



# STS CANDIDATE CONNECTION

A newsletter for STS Candidate Members

## Update Your Profile

Stay up-to-date with Society mailings and information. When you graduate or change programs, please remember to update your contact information—including name, address, phone number, and e-mail address—by [logging into your account](#). You can also send your information to [membership@sts.org](mailto:membership@sts.org).

## Recruit a Medical Student or Resident and Receive a Free STS Gift

Encourage others interested in cardiothoracic surgery to apply for [Pre-Candidate](#) or [Candidate](#) Membership. As STS members, they'll receive many valuable benefits, such as a free online subscription to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, reduced rates for educational events, and networking opportunities with the most influential cardiothoracic surgeons in the world. **Special offer!** Recruit a new member and the Society will send both you and your peer a special STS-branded gift. To claim your gift, e-mail the applicant's name to Kristin Schukar at [kschukar@sts.org](mailto:kschukar@sts.org). *Note: application must be completed in order to receive your gift, and supplies are limited.*



Please add [stsheadquarters@sts.org](mailto:stsheadquarters@sts.org) to your e-mail contacts or safe-sender list to help ensure delivery of STS e-mails.

## New Learning Management System Available

STS has a new [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#) that can help you easily fulfill a significant part of your cardiothoracic surgery educational needs. The system's robust library features textbooks, videos, case presentations, and more. The content is concise and up-to-date, assembled by a national group of cardiothoracic surgery educators.

Residents using the system rave about the easy-to-navigate format:

- "[I] love that you can create your own exams with filters of what topics you want to target."
- "I like this program much better than the Moodle. I feel, as a trainee, I will actually use this format as a resource. It is nice that the program can assign learning modules/quizzes and track our progress."

If you already have a login, check out the new content that is available. If you don't have a login, go to [learnctsurgery.sts.org](http://learnctsurgery.sts.org), click SIGN-IN at the top right, and then click REQUEST SITE ACCESS. For more information about the LMS, contact Lauren Aloia at [laloia@sts.org](mailto:laloia@sts.org).

## Apply for a Scholarship to Attend the October STS Legislative Fly-In

The Society is offering four scholarships for STS members to attend the STS Legislative Fly-In on Monday, October 17, in Washington, DC. This Legislative Fly-In takes place during the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress and will allow STS members to join their colleagues in advocating for issues specific to cardiothoracic surgery. Fly-In participants also will be able to attend an STS-hosted briefing for congressional staffers, focusing on the STS National Database and Medicare physician payment reform. The scholarships will cover reasonable travel and meal expenses (1 day/1 hotel night). Send your [completed application](#), along with your CV, to [advocacy@sts.org](mailto:advocacy@sts.org) by September 2, 2016. Award decisions will be made by September 9.



Previous advocacy scholarship winners in Washington, DC

## Participate in the 2016 North American Jeopardy Competition

Similar to the popular television show, STS will host a Jeopardy competition at the STSA Annual Meeting in November. This challenging cognitive skills competition is for two-person teams of residents enrolled in an ACGME- and/or a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada-approved thoracic surgery residency program. The winning North American team will compete against the winning European team for the Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition - Champion title at the STS Annual Meeting in January.

Residents interested in participating must take an individual online screening exam between August 31 and September 7. You also must provide the name of your partner and upload a letter from your program director attesting to your eligibility and confirming that you will be able to attend the STSA Annual Meeting if selected as a finalist and the STS Annual Meeting if you should win the STSA competition. The six teams with the best combined scores from the online exam will attend the STSA Annual Meeting for the competition, with travel expenses paid by STS. The runners-up will each receive \$50 and the members of the winning North American team each will receive \$500.

If you are interested in taking the screening exam or have questions about the Jeopardy competition, contact Rebecca Mark at [mark@sts.org](mailto:mark@sts.org).

## Apply Now for 2017 STS Looking to the Future Scholarships

General surgery residents and medical students in the US or Canada who are considering a career in cardiothoracic surgery are encouraged to apply for an STS Looking to the Future Scholarship. Scholarships cover

- A 3-night stay at an STS-designated hotel
- Participation in exclusive events
- Reimbursement of up to \$500 in related travel expenses

Please note that previous scholarship recipients are not eligible; however, previous applicants are encouraged to reapply. **The submission deadline for applications is September 23, 2016, 11:59 p.m. CT.** For more information, visit [www.sts.org/lfff](http://www.sts.org/lfff).