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Athletic Trainer Secondary School Incentive Program Information

The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers is excited to implement the Athletic Trainer Secondary School Incentive Program with grant awards beginning the 2024-2025 school year. This grant provides up to a \$7500 stipend to eligible Athletic Trainers (AT) that work with rural secondary schools in Alabama. Application and Attestations forms will be available on the Board's website on February 1, 2025. To be eligible for this stipend:

- The AT must work at a *rural secondary school*. Rural is defined by the legislation (ACT 2023-341) that created this grant as a school not located within an urbanized area of more than 50,000 people. Secondary school is defined as any rural, A1, A2, A3 and Title I school providing education to students in sixth through twelfth grade.
- The AT must work a minimum of 25 hours per week during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
- If the AT works a minimum of 25 hours at more than one eligible school in the same school district, the hours may be combined (i.e. the AT works at an eligible high school *and* an eligible feeder middle or junior high school.)*
- The School Superintendent and the AT must sign attestations that the AT and the school(s) for which the AT provides services are eligible.
- A completed signed grant application must be submitted, along with the attestations, no later than **April 1, 2025**, regarding hours worked during the prior school year.
- Priority will be given based upon AHSAA classification. All 1As will be awarded before 2As, 2As will be awarded before 3As, 3As will all be awarded before Title I. Then, 4As, 5As, etc. will be awarded accordingly.
- Priority for applications received from schools with the same classification will be based on the date the complete application packet is received by the Board.
- The grants awarded are limited by the funds allocated to the Board for this program.
- Should the Board receive more eligible AT applications than funds available for the full stipend amount of \$7500, the Board may reduce the amount of the stipend to reach more eligible ATs.
- The grant will be paid directly to the local board of education, which will be responsible for distributing the funds to the AT(s) selected by the Board near the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The stipend to AT is subject to applicable taxes.
- Multiple grants may be awarded to the same local board of education.
- Only one stipend can be awarded per school.
- If a particular school has more than one eligible AT, the stipend may be split.
- Each AT will be required to submit a separate complete application package.

- Please see our website www.athletictrainers.alabama.gov for a list of eligible schools, more information, and required forms.
- Questions and completed grant application packages may be emailed in PDF format to incentive@abat.alabama.gov.

*** Middle Schools that employ Athletic Trainers will be classified by their feeder High School Classification.**

The Board is excited and proud of this incentive program to promote Athletic Trainers in the State. To secure and increase future funding, eligible schools and classifications to include 4A through 7A schools, please contact your state legislator.