



## Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF)

### 2019-2020 Project Stipend Application Guide

**Purpose of Project Stipends:** The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) annually awards **project stipends** for **educational** projects that support the mission of ASTEF. Projects awarded must benefit the **education** community such as children, students, classrooms, schools, families of students, teachers and other educators, preservice teachers, etc. Because ASTEF is a public charity and serves members as well as non-members, projects that serve teachers and other educators must include both men and women in the provision of all services and activities. Men must not be excluded.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects related to the DKG *international* focus of *Supporting Early-Career Educators* and to incorporate some form of mentoring activities and encouragement for early-career teachers in addition to the more tangible forms of support, such as teacher and classroom supplies that are so desperately needed by new teachers. Projects that provide direct or indirect services and activities to children and students and their families and that promote educational excellence for students are also encouraged.

**ASTEF's Mission:** To provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and to promote educational excellence for Texas students.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for project stipends are individual members of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* (DKG) in Texas and DKG chapters, areas, and coordinating councils in Texas. Eligible applicants may submit more than one application at a time. The ASTEF Programs Committee may choose to fund more than one application per applicant if sufficient funds are available and provided the application is for an entirely different project.

**Project Period:** Project funds are awarded for one year, July 1-June 30. Project stipends are intended to provide "seed money" to assist a recipient in implementing a new project or to assist in expanding or enhancing an existing project. Previous recipients may reapply for the same project; however, priority consideration may be given to projects that have not previously received funding. In addition, if applying for a second year or beyond for the same or similar project, the applicant must describe specifically how the project is different from the prior year and how the applicant plans to support ASTEF.

**Selection for Funding:** Projects are selected for funding by the ASTEF Programs Committee and are presented at the ASTEF Annual Meeting each year at the TSO Convention.

**About ASTEF:** ASTEF, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is a partner and fundraiser for the Texas State Organization of DKG, building and disbursing funds to enhance the work of DKG in Texas. To learn more about ASTEF and its purposes, visit the website at [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org).

## 2019-2020 Project Stipend Guidelines and Instructions

**Instructions for Completing the Application:** Download the blank Project Stipend Application (from <https://www.astef.org/forms.html> ) to your computer and save it, including the name of the applying individual, chapter, area, or coordinating council in the saved name. Then complete it, and save the completed application again to your computer. Attach it to the email. After you send the email, make sure you attached the completed application and did not accidentally attach the blank form to the email.

**Selection Criteria (The following criteria will be used to determine selection of projects for funding):**

- Does the application provide a clear explanation of project goals and activities, including a timeline? If the application is for a continuation project, does the application provide a clear explanation of specifically how the project is different from the prior project and how the applicant plans to support ASTEF?
- Is there a clear connection to the mission of ASTEF and description of project beneficiaries?
- Does the application provide a specific description of how members will be actively involved in this project and how many will be involved? (applicable if chapter, coordinating council, or area project)
- Does the application clearly describe the anticipated impact, including the target population; number to be served; data to be collected; and how you will know if the project has been successful?

**By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to complete and submit a Mid-Year Report, End-of-Year Report, and Project Display on the dates specified below. A project will not receive funding for another year if the reports are not submitted on time or if the Project Display is not present at the TSO Convention.**

**Please read the information below and be aware of all electronic submission deadline dates.**

Application forms for 2019-2020 available at <a href="http://www.astef.org">www.astef.org</a>	October 2018
Deadline for submitting completed application electronically to <a href="mailto:projects@astef.org">projects@astef.org</a>	April 1, 2019

**Upon receipt of the application, an acknowledgement will be sent as confirmation. Keep the confirmation as proof of receipt and for future reference. Applications electronically dated after April 1, incomplete applications, and those lacking a detailed budget will not be considered.**

Funds to be received by recipient	By July 1, 2019
Project Period	July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
Deadline for electronic submission of <b>Mid-Year Report</b>	January 31, 2020
Deadline for electronic submission of <b>End-of-Year Report</b>	June 1, 2020

All applications must be submitted electronically to [projects@astef.org](mailto:projects@astef.org). Photographs (or video clips) of the project in action should be included with the Mid-Year and End-of-Year reports. An article about the project suitable for publishing should be included with the End-of-Year report. Recipients are required to develop and provide a Project Display that verbally and visually communicates and illustrates the project for display at the 2019 TSO Convention. Display may consist of a three-fold project board, two-fold project board, 3-ring binder, scrapbook, easel binder, easel board, flip-n-tell display easel, etc. A photo release of all persons photographed must be kept on file with the individual or group submitting the reports and/or display.

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