

The Foundation for Surgical Technology has initiated an award to recognize new surgical technology instructors. The award recognizes educators who are relatively new to their role and is intended to honor those who have accepted the challenge to make the difficult transition from the O.R. to the classroom.

To be eligible for this award, instructors must be employed in an accredited full-time surgical technology program for more than two years, but less than five years, and nominated by a peer (educator, school administrator, etc). Student nominations will not be accepted. In addition, the following criteria are essential:

- Current AST membership and evidence of three (3) years prior continuous membership.
- Current certification as a CST or CST, CSFA through the NBSTSA.
- Electronically generated letters of support from at least two (2) currently enrolled students.
- Electronically generated letters of support from at least two (2) school peers, ie, program faculty, administrators, division faculty, counselors.
- Evidence of participation in state assembly meetings, workshops, website maintenance, or elected office position within previous three (3) years.

Examples of optional additional considerations that demonstrate individual merit would be:

- Attendance at least one AST Instructors Workshop or Forum within the last three years.
- Evidence of additional course work or degrees earned.
- Evidence of participation in educational faculty development or CE sessions.
- Evidence of new course development and/or new lesson plan development.
- Participation in Item Writing sessions or service on Exam Review Committee through NBSTSA.

Applicants are invited to submit other professional and community-related experiences that will provide the Committee with a complete picture of their involvement and contributions.

All eligible applicants will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Foundation. One applicant will be selected to receive the 2011 New Instructor of the Year Award and will be given a free registration to either the 2013 Instructors Workshop at the AST National Conference or the 2013 Instructors Forum.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2012. Applications may be sent to the Foundation for Surgical Technology. The award will be announced at the 2012 Instructors Workshop in Washington, DC.



2011-2012 New Instructor of the Year Award Application

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Credentials _____ Title _____

Accredited Program _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Credentials _____

Sponsor's Title _____

Sponsor's Institution _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Please attach all files and send this form and your complete documentation to:

Foundation for Surgical Technology
Attn: New Instructor of the Year Award
6 West Dry Creek Circle
Littleton, CO 80120

Electronic letters of support may be emailed to scholarships@ast.org. Be sure that each email includes the subject line "New Instructor of the Year Award and the name of the Instructor nominated for the award."

The deadline for this application is March 1, 2012.