



THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

Application For Pre-Candidate Membership

Name: _____
Last First MI Degree

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ M _____ F

Current Academic Affiliation and Title: _____

Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: Home Office

EDUCATION

Medical School: _____ Actual or Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION for General Surgery Residents

Site of General Surgery Training: _____

Estimated Date of Completing General Surgery Residency: _____

Name of Program Director: _____

Program Director E-mail: _____

State(s), province(s), or country(ies) in which licensed/certified to practice medicine:

License/Certification Number(s): _____ Date(s) Issued: _____

APPLICATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In furtherance of my application for membership in The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, I hereby request and authorize any hospital or medical staff where I now have, have had, or have applied for medical staff privileges, and any medical organization of which I am a member or to which I have applied for membership, and any person who may have information (including medical records, patient records, and reports of committees) which is deemed by the Society to be material to its evaluation of my fitness for membership to provide such information to representatives of the Society upon their request. I agree that communications of any nature made to the Society regarding my fitness for membership shall be made in confidence and shall not be made available to me under any circumstances. I hereby release from liability the Society and its officers, directors members, agents and employees, and the providers of any information about me, and each of them, and agree to save and hold each of them harmless from and against all claims, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), demands, actions, and liability arising from or relating to acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with the provision, collection, or evaluation of information or opinions, whether or not requested or solicited, concerning my application for membership in the Society.

I hereby represent and warrant that the information provided on this application for membership is accurate and complete. I agree that I will not cause or attempt to cause any public disclosure of the contents of any application for membership in the Society, including my own, or any proceedings or any committees evaluating such applications, whether disclosure is by operation of law or otherwise. Furthermore, I agree that if I am admitted as a member of the Society, I shall abide by the Bylaws and rules of the Society.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Verification of General Surgery Resident Status

(Please have your Program Director, faculty member, or an STS member complete this section.)

I, _____, confirm that the applicant is a General Surgery resident with whom I have a professional relationship. He/she is ethically and morally fit for STS Pre-Candidate Membership.

Signature: _____

Relationship with Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Verification of Medical Student Status: Please submit copy of student ID with application form.

Application materials, annual membership dues of \$25.00 (\$12.50 after July 1), and curriculum vitae (if available) should be sent to:

**Membership Department – The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
633 North Saint Clair St., Suite 2320
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 268-7490 (fax)/membership@sts.org (email)**

Payment Information

*Dues as Tax Deductions (for US tax purposes)

Contributions or gifts to The Society of Thoracic Surgeons are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Payment of membership dues may be deductible as a professional and necessary business expense, to the extent allowable by law. Twenty-three percent (23%) of the 2011 membership dues are nondeductible, per IRS regulations, to reflect projected STS 2011 lobbying expenses. Please consult your tax advisor.

Please make check payable to "The Society of Thoracic Surgeons"

____ American Express ____ Visa ____ Master Card ____ Money Order ____ Check Enclosed

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Zip Code _____

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) is the largest cardiothoracic surgical organization in the world; the members of STS include a significant majority of all board certified cardiothoracic surgeons in the United States and Canada, as well as many prominent cardiothoracic surgeons from around the world.

The objectives of the Society include: improving the quality and practice of thoracic surgery as a specialty; promoting the professional and educational development of surgeons, researchers and allied health professionals specializing in the field of cardiothoracic surgery and encouraging, representing, and sponsoring those who have entered the field; providing a forum and publication for scientific presentations and discussions; promoting and supporting basic standards in the education programs of cardiothoracic surgery; and encouraging basic and clinical research in the field of cardiothoracic surgery.

Excerpts from STS Bylaws: Section 7. Pre-Candidate Members.

(a) Qualifications.

(i) An applicant for Pre-Candidate Membership shall be enrolled in an appropriately accredited or otherwise recognized medical school, or enrolled in a general surgery educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada or its equivalency. In addition, any individual outside the United States and Canada who is enrolled in an accredited or otherwise recognized medical school or general surgery educational program may apply for Pre-Candidate Membership.

(ii) An applicant for Pre-Candidate Membership must possess ethical and moral fitness, as determined, in part, on the basis of reports from members consulted as references, reports from other references and other information.