

# Membership Application

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**YES**  I want to take advantage of all the benefits of membership in the Association of Surgical Technologists today.

Name (Last, First, MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Certification # \_\_\_\_\_  ST  CST  CFA  CST, CFA  Student

School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

I was recruited by (Member name) \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of our association?  Yes  No  
If yes, under what name were you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Check The Appropriate Box For Membership Dues (All Include State Assembly Dues)

**Active:**  \$80 for 1 year  
*An Active Member must include a copy of their certification certificate or card.*

**Associate:**  \$80 for 1 year  
*An Associate Member is a surgical technologist who is not certified by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (formerly LCC-ST).*

**Student:**  \$45 for 1 year  
*A Student Member must provide the name of the school they are enrolled in and a graduation date.*

**Affiliate:**  \$80 for 1 year  
*Affiliate Members include Autotransfusionists, Labor and Delivery Techs, Cardiac Cath Tech, Anesthesia Techs, Central Sterile Supply Techs, O.R. Managers, Aides, Schools, Instructors, Employers or Manufacturers/Sales Reps of health care related companies.*

**Retired/Disabled:**  \$45 for 1 year  
*A Retired Member must include proof that they are over the age of 65.  
A Disabled Member must include proof of permanent disability.*

AST dues may be deducted as a business expense but not as a charitable deduction. Effective 1/1/2004 AST estimated that \$9 of dues are not deductible in accordance with the IRS SEC 6033.

Check here if you **do not** wish to receive e-mail notification in addition to your regular postal mail notifications.

AST shares mailing information from time to time with a very limited number of organizations which provide our membership with liability coverage and other services at a discounted rate as a benefit of membership in the Association of Surgical Technologists. Check here if you **do not** wish to receive information.

## Local State Assemblies

### Connecting with AST in your community

Want to make the most of your AST membership? Get involved in your local AST state assembly.



Our 46 local state assemblies are the embodiment of the national organization on a community level, allowing you to experience all the benefits of AST in your own backyard.

Earn CE credits at the hands-on workshops offered at state assembly meetings.

Participation in your local state assembly can be rewarding in so many ways. We encourage you to contact your state assembly officers, find out how you can get involved, and make plans to attend the next state assembly event.

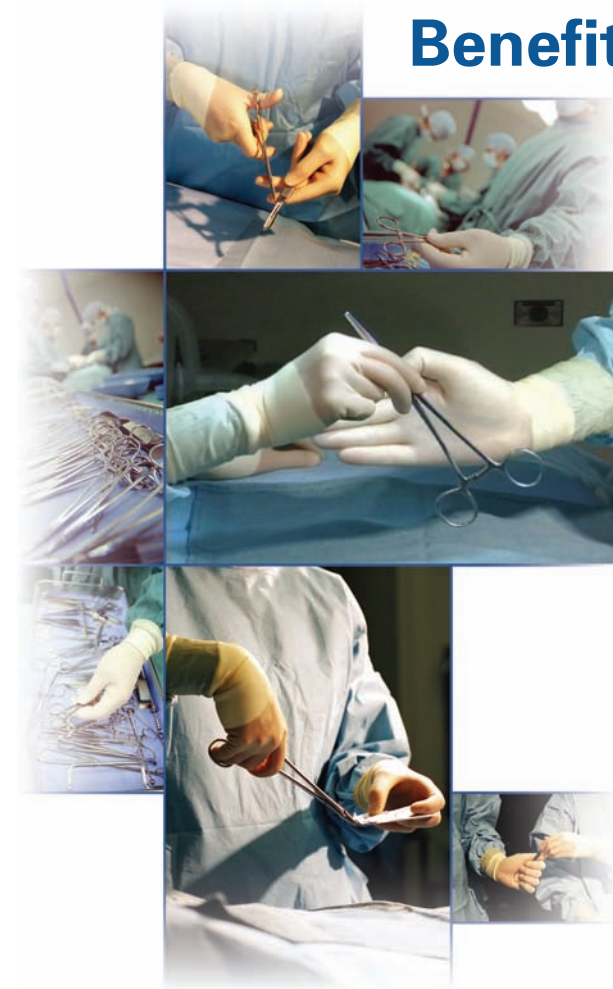


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## AST Membership Benefits



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### Mission Statement

*The Association of Surgical Technologists will enhance the profession to ensure quality patient care.*

## AST is right there **with you in the real world.**

At AST, what we offer our 21,000+ members is as real as it gets: Exclusive access to cutting-edge education, tools and technology; extraordinary networking opportunities; unparalleled programs, resources and services to help build your career; powerful advocacy for your profession; and a sense of community you simply won't find anywhere else.

# The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) –

## *The Surgical Technologist Membership Association*

Surgical technologists are vital members of the surgical team who work closely with the surgeon, anesthesia provider and perioperative nurse to provide quality care to the patient preoperatively, intraoperatively and postoperatively.

The profession of surgical technology resulted from a critical need for assistance during surgeries performed in World War II. Over the last 60 years, the profession has developed in response to the continuing demand for well-educated, highly skilled and dedicated practitioners who will deliver quality patient care.

The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) was founded in 1969 as the Association of Operating Room Technicians (AORT), and nine years later, in 1978, the name of the organization was changed to the Association of Surgical Technologists, Inc.

As the only professional organization that represents over 55,000 surgical technologists and surgical assistants nationally, AST is committed to optimal patient care by providing quality education, ensuring that the value of certification is observed on both national and state levels, celebrating achievement in the field of surgical technology, and fostering the careers of future and career practitioners.

