

TEXAS SOCIETY FOR HISTOTECHNOLOGY

2013 ANNUAL AWARDS

“In everyone’s life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

Albert Schweitzer

With the continued generosity and cooperation of our AWARDS SPONSORS, the Texas Society for Histotechnology Awards Committee is pleased to announce the available awards for 2013. There are several categories of scholarships and awards; please read over the criteria and then submit several of your co-workers, mentors, and friends for these awards.

Awards are available to all Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc. members. An individual may self-nominate for all awards. Applicants/nominees must be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to application/nomination, except for student awards. All awards will be presented at the Annual Texas Society for Histotechnology Convention/Symposium to be held in Houston, TX, April 12-14, 2013

Please fill out the application form as completely as possible and submit all documentation requested. Letters from co-workers, peers, pathologist, or supervisors are also acceptable and help to determine the suitability or need of the applicant. Submit the paperwork to the Award Committee by March 1, 2013. Plans for the utilization of the award, including identification of an educational event or class, is suggested but not required.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Student scholarships will be made to deserving students in approved schools of Histotechnology. Academic ability and financial need will be the main criteria for selecting each recipient. Students are only eligible for Student Scholarships. TSH Membership is not required for student scholarships.

●John E. Linder Student Award: *Sponsored by Barry and Gillian Rittman*

This award is for \$500.00 to help defray the cost of attending A TSH meeting. This award is in honor of John Eric Linder, Chief Technician who had superb technical skills and knowledge and an individual who strived to advance the training and experience of students in the field of Histology.

This award is sponsored by Barry and Gillian Rittman.

Criteria:

TSH membership is not required for student scholarships.

1. The student must have worked in a Histology Laboratory for a minimum of 6 months.
2. The student’s supervisor must submit a letter stating the reasons why they believe the student is deserving of this award. The letter must include background information concerning the students experience, skills, and academic background and any other information that may be relevant. The submission of a resume is strongly recommended.
3. The student must submit a letter stating their reasons for wishing to attend the TSH Annual Convention.

4. Plans for utilization of the scholarship must be submitted by the nominee. This plan must be completed within two years after the scholarship is awarded.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

All educational Scholarships will be made annually to applicants who are pursuing advanced education and knowledge within the profession of Histotechnology and/or actively working toward academic status that may provide eligibility to take the appropriate professional histology certification examination. The recipients will be chosen based on the sincere effort of the applicant and not necessarily upon Academic merit.

●“Continuing Education” Grant. *Sponsored by Dako, Inc.*

To be used by a Histotechnician or Histotechnologist with a sincere interest in pursuing “continuing education” in the field of histotechnology.

Grant Amount: This \$500.00 grant is intended to defray the expenses of attending the TSH Annual Convention/Symposium

Grant Criteria:

1. **This grant may only be given to an individual once.**
2. Each candidate must be a voting member or student member in good standing.
3. Nominees or nominators of applications for this grant will be required to submit a letter of justification stating their need for travel, Lodging and registration expenses or a statement of intent for the use of the cash award.
4. Candidates for this grant may be nominated by a pathologist, fellow histologist, or may be self-nominated.
5. Candidates may be asked to submit current curriculum vitae (CV) which should include a complete outline of all academic and continuing education endeavors, particularly areas related to Histotechnology.

●Donia McLemor “Continuing Education Memorial Fund”: *Sponsored by Poly Scientific Research and Development Corporation*

The fund is intended to defray expenses of attending the TSH Annual Convention/Symposium.

Award Amount: This \$1500.00 fund is intended to help defray the costs of attending the annual TSH Convention/Symposium for one or more applicants.

Award Criteria:

1. Candidates will be required to submit a letter of justification explaining their need for travel, lodging, and registration expenses as well as a statement attesting to employment and lack of funding from their employers.
2. Nominees must be voting members of TSH in good standing.
3. Candidates may be nominated by a supervisor, pathologist, fellow histologist, or self-nominated.
4. The award winner(s) will be notified before the annual TSH meeting. A certificate will be presented stating that they have been chosen to receive funds from the Donia McLemore Continuing Education Fund.

●“Looking to the Future” Grant: *Sponsored by Leica Microsystems*

Grant Amount This \$300.00 grant is presented annually by Leica Microsystems and is made to the HT/HTL who is “Looking to the Future” in his/her career.

