

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to providing networking, publications, continuing education, and high professional standards, ASCLS recognizes members who help make this society work. The Society presents state, regional, and national awards each year at annual meetings. Some members are nominated for awards; others may apply to receive awards.

National Awards:

Most national award applications are submitted online by the State President, with the exception of the Scientific Research Award and the Theriot Award. Awards are administered through the ASCLS Awards Committee. If you know of someone (or yourself) who you think is worthy of one of the awards listed below, contact Cara Bushmaker, ASCLS-MT State President.

- [Ascending Professional Leadership Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Developing Professional Leadership Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Society Website Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Society Publication Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Scientific Research Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Scientific Assembly Professional Achievement Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Theriot Award](#) (Due February 15)
- [Voices Under 40](#) (Due April 1)
- [Constituent Society Member of the Year Recognition](#) (Due April 1)
- [Omicron Sigma](#) (Due April 1)
- [Keys to the Future](#) (Due May 1)
- [Promotion of the Profession Fundraising Award](#) (Due May 15)

ASCLS-Montana Awards:

ASCLS Montana has their own Awards and Scholarship Committee, comprised of two committee members, elected on alternate years for a 2 year term. The committee is responsible for the following awards:

- ASCLS-Montana Member of the Year
- ASCLS-Montana Student of the Year
- ASCLS-Montana Student Poster of the Year
- ASCLS-Montana Paper of the Year (if awarded)

ASCLS-MT Awards Guidelines:

ASCLS Montana Member of the Year:

Any ASCLS-MT member is eligible to nominate someone for this award. A short essay needs to be received from the nominator, describing the merits of the nominee as an individual and as an active member of ASCLS-MT. If more than one person is nominated, the Awards & Scholarship committee chooses the winner. The winner receives a plaque sponsored by ASCLS-Montana and a cash award. The winner also

becomes the nominee from our state for the National ASCLS Constituent Society Member of the Year Recognition, and the ASCLS Region VIII Member of the Year award.

Deadline: March 31

ASCLS Montana Student of the Year:

Education coordinators or Instructors may nominate a student with a short letter describing how their nominee meets the following 6 criteria used in judging.

Students will be judged in six criteria:

- Academic and Commitment to Learning (15 points)
- Team Contributions, such as leading or participating in extra projects/assignments (15 points)
- Overcoming Obstacles (15 points)
- Community Service in the past 2 years (15 points)
- Indicators of the Student's Performance and Commitment to the Profession (20 points)
- Being an ASCLS Member, Participating in Spring Meeting or other ASCLS-MT activities (20 points)

If more than one student is nominated, the Awards & Scholarship Committee will choose the winner or may ask for ASCLS-MT Board input.

The winner of this award receives a cash award.

Deadline: March 31

ASCLS Montana Student Poster of the Year:

Students who present their poster pertaining to clinical laboratory science at the ASCLS-Montana Spring Meeting are eligible for this award. Spring Meeting attendees vote on the Poster of the Year.

The winner of this award receives a cash award.

ASCLS Montana Paper of the Year: (if awarded)

ASCLS-Montana members are eligible to submit a paper on a topic pertaining to clinical laboratory science. The paper should be either a research paper, a case study, or a scientific literature review. Research papers should address scientific as well as applicable educational, technical, administrative, consulting and management studies. Case studies should address any unusual, interesting and unique manifestation of a disease etiology, pathology, clinical syndrome, complications and prognosis, known or unknown. Literature reviews describe current knowledge including substantive findings, as well as theoretical and methodological contributions to a particular topic.

If more than one paper is submitted, the Awards & Scholarship Committee chooses the winner, and the winner receives a cash award.