## **Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST) – Program Accreditation Organization**

ARC-ST evaluates surgical technology and surgical assisting education programs according to standards mandated by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

## **National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) – Credentialing Organization**

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) was founded in order to establish the guidelines for certification, as well as preparing, reviewing and establishing the validity of the national certifying examination.

# AST Membership Benefits

## EXPANDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- ▶ Free monthly subscription to *The Surgical Technologist Journal*
- ▶ Three annual free continuing education online opportunities
- ▶ Annual conference at a \$130-discount for members, offering up to 18 CE credits or more
- ▶ Twelve continuing education opportunities are published annually in the *Journal* examining issues relevant to the profession
- ▶ Educational hands-on workshops at a \$75-discount
- ▶ Substantial discounts on Instructors Workshop/Instructors Forum registrations
- ▶ Compilation of previously published *Journal* continuing education (CE) articles, available free of charge
- ▶ Discounts on educational products, including textbooks
- ▶ State assembly workshops in your local community, offering CE credits
- ▶ A \$100-savings on the Association of Surgical Assistants annual meeting registration
- ▶ AST discussion board at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)
- ▶ Earn CE credits online at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)

## SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS

- ▶ *The Surgical Technologist* provides a monthly forum that includes continuing education articles, information focusing on clinical practice, and updates about the profession
- ▶ Four newsletters are produced that are dedicated to AST strategic audiences: surgical assistants, surgical technology instructors, students and state assembly officers
- ▶ Credits are processed free of charge for members only (nonmember fee: \$400)
- ▶ Automatic transfer of continuing education credits to NBSTSA for certification renewal
- ▶ Publish your resume, or look for a new job in the *Journal*
- ▶ A complimentary continuing education credit report sent annually
- ▶ Network with your peers
- ▶ Scholarship opportunities for practitioners
- ▶ Update your personal information, view your membership status, renew your membership, and view your CE credits at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)
- ▶ AST reviews all outside continuing education programs
- ▶ Discounted personal insurance, liability insurance and many other member discounts
- ▶ Access AST staff and Board members through [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)

## PROMOTING YOUR PROFESSION

- ▶ Career-focused *AST Recommended Standards of Practice*
- ▶ Monitoring of national legislative trends and interaction with national and state legislators
- ▶ National legislative lobbying to help protect your right to practice and enhance patient outcomes
- ▶ Engagement with state assemblies to affect change at the grassroots level
- ▶ Annual National Surgical Technologist Week is celebrated to focus recognition nationally on surgical technology
- ▶ Free membership in the Association of Surgical Assistants
- ▶ Use the *AST Recommended Clinical Ladder for the Surgical Technologist* to advance your career, available at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)
- ▶ AST approved continuing education providers list online at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)



## AST STUDENT MEMBER BENEFITS

*(what you get for \$45)*

- ▶ \$100-discount on the national certifying examination
- ▶ Free *AST Student Association* newsletter to keep you informed
- ▶ \$99-annual conference registration fee
- ▶ Save up to \$135 when you purchase the certification exam, study guide and AST membership with the Gold Package
- ▶ Member discounts on all AST educational products
- ▶ Apply for financial assistance scholarships from the Foundation for Surgical Technology and other organizations
- ▶ AST National Honor Society offers benefits for students who excel, including a scholarship for one student
- ▶ Join your peers on the student discussion board at [www.ast.org](http://www.ast.org)
- ▶ Look for a CAAHEP-accredited school in your state at [www.arcst.org](http://www.arcst.org)
- ▶ Plus a free subscription to *The Surgical Technologist* journal

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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check or Money Order enclosed  
 VISA    MASTER CARD    AMEX

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## The profession needs your assistance!

*Help us obtain vital information that benefits you, your colleagues and your pocketbook. Please fill out this brief survey so we can obtain vital information that will assist us to promote the profession and advance the salary levels of practitioners across the country.*

## HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL ACHIEVED — choose only one

- On the job trained (high school/GED)    Currently enrolled as an ST student  
 ST certificate or diploma (1 year)    ST associate degree (2 years)  
 BA/BS (other than nursing)    MA/MS (other than nursing)  
 Nursing ADN, diploma, BSN, or MSN    Other \_\_\_\_\_

## OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY — Where do you spend the most time? choose only one

- Surgical technologist    Retired  
 Central supply    O.R. supervisor  
 Circulator/asst. circulator    Sales/mfg. rep  
 Surgical assistant    Not currently working  
 ST instructor/prog. director    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchasing

## PRIMARY SURGICAL SPECIALTY — Where do you spend the most time? choose only one

- Cardiovascular surgery    Pediatric surgery  
 ENT surgery    Peripheral vascular surgery  
 General surgery    Plastic/reconstructive surgery  
 Genitourinary surgery    Podiatric surgery  
 Gynecologic surgery    Thoracic surgery  
 Neurosurgery    Tissue surgery  
 Obstetric surgery    Transplant surgery  
 Ophthalmic surgery    Veterinary surgery  
 Organ procurement    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orthopedic surgery    Do not specialize

## HOURLY SALARY (not including overtime) choose only one

- Less than \$9.00    \$15.00-\$16.99    \$23.00-\$24.99  
 \$9.00-\$10.99    \$17.00-\$18.99    \$25.00 or more  
 \$11.00-\$12.99    \$19.00-\$20.99  
 \$13.00-\$14.99    \$21.00-\$22.99

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