

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information										
1a Name of plan <u>NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u> 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE</u> <u>2300 DULLES STATION BLVD</u> <u>SUITE 220</u> <u>HERNDON, VA 20171</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/2003</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1836384</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>703-733-4111</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/2003</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1836384</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>703-733-4111</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u>	
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Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/19/2022	TERRI CARNEY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/19/2022	TERRI CARNEY
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 413
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 353 6a(2) 359 6b 0 6c 64 6d 423 6e 0 6f 423 6g 423 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D 2T b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>1</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021	
A Name of plan NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1836384

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
04-1590850	65935	RM 83284-1	420	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	56521434
6	Contracts With Allocated Funds:		
a	State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	
e	Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶		
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐		
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)		
a	Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT		
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	11728920
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	6004389
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	311916
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	0
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	960022
	▶ LN INT, LN PRIN, ROLLOVER		
	(6) Total additions	7c(6)	7276327
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	19005247
e	Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1701696
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	724
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	7155202
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	54885
	▶ LN DISTRIB		
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	8912507
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	10092740

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS LLC

47-1411118

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	126521	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARING HOUSE

52-1836384

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	PLAN SPONSOR	22423	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS CO

04-1590850

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
60 62 63 68 72 64	CONTRACT ADMIN	4899	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SMART DOLLAR

62-1593846

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
50	PROF SERVICES	2880	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

FUTURE PLAN CONSULTING - FORT WAYNE

11-3665754

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	THIRD PARTY ADMIN	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	18088	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MARSH USA INC.

36-1436000

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13	THIRD PARTY ADM	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	8295	Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-AG (PREM U.S. GOVT MONEY MRKT)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>04-1590850-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>17407</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-C0 (MM SEL T ROWE PRICE 2025)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0779283-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>278770</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-C9 (DEVELOPING MARKETS)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0342299-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>418864</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-CRL(MM SEL TROWEPRICE RET 2060)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0779283-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1141965</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-E0(MM SEL TROWEPRICE RET 2045)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0779283-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>142233</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-F0 (MM SEL TROWEPRICE RET 2055)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0779283-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>363105</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SIA-JNQ (US EUQUITY INSIGHTS)</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>90-0779283-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4599798</u>		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-KR (EUROPACIFIC GROWTH)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1467634
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-LP (DIVERSIFIED BOND)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3511570
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-LX (MM S&P 500 INDEX II)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6144076
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-RC (SMALL CAP VALUE)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2252892
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-T3 (MM SEL T. ROWE PRC RET 2010)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 108977
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-T4 (MM SEL T. ROWE PRC RET 2020)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2019967
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-T6 (MM SEL T. ROWE PRC RET 2030)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3003570
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-T7 (MM SEL T. ROWE PRC RET 2040)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8854132
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-T9 (MM SEL T. ROWE PRC RET 2050)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3168652
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-TD (GLOBAL)		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1763234

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-VC (WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVS)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3335246
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-W1 (BLUE CHIP GROWTH)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5214086
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-W9 (MID CAP GROWTH)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2723047
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-WG (NEW HORIZONS)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3773660
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-WR (INT'L NEW DISCOVERY)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 572436
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-Y (INFLAT-PROT AND INCM)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1285987
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-A0 (MM SEL TRP RET 2005)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5740
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SIA-E0 (MM SEL TRP RET 2035)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 354389
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1836384	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	297515
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	716382	708370
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	44013795	56521434
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	8971957	10296487
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	11728920	10092740
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	65431054	77916546

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	849	
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	849	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	65430205	77916546
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2913350	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3394053	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	558422	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		6865825
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	35572	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		35572
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		9246387
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		16147784
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	3504721	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3504721
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	156722	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		156722
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3661443
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		12486341
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: RSM US LLP

(2) EIN: 42-0714325

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1836384

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-1590850		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

Financial Statements and Report of
Independent Certified Public
Accountants

**National Student Clearinghouse
401(k) Retirement Plan**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Trustees

National Student Clearinghouse 401(k) Retirement Plan

Scope and nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit for the 2021 financial statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of National Student Clearinghouse 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements ("2021 financial statements").