Grant Criteria:

1. This year’s recipient will have attained the HT or HTL certification by passing the ASCP registry examination during the previous year, or prepared for the future by obtaining his/her Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree.
2. Two criteria will be considered:
 - a. Academic Achievement (documented by board of registry notification or college transcript)
 - b. The individual’s contribution to TSH
3. Candidates for this grant may be self nominated or nominated by a fellow HT/HTL or an instructor and must be a voting member in good standing of TSH.
4. Each nominator must submit a confidential personal statement describing why they feel the individual is deserving of this grant.
5. Each candidate for the “Looking for the Future” will be asked to submit up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) and a copy of their notification from the Board of Registry or College Transcript.

●“Graham Stevens Grant”: *Sponsored by Thermo Fisher*

Award Amount: This \$350.00 grant is presented annually by Thermo Fisher in memory of Graham Stevens. This grant is made to the HT/HTL who has demonstrated genuine dedication and outstanding service to the Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc (TSH).

Grant Criteria-

1. Candidates for the “Graham Stevens” grant may be nominated by their Immediate Pathologist or fellow Histologist.
2. Nominees or nominators of applications for this grant will be required to submit a letter of justification stating their need for travel, lodging and registration expenses or a statement of intent for the use of the cash grant.
3. Each candidate for the “Graham Stevens” grant must be a voting member in good standing of TSH. **Student members are not eligible for this grant.**
4. Additionally, each candidate must submit an up-to-date (CV), which should include a complete outline of all TSH activities.

●“Ron Price Enriching Education” Grant. *Sponsored by Ventana Medical Systems, INC.*

To be used by a Histotechnician or Histotechnologist with a sincere interest in pursuing “continuing education” in the field of Histotechnology.

Grant Amount: This \$750.00 grant is intended to defray the expenses of attending the TSH Annual Convention/Symposium

Grant Criteria:

1. **This grant may only be given to an individual once.**
2. Each candidate must be a voting member in good standing.

3. Nominees or nominators of applications for this grant will be required to submit a letter of justification stating their need for travel, Lodging and registration expenses or a statement of intent for the use of the cash award.
4. Candidates for this grant may be nominated by a pathologist, fellow histologist, or may be self-nominated.
5. Candidates may be asked to submit current curriculum vitae (CV) which should include a complete outline of all academic and continuing education endeavors, particularly areas related to Histotechnology.

MERIT AWARDS/GRANTS

Nominees for these awards/grants must be voting members of TSH in good standing. All merit awards/grants will be made annually to applicants who deserve recognition because of their continual quest for knowledge within the profession of Histotechnology or their willingness to share knowledge within the Histology community. The recipients will be chosen based on the sincere effort of the applicants and not necessarily upon academic merit.

●“Ricky Goss Memorial Grant” Sponsored by Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.

Grant Amount This \$1000.00 grant is for the applicant who approaches the field of Histotechnology with a creative spirit. **This grant will be given only once to an individual.** Only one winner.

Grant Criteria:

1. TSH membership and HT or HTL certification in Histotechnology is required.
2. Each applicant must submit a one page written essay demonstrating:
 - a. True love of the art of Histotechnology by approaching his or her work with a creative flair.
 - b. Active and objective evaluation of new technology as a means to enhance patient care by:
 - i. Decreasing turnaround time.
 - ii. Adding new stains or markers.
 - iii. Keeping abreast of new technology as it relates to the field of Histotechnology
 - iv. Providing accurate cost effective results.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the need for automation in the 21st century laboratory.

●”Environmental Excellency Grant”: Sponsored by BBC Biochemical, Inc.

Grant Amount: This \$500.00 grant is presented to the histology laboratory most dedicated to creating an environmentally sound workplace and spreading the word about environmentally safe alternatives to hazardous products.

Grant Criteria:

1. Recipient of the grant must be a member in good standing of Texas Society for Histotechnology.
2. Candidates for this grant may be nominated by a pathologist, peers, or directly by BBC Biochemical or other companies/organizations recognized by TSH.
3. Candidates must be actively involved in promoting the use of environmentally preferable alternatives to products containing hazardous material and/or actively involved in reducing the use hazardous reagents within their facility.

4. Each nominator must submit a confidential personal statement describing why in their opinion, the candidate is deserving of the award.
5. Candidates will be requested to submit up-to-date curriculum vitas (CV).

