedicated her career to community behavioral health and wellness for the Medicaid population through collaborative leadership, dynamic problem-solving and trauma-informed approaches. She is also an alumna of YJI. A Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and graduate of the California Health Care Foundation Health Care Leadership Program, Shaina has held leadership positions with the California Department of Health Care Services, the Central California Alliance for Health and Health RIGHT 360.

A trusted educator and academic, Shaina has served as a research partner with the University of California San Francisco and brought vibrant, engaging presentations to a variety of venues including San Diego State University.

In addition to her seat on the YJI Board of Directors, Shaina serves on the California Health Care Foundation Alumni Board, and is a member of the State of California Health and Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Task Force.



Jackie Majerus, U.S.A.

As YJI's Executive Director and Master Teaching Editor, Jackie works with student reporters, artists and photographers. She guides young journalists as they tackle serious societal issues such as teen suicide, school violence, politics, war and terrorism through gripping newswriting, gut-wrenching personal commentary and artwork. She also works with students writing about popular culture, entertainment and everyday teenage life.

Before dedicating her professional work completely to YJI in 2011, Jackie enjoyed a successful career as a newspaper reporter at daily papers in Connecticut, New York and Illinois. She also worked as a freelance reporter for *The National Law Journal* and United Press International.

In 2023, Jackie received a gold laureate Global Youth & News Media Prize for news/media literacy, from the French organization Global Youth and News Media. In 2024, the Journalism Education Association named Jackie one of four recipients of its "Friend of Scholastic Journalism" honor.

Jackie, who is a co-founder of YJI, is a member of the Journalism Educators Association and a graduate of The University of Iowa. She grew up in Iowa and Wisconsin, and also lived in Illinois, New York and Connecticut before moving to Auburn, Maine.



Sreehitha Gandluri, U.S.A.

Sreehitha (Sarah) Gandluri is a first-year Honors Carolina Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in Political Science and Global Studies.

She has been a student reporter of Youth Journalism International since 2020, working on several collaborative projects, including the *No one is safe* global investigation into the trauma of sexual assault. Through her work, she's risen to the rank of Senior Correspondent.

Sarah, who is from Maryland, U.S., has taken part in YJI global conferences in Istanbul and Mexico City. She has published work in local and national newspapers in the United States, including *USA Today* and the *Washington Blade*.

Arooj Khalid, Pakistan

Arooj Khalid is a climate and girls' education activist from Lahore, Pakistan. She is a 2024 graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education as a Fulbright Scholar in Education Policy. She is an Acumen and Malala Fund Girl Activist Fellow. Previously she has worked to design programs and learning experiences related to climate change, digital skills, and teacher training. She has also advocated for research backed policies with Malala Fund and advised them as an activist.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Sociology from Forman Christian College (FCCU). She completed the American Semester Program at Michigan State University through the UGRAD program where she served as a cultural ambassador of Pakistan to the U.S. Department of State.



Steve Collins, U.S.A., Board President

A journalist since 1987, Steve Collins has worked for daily newspapers in New York, Connecticut and Maine. He has served as the State House reporter for the Sun Journal in Lewiston, Maine since 2016. He was the Maine Press Association's Journalist of the Year in 2022. Among his awards are the New England Newspaper & Press Association's Bob Wallack Community Journalism Award and its history-writing prize in 2022 and 2023, the Society of Professional Journalists' 2016 Ethics in Journalism Award, the I.F. Stone Whistle-Blower Award in 2015 and scores of state awards in Maine, Connecticut and New York.

Collins is a founder and board president of Youth Journalism International, a charity that teaches students around the globe about news writing, media literacy and issues of the day.

Born in Massachusetts, he grew up in a military family that took him to Norway, Ohio and Virginia, where he earned a degree in history from the University of Virginia.



Regina López, México

Regina López is a communications major in Iberoamericana University in Mexico City. She is specializing in film and journalism. She has been part of Youth Journalism International for four years as a reporter and photographer and is a Senior Correspondent.

She has also collaborated with other publications in México such as Ibero 90.9 and *el Herald*.

Regina has also been part of film and documentary projects.

In the future she hopes to be a journalist, a film and documentary creative director and producer. She lives in Mexico City, a place especially close to her heart.



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

2024

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J Website: **www.YouthJournalism.org**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **L** Year of formation: **2010** **M** State of legal domicile: **CT**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Youth Journalism International connects student writers, artists and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and promotes and defends a free youth press. Since 1994, it has offered a free education to students in two-thirds of the world's</u> <u>(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	9
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	150
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 216,612	Current Year 59,322
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	16,390	0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	4,395	13,111
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	5,216
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	237,397	77,649
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0
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)		0	0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 486			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		55,460	65,219
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	55,460	65,219	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	181,937	12,430	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 326,498	End of Year 338,928
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	0
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	326,498	338,928

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 Jackie Majerus, Executive Director	Date
	Type or print name and title	

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

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

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: Youth Journalism International connects student writers, artists and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and promotes and defends a free youth press. Since 1994, it has offered a free education to students in two-thirds of the world's nations, including many in the United States.

