**STAFF SENATE EDUCATION STIPEND APPLICATION**
**SPRING 2027**

**Must be received by December 11, 2026 by 5:00 pm:** **Staff Senate Education Stipend Committee**
Email all documents to:
Cathy Odom
Education Stipend Committee Chair
cnaylor@astate.edu

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The A-State Staff Senate Education Stipend is intended to help non-faculty employees and their spouse/dependents at A-State-Jonesboro offset the cost of three undergraduate or graduate credit hours.

The award does not automatically renew. If you were awarded a stipend last year, you are not eligible this year. This is to allow others an opportunity to receive the stipend. You are encouraged to re-apply next year as long as you meet the qualifications. If you applied last year but were not selected, you may re-apply this year.

The stipend amount will vary based on the number of awardees selected.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be:
  - A current 12-month non-faculty employee on the Jonesboro campus and will enroll in three or more transcripted hours with A-State-Jonesboro on the Jonesboro, Arkansas campus or with AOS in the upcoming spring semester ***OR***
  - A spouse/dependent of a current 12-month non-faculty employee on the Jonesboro campus and will meet the minimum requirements to be considered full-time (for undergraduate or graduate students) under A-State-Jonesboro transcripted hours on the Jonesboro, Arkansas campus or with AOS in the upcoming spring semester.
- Employee or employee's spouse/dependent must be eligible for the A-State-Jonesboro employee tuition discount.
- All classes must be taken for credit, not audit.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Complete application form with the following attached:
  - Current or returning students: **Enrollment Verification** *and* **Unofficial Transcript** (can be found in Banner Self Service)
  - New freshmen and first-time students: **High school transcript**
  - **Essay** (requirements listed below)

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Current employee (12 month, non-faculty)**

Name _____

A-State ID# _____

Home address _____

_____

Email _____

Office phone number _____

Classification: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

Number of hours enrolled for Spring 2025 _____

Total credit hours at A-State:

Number completed _____ GPA _____

College credit hours at other institution(s):

Number completed _____ GPA _____

**Spouse/Dependent of current employee (currently enrolled or enrolling for first time at A State)**

Name _____

A-State ID# _____

Home address _____

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Email _____

Home/cell number _____

Classification: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

Number of hours enrolled for Spring 2025 _____

Total credit hours at A-State:

Number completed _____ GPA _____

College credit hours at other institution(s):

Number completed _____ GPA _____

**REQUIRED: Name of parent/legal guardian or spouse who is a 12-month, non-faculty employee at A-State - Jonesboro:**

Name _____

A-State ID# _____

Department _____

Office phone number _____

**First full-time A-State enrollment applicants only:**

High school _____

Graduation date _____ GPA _____

## ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please answer the following questions in a formal essay of 350 words or less. Essay must be typed in a Microsoft Word document, Arial font, 11 point type, 1-inch margins.
Essay should be written by the hopeful scholarship recipient. If application is submitted for a dependent student, the dependent should write the essay.

1. Why should you be awarded a Staff Senate Education Stipend?
2. Explain your degree and career goals. If you are not seeking a degree, explain how your class(es) work to enhance your job performance or prepare you for new opportunities at A-State (if current employee).
3. What other information might be helpful to the committee (such as academic honors, awards, campus or community activities, hobbies, interests, volunteer service, etc.)?

Email essay (in Microsoft Word document) as an attachment to Cathy Odom, Education Stipend Committee Chair, at cnaylor@astate.edu. Subject line must be *Staff Senate Education Stipend*.

Attach essay as a separate document – do not include the essay text in the body of the email message.

**I certify that the submitted statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. The university is authorized to make this information available to publicly announce winners in conjunction with their connections to the university. By my signature, which appears below on this form, I do hereby authorize release to the Staff Senate Education Stipend Committee the information requested on this form for the purpose of assessing my academic eligibility for participation in the Education Stipend application process.**

Signature:_____ Date _____

**BEFORE SUBMITTING:** Make sure you meet all requirements listed on the front page of this application. If you do not meet all requirements, your application will not be considered.

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