



Arkansas State Teachers Association Teacher Scholarship Application

Available Awards:

Up to four Scholarships will be awarded this year, depending on the total number of applicants. Awards are available up to a maximum of \$500.

Allowable Uses for Scholarship Funds:

Tuition, books, classroom materials, conference or workshop registration fees, or travel expenses to professional development activities. Activities may occur anytime between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010. (In some cases, reimbursement may be approved for recent academic expenses which have already been paid)

Eligibility:

These scholarships are available to any Arkansas educator. Awards are competitive. Both new and veteran ASTA-AAE members are given first preference; however these scholarships are not exclusively limited to ASTA-AAE members.

How to Apply:

Each candidate should submit the following:

- **A brief professional résumé** listing academic background, employment history, membership in professional associations, and any awards or honors received.
- **A short narrative** answering the questions listed below.
(This narrative section should be typed, paginated, and organized with each question clearly identified.)
 - 1) How and when will these scholarship funds be used? Please describe the workshop or conference you wish to attend, or list the academic course and institution you will be attending. For all activities, include copies of the workshop description, conference agenda, or course description for the academic expense you are incurring.
 - 2) Explain briefly how these scholarship funds will help advance your own professional career and benefit the students in your classroom.
 - 3) Please describe one of your best ideas for raising the professionalism of teaching as a career.
 - 4) If you are an ASTA-AAE member (veteran or newly-joined), please describe briefly your primary reasons for joining ASTA-AAE as your professional association.

Application Deadline:

The deadline for spring applications is March 30th and the deadline for fall applications is October 31st.

Details on Scholarship Payment and/or Reimbursement:

Teachers awarded scholarships will be required to submit documentation to ASTA confirming enrollment in approved college course, conference, etc. within 60 days after receipt of the award. With sufficient advance notice, ASTA-AAE can also remit the award directly to an institution or conference. Scholarship Award winners agree that their names and photos may be used in ASTA-AAE newsletters or websites, and may be announced in local newspapers.

Please send application to: **Arkansas State Teachers Association, 705 S. Pine Street, Suite 3
Cabot, AR 72023.** If you have any questions, please call us toll-free at **1-877-742-ASTA**
or email kboswell@astapro.org