

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF)

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation was founded on September 17, 2010 to be the funding arm for the Alpha State Texas Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) is an organization of key women educators across the globe. DKG was founded in Austin, Texas in 1929. Currently DKG is in 17 countries and all 50 states. The mission is to, "Promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

The Texas Organization, also known as Alpha State, was the first state organization founded on May 11, 1929. Texas has slightly over 9,000 members and approximately 270 chapters across the State. Members of the State of Texas Organization are automatically members of Texas' Foundation: Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF).

The purpose of the Foundation is to be the funding arm for three special components of Texas' organization: Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects. Scholarships are awarded to members seeking advanced degrees or additional certification as well as to women pursuing a degree in education with the purpose of becoming a teacher. Leadership's purpose is to expand leadership training for members by funding a Leadership Seminar held in odd numbered years and to provide speakers and presentations held annually at the Texas State Organization Convention. Projects are awarded to chapters and individual members to help them pursue a project that addresses a need in their local schools and/or communities while maintaining the mission of the Foundation: "To provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and to promote educational excellence for Texas students."

The purpose of our application is to apply for additional funding to help support projects that have been previously approved by the Board and are currently being implemented. These projects have all been awarded a minimal amount of funds to help them launch the project and/or to sustain the project. Chapters and individuals are expected and do provide their own personal funds, volunteer their time, and work hard as a team to make all projects a success.

The ASTEF Board feels strongly that so much more can be done if additional funds were available. We as a Board are actively seeking grant funds to award to these success-proven projects that are making a major impact on Texas children, students, and communities.

Please Note:

The address used on the application is that of the Headquarters for Alpha State Texas Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. They are located in Dallas. Our application describes the geographical location of the project we are seeking grant funds for. We fund chapters and members across the State for their worthy projects.

Questions: Questions may be directed to ASTEF Board Member who is completing the application. The Board is composed of elected members who volunteer their time and serve a six-year term.

Website: ASTEF's website is located at: www.astef.org

We respectfully submit our application for consideration.