

## Possible Newsletter Articles for Chapter Use

Need a quick filler for your newsletter. Try one of these:

1. ASTEF raises funds to promote educational excellence for Texas Students. We provide funding to support professional growth of women educators in Texas. We raise money for scholarships, leadership events and Aspiring Educators.
2. ASTEF is the fundraising arm of Texas State organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an educational honor society of women members who represent all levels of education. ASTEF promotes funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas. ASTEF also promotes educational excellence for Texas students. We offer scholarships, train leaders, fund projects in communities across the state and supply stipends to Aspiring Educators.
3. Raising funds for activities that promote educational excellence for Texas students is what ASTEF does. ASTEF focuses primarily on a variety of scholarships, leadership opportunities, special projects and stipends for Aspiring Educators. Fundraising activities include raffles, auctions, cruises and other campaigns to build funds to sustain our scholarships, leadership events, multiple projects and Stipends to Aspiring Educators. Details appear on the website at [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)

#### 4. ASTEF Travel Opportunities

ASTEF now provides numerous travel opportunities for its members. Members and their guests have cruised the Eastern Caribbean and Alaska. In 2014, ASTEF sponsored a Road Scholar trip to Williamsburg, VA. In 2015, ASTEF travelled to Savannah, GA. In 2018, ASTEF members enjoyed a November, Christmas themed trip to the Biltmore Estate near Ashville, North Carolina. In 2016, ASTEF began the ASTEF Weekender program to provide reasonably priced weekend trips closer to home. ASTEF members have enjoyed weekend trips to Galveston, Fredericksburg and the Bryan/College Station area. There are additional trips being planned now. Pay attention to the ASTEF website at [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org) for more information about traveling with ASTEF.

5. ASTEF raises money for scholarships for women educators in Texas.  
ASTEF funds leadership events to support the professional and personal growth of Texas women educators.  
ASTEF supports projects that promote educational excellence for Texas students.  
ASTEF funds stipends for Aspiring Educators.

#### 6. Support ASTEF

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, ASTEF provides funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promotes educational excellence for Texas students.

ASTEF raises funds to support the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Members and guests may participate in ASTEF fundraising activities, raffles, auctions, both silent and online and numerous travel opportunities such as cruises, ASTEF Weekenders and Road Scholar programs.

Contribution forms are available online ([www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)) for your convenience in giving. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of someone.

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

## 7. ASTEF Provides Support for Aspiring Educators

Do you know an Aspiring Educator working on certification in Texas? If you do, please notify them about the Aspiring Educator Grant through ASTEF. The purpose of the Aspiring Educator Grant is to encourage prospective women educators in Texas by providing funds toward the completion of a bachelor's degree and Texas teacher certification for women. It may also provide funds for Alternative Teacher Certification for women who already have a bachelor's degree and desire to become a teacher. The applicant must be recommended for the grant by a Texas member (i.e., a member of the Texas State Organization) of DKG. For more information, please visit [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org).

## 8. Who Is ASTEF?

Members of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) include all members of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. If you belong to a local chapter in Texas, you belong to ASTEF. The Annual Meeting of members is held during the TSO Convention every year. ASTEF is managed by a Board of Directors elected by its members. The current Board consists of sixteen elected Directors and four Directors ex-officio. Ex-officio Directors include the TSO President, TSO Exec Sec/Treas, TSO Scholarship Chair and TSO Leadership Chair.