Texas Safety Foundation Contributes $100K

Texas Safety Foundation (TSF) recently contributed $100,000 to the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF)—the largest one-time donation in ASSEF history. Two awards will be available as a result of this donation: the George Gustafson HSE Memorial Scholarship and the TSF Professional Development Grant.

The Gustafson Scholarship is named for a long-time Texas Safety Association president. Priority for this $2,500 award will be given to ASSE student members from Texas who are pursuing an SH&E-related degree at a university in Texas. Under the TSF Professional Development Grant, various awards of up to $2,500 will be available to provide financial assistance to full-time SH&E professionals (both ASSE members and nonmembers) seeking recognized safety certification such as the ASP, CSP, OHST, CHST and CHMM).

Eddie Greer, CSP, OHST, a past president of ASSE, a TSF trustee and the newest ASSEF trustee, presented the donation at Safety 2006 in Seattle, WA, this past June. “The TSF board is very proud to play a major role in making a difference in the lives of students, the future of our industry,” Greer says. For more information on these awards, visit www.asse.org/foundation.

Lawrence Donation to Fund SH&E Research

Thomas and Diane S. Lawrence recently contributed $10,000 to ASSEF—a donation generously matched by Pfizer to bring the total gift to $20,000.

Named an ASSE Fellow in 2000, Thomas Lawrence Jr., P.E., CSP, is currently Vice President of ASSE’s Council on Professional Affairs. A professional member and past president of ASSE’s St. Louis Chapter, he is a consultant with Risk Reliability & Safety Engineering LLC. The contribution will fund research that will benefit the SH&E profession, with a particular focus on research that helps define the value of the profession to business and society both from a leadership view as well as from a technical view.
Scholarship & Grant Programs for 2007

More than $100,000 Available to Students & SH&E Professionals

The following scholarships are for students pursuing degrees in occupational SH&E, or a closely related degree. In some cases, geographic, diversity, gender or other restrictions may apply. For complete details on each award and to obtain applications and program rules, visit www.asse.org/foundation. Applications are due Dec. 1, 2006. (*Indicates scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students.)

Undergraduate Awards

- America Responds Memorial Scholarship $1,000
- Arizona Chapter Scholarship $1,000
- ASSE Construction Safety Scholarship $1,000
- Bechtel Foundation Scholarship for Safety & Health $5,000
- C N A Foundation Scholarship* Two awards @ $4,000 each
- DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund Scholarship* $2,000
- Ford Motor Company Scholarship* Four Awards @ $3,450 each
- George Gustafson HSE Memorial Scholarship* (sponsored by the Texas Safety Foundation) $2,500
- Georgia Chapter of ASSE Annual Scholarship $2,000
- Gold Country Section & Region II Scholarship* $1,000
- Greater Baton Rouge Chapter/Don Jones Excellence in Safety Scholarship $1,000
- Greater Boston Chapter Leadership Award $1,000
- Gulf Coast Past Presidents’ Scholarship Two awards @ $1,000 each
- Harold F. Polston Scholarship* (sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Chapter) $2,000
- Harry Taback 9/11 Memorial Scholarship $1,000
- Liberty Mutual Scholarship $3,000
- Marsh Risk Consulting Scholarship $5,000
- Medina Scholarship for Hispanics in Safety $1,500
- Northeastern Illinois Chapter Scholarship $2,500
- Region IV/Edwin P. Granberry Jr. Scholarship $1,000
- Scott Dominguez/Craters of the Moon Chapter Scholarship $1,000
- Southwest Chapter Roy Kinslow Scholarship $1,000
- UPS Scholarship Four awards @ $5,250 each
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- Warren K. Brown Scholarship $1,000
- Washington Group International Safety Scholarship $3,500

Graduate Awards

- James P. Kohn Memorial Scholarship $2,000
- Thompson Scholarship for Women in Safety $1,000

Professional Development Grants

Delmar E. Tally Professional Development Grant Various awards @ $500 to $800 each, up to a total of $4,000 per year. Provides financial assistance to ASSE members who wish to advance their education through recognized safety certification courses, professional development seminars, educational conferences or college coursework.