●**“Golden Ribbon Grant”**: *Sponsored by StatLab Medical Products, Inc.*

Grant Amount: This \$500.00 grant is presented annually to the HT or HTL who has demonstrated exemplary service.

Grant Criteria:

1. Candidates for the “Golden Ribbon” grant may be nominated by a pathologist, fellow Histologist, or be self-nominated.
2. Each nominator/nominee must submit a confidential personal statement describing why the candidate is deserving of this award.
3. Each candidate for the StatLab award must be a voting or student member in good standing of the Texas Society for Histotechnology.
4. Each candidate will be requested to submit current curriculum vitae (CV).

●**“Robert A Clark Memorial Grant”**: *Sponsored by Sakura Finetek, USA*

Grant Amount: This \$300.00 honorarium is given to **one** TSH member.

Grant Criteria:

1. This honorarium is given to one TSH member in recognition of a first workshop presentation at the annual TSH Convention/Symposium or for an original article submitted to the TSH state newsletter (manufacturers and scientific distributors are not eligible to participate).
2. The nominee must be a member in good standing of TSH.
3. Candidates for this grant may be nominated by a pathologist, self-nominated, or nominated by peers.
4. Each nominator/nominee must submit a confidential personal statement describing why the candidate is deserving of this award.
5. Candidates will be asked to submit current curriculum vitae (CV).

●**“Jimmy Stringer Spirit of Service Grant”**: *Sponsored by Microscope and Microtome Service Company*

Grant Amount: This \$500 grant is presented annually by Microscope and Microtome Service Company to the HT or HTL who most represents a spirit of community service both at and away from the work place.

Grant Criteria:

1. Candidates for this grant must be a student or TSH voting member in good standing and may be nominated by a pathologist, fellow histologist, or self-nominated.
2. Candidates may be asked to submit current curriculum vitae (CV).

3. Nominator must submit at least a one page statement relating to “spirit of community service of the candidate (coaching, volunteering, giving spirit) as well as the spirit of service either at the workplace or within Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc.

APPRECIATION AWARDS

●“Histotechnician of the Year” Award: *Sponsored by BBC Biochemical*

This award will be made annually to the Histology Technician/Histotechnologist, who, in the opinion of the Awards committee; best exemplifies the qualities of dedication and service to the profession of Histotechnology.

Award amount: BBC Biochemical sponsors this award with a \$500.00 award.

Award criteria:

1. Candidates for the “Histotechnician of the Year” award may be nominated by their immediate Pathologist or fellow Histologist.
2. Each nominator must submit a confidential personal statement describing why, in their opinion, the candidate is deserving of this award.
3. Each candidate for the BBC Biochemical award must be a voting or student member in good standing of the Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc (TSH)
4. Additionally, each candidate will be requested to submit up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV).

●TSH Vendor Appreciation Plaque: *Sponsored by Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc.*

This award is presented to a vendor representative who has unselfishly contributed outstanding service to members of the Texas Society for Histotechnology.

Award Criteria:

1. The TSH Executive Board will determine the recipient of this plaque from nominations of the TSH membership.
2. This plaque will not necessarily be presented on an annual basis.
3. The nominee must be a vendor, whose territory includes areas within the State of Texas.,
4. The candidate must be nominated by a voting member or student member in good standing of TSH,
5. A written statement must be submitted by the nominator explaining why this candidate should be considered for this award. Include name of the Company that the nominee represents.

●Leica Biosystem Richmond “Diamond Award” Sponsored by *Surgipath, Inc.*

Award Amount: This \$500.00 award is presented annually by Leica Biosystem Richmond (formerly known as Surgipath) to a current or outgoing board member of Texas Society for Histotechnology, Inc. The nominee should be one who is committed to the service of our TSH members by showing a spirit of cooperation, faithfulness, dedication and servitude.

Award Criteria:

1. This award will be awarded to a currently serving or outgoing board member who has unselfishly contributed outstanding service to the members of Texas Society for Histotechnology.

2. The TSH Executive Board will determine the recipient of this plaque from nominations submitted to the Award Committee Chairperson by TSH board members.
3. A written statement must be submitted by the nominator explaining why this candidate should be considered for this award.
4. **This award will not necessarily be awarded on an annual basis.**