

**Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists
National AST Conference Scholarship**

The Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists Board of Directors provides an annual scholarship to help a Massachusetts AST member that has ***never attended*** the AST National Conference defer the costs of attending and participating at the conference.

One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded for the AST National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia May 28 – May 30, 2020. The scholarship will help defer the expense for a Massachusetts AST member conference registration fee, travel, lodging and meals while attending the AST National Conference.

Application and Award Process:

1. Must be a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) and member of the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) residing in and employed in Massachusetts and, or has established membership in the Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists, and **has not previously attended an AST National Conference**.
2. Complete the entire application and answer all questions. Submit the application to the Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists prior to January 31, 2020.
3. Applications will be reviewed, and the scholarship(s) winner will be decided at the Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists Board of Directors Meeting March 2020.
4. The scholarship award recipients will be notified by March 30, 2020 of the award. The scholarship award recipients will provide confirmation of intent to attend the AST National Conference Atlanta, Georgia May 28 – May 30, 2020.
5. The \$1,000 award will be presented to the scholarship award recipient at a cocktail reception on the opening night of the AST National Conference in Atlanta, GA on May 28, 2020.
6. The scholarship award recipients will be expected to attend the AST National Conference Opening Night Celebration with the Massachusetts Delegates as well as participate in the Exhibit Hall hours by assisting with the Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists exhibit table.
7. The scholarship award recipients are asked to give back to their peers through education by writing an article to be posted on the Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologist website/Facebook page on what they gained from attending the AST National Conference.
8. If the scholarship recipient fails to notify The Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists Board of Directors of their intent to attend the AST National Conference, the award is null and void. If the recipient fails to attend the AST National Conference, the award is null and void.

Applications must be completed and mailed to the Massachusetts State Assembly by January 31, 2020 to be considered for the scholarship.

Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2020

Mail the application to:
Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists
PO Box 122
West Springfield, MA 01090

**The Massachusetts State Assembly of Surgical Technologists
AST National Conference Scholarship Application**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street/Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State MA Zip Code: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

ST Program Attended _____

AST Membership # _____ NBSTSA Certification # _____

How long have you been a surgical technologist? _____

Current Employer: _____

Submit a typed paragraph for each of the following questions :

What factors helped you decide to become a surgical technologist?

Why do you want to attend the AST National Conference?

How do you feel attending the AST National Conference will help you in your career?

Signature

Date