

# 2012 NBSTSA Student Scholarship



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OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY  
AND SURGICAL ASSISTING

*The Sandra Edwards, CST - NBSTSA Scholarship Fund*



The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical First Assisting (NBSTSA) is committed to the advancement of surgical technology and surgical assisting, as well as the continuing education of individuals entering and working within the profession. The 2012 NBSTSA Scholarship Program is designed to assist students in pursuing their education via NBSTSA recognized surgical technology and surgical first assisting programs. The 2012 program includes \$1000 (full) and \$500 (partial) scholarship awards. Scholarships are awarded annually prior to the AST National Conference.

### **NBSTSA Student Scholarship Requirements for Consideration**

1. Completed and signed application (section two must be completed by the program director or their designee).
2. Official transcript verifying your cumulative GPA (based on a 4.0 scale).
3. Submission of an original essay, minimum 1,200 words (maximum 1,500 words), describing how this award will assist you in reaching your educational objectives and the ultimate goal of being a surgical technology or surgical first assistant practitioner. Essays must be typed or word-processed.
4. Letter of recommendation from a mentor/ preceptor related to the student's educational process evaluating the student's potential for a career in the profession of surgical technology or surgical first assisting.

Scholarship applications will not be considered unless completely filled out, signed, and accompanied by all appropriate supporting documentation listed above.

***All applications must be received by the NBSTSA by March 31, 2012.***

***Send the completed application with supporting documentation to:***

***NBSTSA***

***Attn: Scholarships***

***6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite # 100***

***Littleton, CO 80120***

***Email – [adrienne@nbstsa.org](mailto:adrienne@nbstsa.org)***

**NBSTSA Scholarship Application**  
*Must be received by March 31, 2012*

**I. To be completed by the applicant.**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of NBSTSA Recognized Program \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to become a surgical technologist or surgical first assistant?  
Describe your background and explain your career goals.

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- 2. Are your grades a true reflection of your ability? If not, what if anything is preventing you from improving your academic standing?

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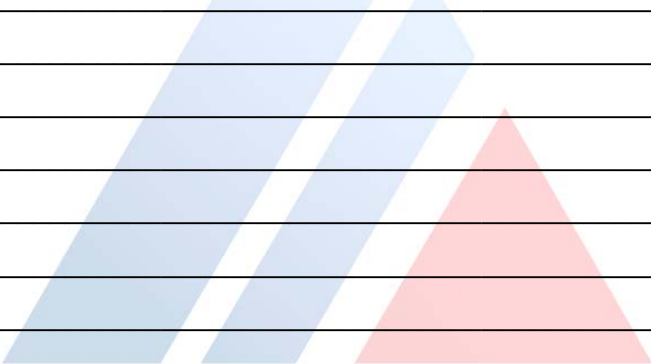
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- 3. List the three academic subjects you find most interesting and why.



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- 4. List any school activities in which you have or are currently participated in.

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5. List any awards you have received for school or extracurricular activities.

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**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 paper 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 notified and announced at the AST Annual Conference. Recipients will be posted online at [www.nbtsa.org](http://www.nbtsa.org). Scholarship recipients consent to the release of biographical information and a photograph for publications related to announcement of scholarship awards.*

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**II: To be completed by the program director or designee.**

Last name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

1. Has the applicant's attendance record been entirely satisfactory?  Yes  No

If no, please explain.

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2. Please provide an assessment of the applicant's overall performance in the program.

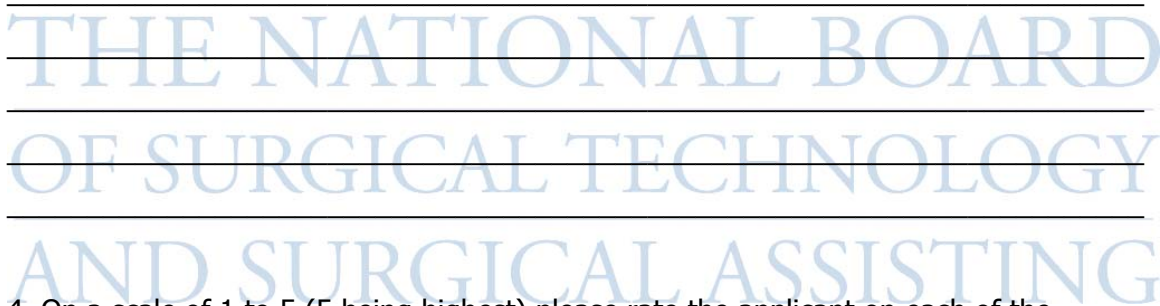
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3. Why do you feel this applicant is an optimal candidate for a scholarship award?

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4. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest) please rate the applicant on each of the following:

a) Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
b) Class Participation	1	2	3	4	5
c) Interpersonal Relationships	1	2	3	4	5



5. Please provide any additional information that may assist in establishing scholarship eligibility for this applicant.

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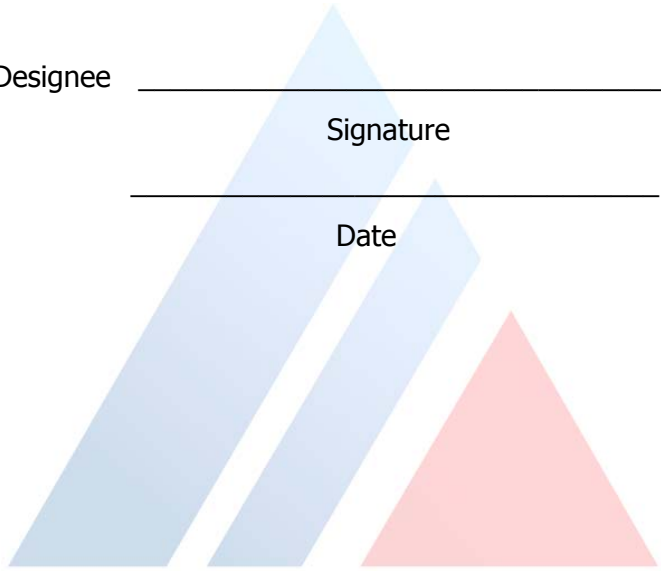
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Program Director/ Designee \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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Date



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**III: To be completed by a mentor/ preceptor to the applicant.**

Provide a letter of recommendation attesting to and evaluating the applicant's potential for a career in the profession of surgical technology or surgical first assisting. For an applicant in the clinical portion of the program, a recommendation letter from a Certified Surgical Technologist (for surgical technologist scholarship applicants) or a Certified Surgical First Assistant (for surgical first assistant scholarship applicants) who is serving as a clinical preceptor is preferred.

**IV. Checklist**

Make sure you check the following list before submitting your application to the NBSTSA.

Completed Application

Official transcript verifying your cumulative GPA (based on a 4.0 scale).

Completed and Attached Section II. of application from instructor/designee

Completed and Attached Section III. Letter of Recommendation from mentor/preceptor

Completed and Attached Essay

Submitted before deadline of March 31, 2012

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