Medina Professional Development Grant Various awards @ $650+ each, up to a total of $2,000 per year. Provides financial assistance to ASSE members who wish to advance their education through ASSE certification preparation workshops (ASP, CSP, CHST, OHST), ASSE professional development seminars or symposia, or ASSE’s professional development conference. Grants can also be used toward BCSP certification fees ($125 application fee and $275 U.S. exam fee).

Texas Safety Foundation Professional Development Grant Various awards up to a total of $2,500 per year. Provides financial assistance to full-time safety professionals seeking recognized safety certifications such as ASP, CSP, OHST, CHST, CHMM. ASSE membership is not required.

Jacobson Joins Legacy Trust

Several years ago, Karl Jacobson, a former trustee and chair of the ASSE Foundation, was asked to work with visionary donors who included ASSE in their estate planning. “We were blessed to have a group who thought enough of their success in their SH&E careers to have silently bequested part of their estate to the Society and profession,” he explains. “We asked if they would be willing to start a legacy giving program so that others could join in leaving some of their legacy to the future of the profession.”

Now, he’s joined this group of visionaries. Jacobson recently donated his life insurance to the Foundation as part of the Legacy Trust. “Life insurance is an easy giving option,” he says. “We all have life insurance—or we should. It made sense for me to include ASSEF as a beneficiary on my life insurance policy.”

What prompted him to participate in the Legacy Trust? “As one of our current Legacy Trust donors said, ‘. . . moving the safety profession forward with what we leave behind,’” Jacobson says. “We should all strive to leave this place a little better than when we came. As SH&E professionals, we do that naturally due to the nature of our work—saving lives and reducing loss, pain and suffering. But here we have a chance to complete the circle by leaving a financial legacy to the profession.”

Jacobson believes planned gifts such as his will help lead more people to careers in safety and membership in ASSE, and he encourages others to consider similar gifts. “It is easy, it does not have to be a lot of money, it is not permanent and you do not have to do it now,” he says. “There will be a time in your life when it makes sense to think about ASSE in your financial and estate planning. When the time is right, just do it. Your leadership will inspire others to follow.”
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Eddie Greer Joins ASSE Foundation Board

Former ASSE president Eddie Greer, CSP, OHST, was recently named to the ASSE Foundation Board of Trustees. An active member of ASSE, Greer is currently president of Eddie Greer & Associates, a firm that helps companies develop, implement and enhance a safe work environment. Prior to this, he was senior corporate HSE manager for Kellogg Brown & Root, where he worked for more than 30 years. He received his B.B.A. from LeTourneau University and completed the Rice Executive Program for Managers.

Greer has contributed to the Foundation by helping the Gulf Coast Past President’s Foundation establish a scholarship through the Foundation. In addition, he is a director on the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and a trustee for the Texas Safety Foundation.

“Eddie is an asset to the ASSE Foundation as he has continuously supported programs that provide assistance to new SH&E professionals and students through mentoring, encouraging educational programs and developing new scholarship programs,” says Foundation Chair Kenneth Brock, CSP. If interested in serving as a Foundation trustee, contact Mary Goranson at (847) 768-3412 or any current trustee.

Don’t Miss the Application Deadline for the Liberty Mutual Research Fellowship

Applications for the Liberty Mutual Safety Research Fellowship Program for summer 2007 are due Feb. 1, 2007. Fellows will spend 4 to 6 weeks at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety in Hopkinton, MA. The program is designed to encourage research activity in safety; and to familiarize graduate students, faculty members and other researchers with current research projects and up-to-date research models and applications to expand the body of knowledge. Visit www.asse.org/foundation for complete program details and application requirements.

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