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The Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees provides funding to each Texas medical school in order to enhance chapter programming, and encourage member participation at state meetings. There are three funds, which are administered by the TMA-MSS Coordinator. They are: (1) TMA Travel Account, (2) TMA Programming Account, and (3) AMA Outreach Account, and Policy and Promotion Grant Funding.

**TMA TRAVEL ACCOUNT**: (*Funds from this account* ***do not carry over from year to year***. *If funds are not utilized between January 1st, and December 15th, the chapter looses these funds at the end of the fiscal year.)*

**Each chapter receives $800 annually, to assist with member travel expenses**. Chapters with satellite campuses receive an additional $200 per campus annually for member travel. Chapters in remote locations, making travel difficult may receive additional travel funding. (To learn more about discretionary funding available due to travel distance please contact the MSS coordinator)

**TMA travel funds should be used for TMA meeting expenses only**. Funds are to be used for travel and lodging only! Questions about approved expenses can be directed to the MSS coordinator in advance.

**TMA PROGRAMMING ACCOUNT:**(*Funds from this account* ***do not carry over from year to year***. *If funds are not utilized between January 1st, and December 15th, the chapter looses these funds at the end of the fiscal year.)*

**Each chapter receives $550 annually**. Discretionary funding is available to Chapters with satellite campuses. To learn more about discretionary funding available for satellite campus programing activities please contact the MSS coordinator.

These funds are provided to encourage each chapter to invite guest speakers to meetings as well as sponsor programs relative to the needs of future health care professionals.

Programming funds are to be used to cover costs of:

A. Meeting announcement and copying expenses

B. Postage for video tapes and other library materials for chapter meetings

C. Honoraria for speakers

D. Refreshments (i.e., Brown Bag Luncheon expenses)

**AMA OUTREACH ACCOUNT:** (These funds are administered based on each chapter’s recruitment efforts. This money is considered an award from the AMA, and these funds have nothing to do with your chapter’s TMA accounts. Money in this account DOES carry over from year to year.)

AMA Outreach funds are intended to be used to cover the cost of travel to AMA meetings only (Annual, Interim, MARC in DC, and Region 3 meetings are examples).

**ADDITIONAL TMA FUNDING:**

**Brown Bags Luncheon Series:** TMA Legislative Affairs offers additional funds to assist with the TMA-MSS Brown Bag Luncheon Series if the topic covers legislative issues. Contact the MSS Coordinator for more details, or look in **file #10**.

**AMA Delegate Funding:** TMA also provides $250 per chapter delegate and alternate delegate at each campus and satellite campus for AMA MSS delegate travel to AMA MSS meetings. These funds **do not carry over from year to year** and are available for both the annual and interim meetings. Funds can be used all at once at either meeting or split between the two meetings. Please contact the MSS coordinator for more information.

**MSS E.C. and BCC Travel:** Funds are also available for members of the MSS executive council and BCC members. Please contact the MSS coordinator for more information on these funds.