

AAUP ASSEMBLY OF STATE CONFERENCES CONFERENCE SUPPORT GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Conference Support Grants are awarded annually to state conferences on the basis of merit, in an amount set at a per capita state conference membership rate established by the Executive Committee of the Assembly of State Conferences. The State Conference president or executive director must submit a completed application in order to be considered for a grant.

There are several requirements for eligibility:

1. A functioning **state executive committee**, elected at regular intervals by secret ballot of the state membership and in accordance with the conference constitution and by-laws; and
2. An **annual state conference meeting**.

Furthermore, the conference must demonstrate it is active in a variety of ways. The ASC strongly encourages state conferences to be active in all of the areas below, and to report plans to initiate action in those areas in which the conference is currently inactive. Inactivity in one or more areas will not make the conference ineligible for the grant, especially if other areas of activity are meritorious.

Activities state conferences are encouraged to develop are:

1. Regular outreach to membership, through the publication & distribution of a **conference newsletter**, maintenance of an active Facebook page, or other means of outreach.
2. The existence of a **chapter service program**.
 - The conference's chapter service program should have a faculty director with responsibility for administering the program and coordinating national and state responses to chapter organizing and development opportunities.
 - The conference should promote the chapter service through its regular outreach to membership (as in **conference newsletters**). If there is a conference website, a description of the chapter service program should appear on it.

3. The existence of a functioning **legislative monitoring/public advocacy program**. State conferences should seek to communicate with and influence policy makers in the state legislature, the state administrative agencies, and institutional and system-wide boards of Trustees; and advocate for AAUP principles before the wider public.
 - The conference should monitor legislation that influence higher education, and have in place means to respond to legislative proposals. This can be done through direct lobbying, through invitations to legislators to visit campuses and the state annual meeting, letter writing campaigns, and/or other means.
 - The conference should promote AAUP principles with appropriate strategies to various constituencies beyond the campus. This can be done through outreach to board members and executive branch officials, public advocacy through letters to the editor or other public information campaigns, and/or other means.