



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. The 2013-2015 Board consists of 18 members. 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 sponsored speakers.
- ◆ **Projects** provides stipends for chapter projects and supports other educational endeavors that benefit Texas students and educators.
- ◆ In the first two years since its inception, **ASTEF** has awarded project stipends for 14 chapter projects such as *Books for Babies*, *Supporting Early-Career Educators*, and *Women STEM-ulate Career Fair*.

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

- ◆ Contribute to **ASTEF**. Interactive contribution forms are available online. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of someone, and all individual contributions are tax deductible.
- ◆ Participate in **ASTEF** fundraising activities, such as cruises, Road Scholar programs, and raffles.
- ◆ Apply for a state scholarship; participate in leadership events sponsored by **ASTEF**; apply for a chapter project stipend. The next application deadline is April 1, 2014.

ASTEF: *Impacting Education by Impacting Educators*