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 financial statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for opinion on the 2021 financial statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of management for the 2021 financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the 2021 financial statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other matters

2021 supplemental schedule required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the 2021 supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2021 financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures included comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements or to the 2021 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with US GAAS. For information included in the 2021 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the 2021 supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the 2021 supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- The form and content of the 2021 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the 2021 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's report on the 2020 financial statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated October 13, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Grant Thornton LLP

Arlington, Virginia
September 16, 2022

National Student Clearinghouse 401(k) Retirement Plan

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31,

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 66,817,921	\$ 52,984,903
Investments, at contract value	<u>10,092,740</u>	<u>11,728,920</u>
Total Investments	76,910,661	64,713,823
Receivables		
Employer profit sharing contribution	297,515	-
Notes receivable from participants	<u>708,370</u>	<u>716,382</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 77,916,546</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 65,430,205</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2021

Additions to net assets

Investment income

Net appreciation in fair value of investment	\$ 8,123,551
Interest and dividends	<u>1,122,837</u>

Total investment income	<u>9,246,388</u>
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>35,572</u>
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Contributions

Employee	3,394,053
Employer	2,913,350
Rollover	<u>558,422</u>

Total contributions	<u>6,865,825</u>
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Total additions	16,147,785
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Deductions to net assets

Benefits paid to participants	3,504,721
Administrative expenses	<u>156,722</u>

Total deductions	<u>3,661,443</u>
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NET INCREASE	12,486,341
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>65,430,205</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 77,916,546</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

National Student Clearinghouse 401(k) Retirement Plan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the National Student Clearinghouse (the "Company") 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the provisions of the Plan.

General

The Plan was originated July 1, 2003 and is sponsored by the Company. It is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company except part-time, temporary, seasonal employees who work less than 1,000 hours, and contingent employees. The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with the terms of the Plan agreement. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended ("ERISA").

On December 31, 2020, Empower Retirement acquired the retirement business of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). Empower administers the business on MassMutual's behalf subject to an administrative services agreement. Following an initial transition period, Empower retirement will become the custodian and recordkeeper of this Plan. Additionally, the insurance contracts held by the Plan which were previously issued by MassMutual, will become insurance contracts under Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, an affiliate of Empower Retirement.

Contributions

Contributions to provide benefits under the Plan are made by the Company and the participants of the Plan. Participants may contribute up to 100% of their eligible compensation to the Plan in any one year, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limits. Annual matching contributions may be made by the Company on behalf of the participants. The Company matched an amount equal to 200% of each employee's total contributions during January 1, 2020 through July 17, 2020, to a maximum of 10% of each employees' eligible compensation.

Effective July 11, 2020, the Plan was amended to provide more flexibility and discretion in setting the Company matching contribution formula. On July 31, 2020, the Company match was reduced to an amount equal to 100% of each employee's total contribution to a maximum of 5% of each employees' eligible compensation. The Company matching contribution was increased to 150% of each employee's total contribution to a maximum of 7.5% of each employees' eligible compensation on April 9, 2021. Then, Company match was increased to the original 200% of each employee's total contributions to a maximum of 10% of each employees' eligible compensation on October 22, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Total employer matching contributions totaling \$2,913,350 were made during the 2021 Plan year. The Company may also elect to make a discretionary contribution as determined annually by the Board of Directors. Effective on January 1, 2021, the Plan was amended such that the profit-sharing contribution will be allocated to each designated group in a manner determined by the Company. The employer discretionary profit-sharing contribution made during the year amounted to \$297,515 included in the total employer contributions as presented in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. There was no discretionary contribution made for the 2020 Plan year.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's matching contribution at the end of each bi-weekly pay period. An allocation of the Company's discretionary contribution may be made at the employer's discretion annually and is allocated pro rata as a percentage of eligible participant compensation. Participants are credited with an allocation of the Plan's investment earnings and charged with Plan losses and

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administrative expenses in proportion to their total account balances. Participants direct the investment of their contributions plus actual earnings thereon into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily.

