



## ALPHA STATE TEXAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Greetings from ASTEF and congratulations on becoming Chapter President! For some of you this will be your first time to serve as president and for others you are being asked to continue in the role one more time. Whatever the case, this is an exciting time for you as you take on new leadership responsibilities within your chapter.

What is ASTEF? ASTEF--the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation—is the funding arm of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. ASTEF works in partnership with TSO to provide funding for scholarships, leadership training opportunities and projects and programs that impact Texas students, children, educators and families. Our mission is to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and to promote educational excellence for Texas students.

Since 2012, ASTEF has awarded project stipends for innovative projects that impact Texas educators and students. At the 2019 Arlington convention, the amount awarded to chapters was almost \$40,000. Do you have a great project that would be even better with some financial help? If so, make plans now to apply for a project stipend. Chapters, Areas, and individuals can apply. Application forms for next year's stipends will be available on the ASTEF website ([www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)) in October 2020 with a April 1, 2021 deadline to apply.

Chapters are encouraged to plan at least one program on ASTEF during the coming year. Information can be found on the ASTEF website under the Resources tab. Currently, the ASTEF Board of Directors is made up of 24 members from all over the state of Texas. Any of these members would be happy to visit your chapter and present a program on the work of ASTEF. Contact information can be found within this President's Kit. Also, please keep in mind that February is set aside as Giving Month. This would be a perfect time to set up an ASTEF program.

Finally, chapters and individuals are encouraged to give. ASTEF is a 501(c)(3) corporation meaning that all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone special to you or your chapter. Donations forms can be found on the ASTEF website. Fundraising is a major part of what ASTEF does. ASTEF sponsors many fundraising activities for TSO members and their families and friends. TSO conventions are always fun-filled with activities such as raffles or silent auctions designed to raise funds for ASTEF. Travel opportunities are also being offered through ASTEF. This year we are offering a "weekender" to Houston in October 2020. Watch for more information to come.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful biennium. Feel free to contact board members at any time. We are all here to help you in any way needed.

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