



## Funding Your Trip to Conference

You've been dreaming about attending an AOSA National Conference, but the realities of the costs of travel, lodging, food, and registration are problematic. What are some ways to obtain funding?

- Start with your district. Find out if there are any provisions for teachers concerning professional development and conference attendance. Sharing the plans with your administrator and filling out the necessary paperwork will be well worth the possible rewards.
- Teacher's unions sometimes have conference days to award its members. The registration is covered as well as the expenses of hiring a substitute for your absence. If monies allotted for this is not completely used by the end of the year, the receipts for other expenses may be submitted and the teacher sent a check to cover them. It may also be partial coverage. In any case, check your union.
- If you are a national member for at least one year, you can apply for the [Gunild Keetman Scholarship](#). This is a fund that not only provides for Levels study, but can also be used for a first time conference attendee. The deadline for this is January 25 of each year, so planning ahead is important.
- Search the Internet for other possible resources. There may be a project for which you can get funding, and conference attendance can be a part of the big picture.

Don't give up! The conference is a worthwhile endeavor that might take some extra measures to attend. You will not be sorry!