The benefit to which the participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account at the time of termination retirement, total disability, or death.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan agreement.

Participants are allowed to borrow against their vested account balances per the Plan's provisions. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000, and the maximum is one-half of the participant's vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. A maximum of two loans is allowed per participant. The interest rate on loans will be based upon the Prime Rate plus 1% as published in The Wall Street Journal on the first business day of each month. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the interest rate of all outstanding loans ranged from 4.25% to 6.50%. Plan loans have a term of five years except for residential home loans, which have a term of 20 years. Principal and interest payments are made through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Vesting

Contributions made by participants are fully vested at all times. Employees become 25% vested in the Company's contributions after one year of credited service, 50% vested after two years of credited service, 75% vested after three years of credited service, and 100% after four years credited service.

Benefits

The Plan provides for benefit payments at retirement, death, disability, termination of employment, financial hardship, attainment at age 59½ years and attainment at age 72. Upon withdrawal, participants are entitled to their individual contributions and any vested amounts of the Company's contribution.

Forfeitures

Participant forfeitures, the non-vested portion of the participant's account remaining after the account has been distributed, are used to offset the employer's contribution and/or used to pay Plan expenses. During 2021, forfeitures used to offset employer matching contributions totaled \$172,010. Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$10,381 and \$21,735 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Plan Administration

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company serves as the Plan's recordkeeper.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Method of Accounting

The Plan uses the accrual basis of accounting for the presentation of the financial statements. Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in a separate guaranteed interest account ("GIA"), which is considered a fully benefit-responsive investment contract.

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Using Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported additions to and deductions from net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Except for the Plan's GIA, investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Tax Status

The Plan uses a volume submitter profit sharing plan of CCH Incorporated, DBA Ftwilliam.Com, which has been adopted on a substantially identical basis to the preapproved plan. The Plan is relying on the Master Plan Sponsor's opinion letter dated March 31, 2014 covering this Plan for purposes of qualification with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan has maintained its tax-exempt status. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for tax periods in progress.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were no benefits processed and approved for payment, but not paid.

NOTE C - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN CUSTODIAN AND TRUSTEE

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Reliance Trust Company, the custodian and trustee, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, have certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments at fair value, investments at contract value and notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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- Investment income and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- Schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021.

The Plan's independent accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements.

In accordance with ASC 820, the Plan classifies its assets and liabilities into Level 1 (securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets), Level 2 (securities not traded on an active market for which observable market inputs are readily available), and Level 3 (securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs). Investments are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value, as well as the general classification pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds

Shares of mutual funds are valued based on quoted prices of the fund in active markets and classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Pooled Separate Accounts

The investments in the pooled separate accounts ("PSA") of MassMutual represent ownership of units of participation in various mutual funds or collective trust funds, rather than ownership of specific assets. The value of a unit of participation is the total value of each mutual fund or collective trust fund within the PSAs divided by the number of units outstanding. The investments in the pooled separate accounts are stated at fair value based on each account's daily net asset value ("NAV"), which is considered by Plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. Underlying holdings are primarily valued using market quotations or prices obtained from independent pricing sources. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in these accounts.

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The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 10,296,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,296,487
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	-	-	-	56,521,434
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 10,296,487</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,817,921</u>
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 8,971,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,971,108
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	-	-	-	44,013,795
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 8,971,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 52,984,903</u>

- ^(a) In accordance with ASC Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amount presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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The following table presents the category, fair value, redemption frequency and redemption notice period for Plan investments, the fair values of which are estimated using the practical expedient of reported NAV per share as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Fair Value of Investments in Entities that Use Net Asset Value as a Practical Expedient*