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 \$ 5,238 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
GLOBAL CLASSROOM FOR JOURNALISM EDUCATION - YJI provides, for free, daily one-on-one and group instruction in journalism, professional ethics, media literacy and the nature of news. It holds regular meetings online, where a diverse group of students, hailing from scores of countries, discuss stories and projects while learning from instructors and each other about journalism. In the process, students also develop cross-cultural understanding. Their work is published on YJI's website, empowering young people in the process.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,475 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 4,731)
YJI CONTEST - YJI holds an annual journalism contest for young people that recognizes some of the best work by students 19 and under. Among the major prizes are ones for Youth Journalist of the Year and Educator of the Year, along with awards for both the best commentary and news story. With more than three dozen categories, the contest aims to foster a strong youth journalism community worldwide, beyond YJI's own program.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 48,785 including grants of \$ 15,000) (Revenue \$ 12,336)
YJI TOGETHER - YJI holds annual global conferences and as many regional events as possible so that students get to know each other in person and learn directly from instructors. To the degree possible, YJI helps low-income students attend. YJI also encourages students to seek more education and use their skills to help build a better world.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 3
(Expenses \$ 9,234 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 64,732

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		✓
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		✓
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		✓
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>		✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		✓
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>		✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	✓	

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	✓
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	✓
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	✓
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	✓
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **ME**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

Jackie Majerus, (860)655-8188

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Jackie Majerus	70.00									
Executive Director	0.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Steve Collins	15.00									
Board President	0.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Arooj Khalid	5.00									
Board Member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Mike Soltys	2.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Shaina Zurlin	5.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Cassie Lloyd Perrin	2.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Regina Lopez	10.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Linus Unah	5.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Sreehitha Gandluri	10.00									
Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Holly Hostettler-Davies	10.00									
Associate Board member	0.00	✓					0	0	0	

Part VII Statement of Revenue

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	0				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	59,322				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		59,322				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code						
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		0				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		13,111	13,111	0	0	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0	
	5	Royalties		0	0	0	0	
	6a	Gross rents	(j) Real	0				
			(i) Personal	0				
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b	0				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	0				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0	0	0	0	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(j) Securities					
			(i) Other					
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	0	0			
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b	Less: direct expenses	9b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Royalties for republishing a YJl story	510000	485	485	0	0	
	b	YJl contest revenue	510000	4,731	4,731	0	0	
	c							
	d	All other revenue		0	0	0	0	
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		5,216				
12	Total revenue. See instructions		77,649	18,327	0	0		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	0
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages	0	0	0	0
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9	Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10	Payroll taxes	0	0	0	0
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management	0	0	0	0
b	Legal	0	0	0	0
c	Accounting	0	0	0	0
d	Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f	Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12	Advertising and promotion	2,599	2,599		
13	Office expenses	7,051	6,564	1	486
14	Information technology	3,736	3,736		
15	Royalties	0	0		
16	Occupancy	0	0		
17	Travel	6,682	6,682		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0		
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	43,696	43,696		
20	Interest	0	0		
21	Payments to affiliates	0	0		
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0		
23	Insurance	1,455	1,455		
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a					
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses	0	0		
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	65,219	64,732	1	486
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 X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	47,293	1	27,971
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	279,205	2	310,957
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D		10a	
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	0	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	326,498	16	338,928	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17	0
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	326,498	29	338,928
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	0
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	31	0
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	326,498	32	338,928
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	326,498	33	338,928	

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	77,649
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	65,219
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	12,430
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	326,498
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	338,928

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		✓
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2024

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization YOUTH JOURNALISM INTERNATIONAL INC	Employer identification number 26-1522174
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33¹/₃% support test—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33¹/₃% support test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	27,363	46,780	53,801	216,612	63,388	407,944
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	0	0	0	0		0
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0		0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0		0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0		0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	27,363	46,780	53,801	216,612	63,388	407,944
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						407,944

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	27,363	46,780	53,801	216,612	63,388	407,944
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	0	0	0	4,395	13,111	17,506
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	4,395	13,111	17,506
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	27,363	46,780	53,801	221,007	76,499	425,450
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	95.88 %
16 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.83 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	4.12 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.17 %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2024.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2023.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
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Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in **Part VI**). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A—Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B—Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E— Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024		
a	From 2019		
b	From 2020		
c	From 2021		
d	From 2022		
e	From 2023		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2020		
b	Excess from 2021		
c	Excess from 2022		
d	Excess from 2023		
e	Excess from 2024		

**SCHEDULE O
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Form 990, Part III, Line 2 - We created a new program called "Showcasing Student Work" to cover efforts to publish the work done by students on our website, on social media and in other publications.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 2 - Two board members are married to one another: Steve Collins and Jackie Majerus, who founded YJI.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - Member of the Board are updated monthly, or more often, on the general finances of the organization. They reviewed this entire 990 filing and approved it before its submission.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - Most if not all of YJI's important documents are available through its website. Any non-confidential document in YJI's possession can be requested and supplied.

Reasonable Cause Explanations

Explanation

As an all-volunteer organization, YJI is dependent on key personnel having the opportunity to do the work required. This year, that proved more difficult than expected. We also wanted to make sure the Board approved this document before its filing.

Activity Or Mission Description

Description

countries, including the United States. In publishing their work, YJI offers young people a platform to express their views and tell the news from their land, an opportunity that empowers young people as it educates them. It also allows people worldwide to have a keener understanding of what young people are doing, thinking and dreaming.

Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	SHOWCASING STUDENT WORK: This program is aimed at ensuring that as much student work as possible, from news stories to artwork, is published on YJI's website, its social media or in traditional printed publications.	9,234	0	0
Total:		9,234	0	0

Scenes from the 2024 Global Conference in Mexico City

