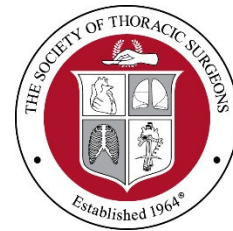


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Looking to the Future Scholarship, General Surgery Resident Applicants Program Director's Letter of Commitment

Dear Program Director:

Your general surgery resident, _____, has applied to our Looking to the Future Scholarship program. If they are selected to receive the award, by signing this form, you acknowledge that they have permission to attend the STS Annual Meeting beginning Wednesday, January 27, 2027 at 5pm through Sunday, January 31, 2027 at 12pm in San Diego, CA, and you acknowledge that they will be away from the institution and unavailable due to travel and attendance at this meeting. Most of their expenses will be covered by the scholarship.

While we acknowledge that the ABSITE exams run from January 29-February 2, 2027, scholarship recipients are expected to make arrangements with their institutions to take the exam on alternate dates before or after attending the STS Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Please complete this form for the applicant no later than Friday, September 25, which is the date scholarship applications close. The applicant is responsible for submitting this form with their application.

Applicants will be notified in mid-November 2026 of the results. For more information on this program, visit www.sts.org/ltof.

Questions? Contact Maureen Ewing at mewing@sts.org or 312-202-5895.