	Fair Value 2021	Fair Value 2020	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Target Date Funds	\$ 19,441,499	\$ 14,865,838	Daily	Daily
Premier Inflation-Protection and Income Fund	1,285,987	1,039,916	Daily	Daily
International New Discovery Fund	572,436	535,129	Daily	Daily
Developing Markets Fund	418,864	348,828	Daily	Daily
New Horizons Fund	3,773,660	4,190,523	Daily	Daily
MM S&P 500 Index Fund	6,144,076	3,732,905	Daily	Daily
American Europacific Growth Fund	1,467,634	1,238,812	Daily	Daily
Barings Premier Diversified Bond Fund	3,511,570	3,280,131	Daily	Daily
Invesco Premier Global Fund	1,763,234	1,337,638	Daily	Daily
TRP Frontier Select Mid Cap Growth Fund	2,723,047	2,225,434	Daily	Daily
Select TRP LS Blue Chip Growth Fund	5,214,086	4,103,247	Daily	Daily
Goldman Sachs US Equity Insight American Washington Mutual Investment	4,599,798	3,535,745		
	3,335,246	2,259,096	Daily	Daily
Northern Small Cap Value Fund	2,252,890	1,320,553	Daily	Daily
SIA Funds AG	17,407	-	Daily	Daily
	<u>\$ 56,521,434</u>	<u>\$ 44,013,795</u>		
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 56,521,434</u>	<u>\$ 44,013,795</u>		

*The funds presented above are direct filing entities or DFEs.

NOTE E - FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

Guaranteed Interest Account ("GIA")

The Plan invests in a GIA managed by MassMutual, which provides a stated rate of return and insulates participants' accounts from daily fluctuations in the market. MassMutual maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charges for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting.

The GIA is fully benefit-responsive because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may direct permitted withdrawal and/or transfer transactions of all or a portion of their balance at contract value.

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Certain events may limit the ability of the GIA to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include: (1) material amendments to the GIA's structure or administration, (2) changes to the GIA's competing investment options, (3) complete or partial termination of the GIA, including a merger with another fund, (4) the failure of the GIA to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, (5) redemption of all of a portion of the interests in the GIA at the direction of the Trust due to bankruptcy, the merger of the Plan with another plan, the establishment of another tax qualified defined contribution plan, etc., (6) any change in law, regulation, ruling, administrative or judicial position, or accounting requirement, applicable to the GIA, and (7) any communication to Plan participants designed to influence a participant not to invest in the GIA. The occurrence of any such event that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the participant is not considered by Plan management to be probable.

NOTE F - PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

NOTE G - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

All transactions that are considered party-in-interest transactions relate to normal management and administrative services, and the payment of expenses related thereto. Plan investments are managed by the Plan's custodian and, as such, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions and are denoted as such on the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

NOTE H - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The extent of the impact of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak on the financial performance of the Plan's investments will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets and the overall economy, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy are impacted for an extended period, the Plan's investment results may be materially adversely affected.

NOTE I - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 16, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Plan management is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2021

EIN: 52-1836384 PLAN No. 001

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	Pooled Separate Accounts:			
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Premier Inflation-Protection and Income Fund	**	\$ 1,285,987
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*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	New Horizons Fund	**	3,773,660
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	MM S&P 500 Index II Fund	**	6,144,076
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	American Europacific Growth Fund	**	1,467,634
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Barings Premier Diversified Bond	**	3,511,570
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Invesco Premier Global Fund	**	1,763,234
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund	**	5,740
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*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund	**	3,003,570
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund	**	354,389
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund	**	8,854,132
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund	**	142,233
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund	**	3,168,652
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund	**	363,105
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*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Putnam Asset Allocation: Con Prt Fd	**	1,159,504
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Putnam Asset Allocation: Bal Prt Fd	**	4,458,008
				<u>66,817,921</u>
	Guaranteed Interest Account:			
*	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	General Investment Account	**	10,092,740
	Total investments			<u>\$ 76,910,661</u>
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rate ranging from 4.25% - 6.50%,		<u>708,370</u>

* Denotes party-in-interest.

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Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021			
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)	
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C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐		
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Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information			
1a Name of plan NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
		1c Effective date of plan 07/01/2003	
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) National Student Clearinghouse 2300 Dulles Station Blvd Suite 220 Herndon VA 20171		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1836384	
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (703) 733-4111	
		2d Business code (see instructions) 611000	

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	<i>Terri Carney</i>	9.19.22	Terri Carney
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
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