

2024 Application ARC/STSA Student Scholarship

An ARC/STSA community outreach program supporting educational advancement for students in the professions of surgical technology and surgical assisting.

The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) is committed to advancing surgical technology and surgical assisting education for individuals entering and working within the professions.

The ARC/STSA Scholarship Program is designed to assist AST or ASA student members pursuing their education in CAAHEP-accredited surgical technology or surgical assisting programs. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to students.

Eligibility and Submission Requirements

1. Completed, signed, and dated application received by the due date specified below.
2. Submission formatted as a single, seamless PDF, with required documents bookmarked (application, proof of AST or ASA student membership, transcript, essay, and recommendation letter from program director). JPEG or other image file applications or attachments are not accepted.
3. Institutional transcript verifying a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale), or an equivalent scale acceptable to the ARC/STSA. Transcript must include *completed course grades* for at least one term (semester or quarter).
4. Original essay (1,200 to 1,500 words) sharing your academic objectives and describing how your contributions as a future certified surgical technology or surgical assisting practitioner will make a difference in your chosen field and to the surgical patient. Describe and provide specific examples of skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities needed to achieve these objectives, and any barriers you may experience while working toward these goals. Additionally, include any extracurricular activities, volunteering, and/or community service activities you are active in or plan to pursue.
5. Letter of recommendation from your program director that:
 - assesses your potential for a career in the profession of surgical technology or surgical assisting;
 - confirms your current attendance at an ARC/STSA (CAAHEP-accredited) surgical technology or surgical assisting program;
 - verifies your GPA; and,
 - attests that you are an AST or ASA student member, or, when your program will purchase student membership in AST (www.ast.org) or ASA (www.surgicalassistant.org).

NOTE: Scholarship applications must be fully completed, signed and submitted in the format detailed above with all appropriate supporting documentation to be considered.

Email the completed application with supporting materials to ARC/STSA at info@arcstsa.org with the subject line Student Scholarship by **Monday, April 15, 2024**.

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First Name Last Name MI

Current/Former Military? ☐ No ☐ Yes Branch _____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed Dependents? ☐ Yes ☐ No

AST or ASA Member #

Address

City State ZIP/Postal Code

Mobile Phone Alternate phone - optional (please note work or home #)

Email Address Alternate email address - optional

School/Name GPA

Program (check one) ☐ Surgical Technology or ☐ Surgical Assisting

School City School State School ZIP/Postal Code

Date Enrolled Expected Completion Date

Program Director

Program Phone

I certify that I have completed this application and that it is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am the sole author of the essay submitted for consideration. I hereby authorize the release of all information contained in this application packet, as may be required to determine my eligibility for a scholarship. I hereby waive my rights to review any and all documents pertaining to my scholarship application once submitted for consideration.

Signature Date

Scholarship recipients will be announced in the ARC/STSA Newsletter and posted online at arcstsa.org. Each scholarship recipient will be notified and required to submit a photograph, biography, and release for publication authorization for the award announcement prior to distribution of the actual monetary award.

