



THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE  
*Academic Freedom for a Free Society in Tennessee*

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Dear Tennessee AAUP Member,

The Tennessee AAUP Foundation was established in 1995. Its two major purposes are first to advance the cause of academic freedom and free speech in Tennessee by supporting speakers, programs, and similar activities, and second to provide funds for an initial legal consultation for faculty who the Foundation believes may have a legitimate legal complaint against their academic institution. The Tennessee AAUP Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, is separate from the Tennessee conference of the AAUP but is meant to benefit Tennessee conference of the AAUP members.

Tennessee AAUP members contributed \$2,500 as startup capital. Shortly thereafter, the person primarily responsible for establishing the Foundation, two-time conference president Robert Glenn, had to abandon his work due to ill health. The Foundation temporarily lost its tax-exempt status, but it has now been restored as a fully operational 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Clearly the next order of business is to increase the Foundation's endowment so that it can fulfill its mission to support AAUP principles in the state. Our goal is to raise the endowment in 2017-2018 to \$10,000. An anonymous donor has pledged \$3,000 in the form of a matching grant, so that \$10,000 goal is within reach with even modest contributions from our members.

Please help us get to that goal. Any amount is appreciated and is fully tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Your check should be made out to Tennessee AAUP Foundation. Mail it to Dora Estes, Treasurer TN AAUP, [303 Ponder Road, Smithville, TN 37166](mailto:303PonderRoad@smithville.tn).

Thanks for your support.

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On behalf of the Tennessee AAUP Foundation