

Associated Student Body (ASB) Officer Stipends

Proposal | December 2025

1. Why Stipends Matter

- This funding supports equitable compensation for student leaders who dedicate substantial time and effort to enhancing campus life, governance, and advocacy. Providing stipends helps reduce financial barriers and ensures that leadership opportunities remain accessible to all students,

SRF Allowable Uses

May 3, 2022

- Student attendance at conferences, meetings, and events sponsored by the SSSCC or other nonpartisan student organizations that are for the purposes of legislative training, legislative awareness, disbursement of legislative information, or the election of SSSCC officers
- Visits to legislative offices to lobby and advocate for issues affecting the student body
- Hosting costs (food, marketing materials, spirit wear) for on- or off-campus meetings, conferences, and events to provide the student body legislative training, legislative awareness and information, and to increase engagement in student government and participatory governance
- Travel costs (flight, mileage, lodging, local transportation, meals, business center use, incidentals & per diem) associated with attending or hosting conferences, meetings, and events
- Stipends to participate in participatory governance meetings and activities
- Organizational dues and or special donations to the SSSCC or any other recognized student lobbying association
- Local or campus media campaigns to make available information about legislative issues of interest to the student body
- Purchase of equipment used for lobbying and or advocacy (e.g. computers, printers, Wi-Fi hot spots, tablets, etc.)
- Subscriptions to education oriented newsletters and or magazines

regardless of socioeconomic background.

- According to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office regarding allowable uses of the Student Representation Fee (SRF), this funding falls under: "Stipends to participate in participatory governance meetings and activities." This allocation is therefore consistent with state policy and the intended use of SRF funds (see SRF Guidance Memo, p. 2 for screenshot).

Excerpt from "Allowable Student Representation Fee Uses" Memo (ESS 22-300-006, May 3, 2022), p. 2:

2. Funding Options & Trade-Offs

Solution	Description	Pros	Cons
1. Self-Funded Stipends	Each college reallocates a portion of its existing ASB discretionary (SRF) budget to pay officer stipends. No new student fees or district approvals required.	<p>Immediate rollout: can begin as soon as college ASB finance committee signs off</p> <p>No new fees: avoids adding costs for students</p> <p>Low administrative overhead: handled entirely within existing campus structures</p>	<p>Equity gap: smaller colleges (e.g., Folsom Lake) may lack sufficient SRF reserves and thus fund fewer or smaller stipends</p> <p>Program impact: reduces funds available for events, club grants, or emergency reserves</p> <p>Uneven student experience: stipend amounts and eligibility rules could vary drastically campus-to-campus, undermining district wide consistency</p>
2. Mandatory \$2 Student Fee	A \$2 “ASB Leadership Fee” embedded in the district student fees (akin to health services or transportation). With ~80,000 students (as of Sept. 5), projected revenue ≈ \$160 K/year.	<p>Stable, predictable funding: \$160 K/year → \$40 K per college, covering full stipend schedule plus a ~\$17,850 surplus for programs at ARC</p> <p>Equitable across campuses: all colleges receive the same per-capita allocation</p> <p>State policy alignment: SRF memo expressly allows stipends under participatory governance activities</p>	<p>District-level approvals: must pass through District Fee Advisory Committee, SSCCC consultation, Board of Trustees (6–9 months minimum)</p> <p>Adds cost to every student: fee applies even to those not in ASB—risk of student opposition or petition</p> <p>Hardship concerns: low-income students may need a waiver process; administrative burden to manage waivers</p> <p>Communication effort: will require robust outreach to explain benefits and prevent misunderstandings</p>

3. ARC Stipend Budget (Option 2 Model)

Revenue Share per College: $\$140,000 \div 4 \text{ colleges} = \$35,000$

A. Student Senate Stipends

Position	Amount per Semester	Quantity	Subtotal (per semester)
President	\$600	1	\$600
Vice President	\$500	1	\$500
Directors & Whip	\$400	6	\$2,400
Legislative Analyst	\$375	1	\$375
Senators	\$300	15	\$4,500
Total (per semester)	—	—	\$8,375
Total (annual)	—	—	\$16,750

B. Clubs and Events Board Stipends

Position	Amount per Semester	Quantity	Subtotal (per semester)
President	\$500	1	\$500
Vice President	\$400	1	\$400
Directors & Historian	\$300	6	\$1,800
Total (per semester)	—	—	\$2,700
Total (annual)	—	—	\$5,400

ARC Total Annual Cost = $\$16,750 \text{ (Senate)} + \$5,400 \text{ (CAEB)} = \$22,150$

Surplus = $\$35,000 \text{ (revenue)} - \$22,150 = \$12,850$ available for programming, contingencies, or future increases.

6. Contact & Support

For questions or to contribute data (e.g., current ASB fund balances, student survey feedback), please contact:

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Stipend Eligibility & Accountability

Note: A Standing Committee will be formed and will meet every two weeks to review the shared Google Sheet that logs members' office hours and the Director of Communication's attendance/tardy records. This committee issues all strike rulings and stipend adjustments, which it then reports at the next regular meeting.

1. Attendance

- We will implement a system where we set a certain amount of money for attending meetings, committee meetings, etc and based on that we will deduct the money from the stipends if they don't show up.

2. Office-Hour Requirement

- Minimum 1 logged hour per week (Google Sheet timestamp).
- Failure to attend a required week → written strike

3. Mandatory Training

- Brown Act, fiscal procedures, etc. must be completed before assuming duties or receiving pay.
- Training must be completed before officially serving → if not completed by Day 15 of appointment, position declared vacant.

4. Legislative Participation Requirement

- Every member must author, co-author, or serve as lead researcher on at least one (1) bill, resolution or project each semester that makes it to a first reading on the floor.
- Members who fail to meet this requirement forfeit 25 % of their stipend and must complete the missed bill requirement in the following semester before becoming eligible for full stipend payment.
- During probation, the member must complete the missed one-bill requirement in addition to the new semester's bill (so they may owe two). If both are completed, probation lifts automatically and no further penalty applies.

5. End-of-Semester Report

- Before final stipend disbursement, each member must submit a brief written report (1 page or equivalent) summarizing their key contributions and goals achieved during the semester.