ALPHA STATE TEXAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

What is **ASTEF**?

- **ASTEF** is a 501(c)(3) public charity organized for the following purposes:
  - To provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas, and
  - To promote educational excellence for Texas students.
- **ASTEF** is the fundraising entity supporting the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Who runs **ASTEF**?

- All members of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma are members of **ASTEF**. The Annual Meeting of members is held during the TSO Convention.
- **ASTEF** is managed by a Board of Directors elected by the members during the **ASTEF** Annual Meeting. The TSO President, TSO Treasurer, Scholarship Chair, and Leadership Seminar Chair all serve as ex-officio members of the ASTEF Board. Officers are elected by the Board.

What does **ASTEF** do?

- **ASTEF** manages three funds: **Scholarship**, **Leadership**, and **Projects**.
- **Scholarship** funds scholarships and lifelong learning opportunities.
- **Leadership** provides leadership training through Leadership Seminars and sponsors speakers.
- **Projects** provide stipends for chapter projects and supports other educational endeavors that benefit Texas students and educators.
- In 2020, **ASTEF** awarded $33,769 in project stipends for 30-individual and chapter projects. These projects included such things as *Sensory Room Children's Wonderland, New Teacher Success with Storybridge, Early Educator Enrichment: Encouraging Excellence, STEAM Ahead with Ipads, Blessing Bags, Garden Based Learning* and much more.

How can members and chapters support **ASTEF**?

- Contribute to **ASTEF** Contribution forms are available online. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of someone, and all individual contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Be sure you signify to which fund you want your donation to go.
- Participate in **ASTEF** fundraising activities, such as cruises, Road Scholar programs, Weekender trips, raffles, events, and more.
- Apply for a state scholarship; encourage Aspiring Educators to apply for funding; participate in leadership events sponsored by **ASTEF**; apply for a chapter, individual, or area project stipend. The next application deadline is April 1, 2021.

ASTEF: *Impacting Education by Impacting Educators*

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