



How do I join?

The easiest way to join is to go to the ASCLS website at:

<http://www.ascls.org>

The website has links to membership benefits, how much it costs to join along with more in depth information about the society. It also has links to your state affiliate's website under the "resources" tab.

You can also download an application and mail it in or contact our office.

By joining as a student member of ASCLS you automatically become a member of the **Student Forum**. The Forum Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary along with your state's Student Representative are all there to make sure your voice is heard in ASCLS and guide you in your journey to becoming a laboratory professional.

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Student Forum

Student
Introduction
to ASCLS

Who we are:

ASCLS was organized in 1936 to serve as a voice for laboratory professionals all over the U.S. It was, and still is, the only professional society run by laboratory professionals for laboratory professionals. This gives us a real advantage because the issues that we face, or will face everyday at work are addressed by professionals that face the same issues. A united voice can be a very powerful voice! ASCLS even has its own personal lobbyist in Washington D.C. who helps legislators understand how certain bills will affect the health-care industry and specifically how it will impact laboratory services.

As a student member, you will have a unique opportunity to meet laboratory science professionals, some who have over 30 years of experience. These professionals are an extremely valuable resource for identifying trends in testing, showing you different areas you can explore with your degree and, of course, they are invaluable contacts for jobs across the nation. Being a student member gives you access to fellow students, along with support of the Student Forum. You also have many scholarship opportunities including ones that recognize student research.



What we offer you:

Networking:

- Meet other students and working professionals and learn what other laboratories are doing across the nation
- Network with laboratory supervisors and managers and get a jump on potential job opportunities
- Extensive Career Center with job descriptions, job postings and the ability to post your resume

Continuing Education:

- Continuing Education Classes at ASCLS Conferences and Symposiums
- Web Courses you can do at home
- Home Study opportunities with CD's from the Online Store or by reading the Focus article in the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal

Publications:

- Receive the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal
- Receive the *ASCLS Today* monthly newsletter

Scholarships:

- Undergraduate and graduate scholarship opportunities including the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Scholarship and the ASCLS Student Award

Committees (examples):

- Leadership Development Committee: Encourage members who show a talent and interest in serving in leadership positions
- Student Forum: Help unite the student members and give a voice to student interests and concerns within ASCLS. Also, provide information and support to the student members in their journey to becoming a certified laboratory professional.

Why join?

- * Get discounts on all ASCLS conferences and symposiums
- * Receive both the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal and the *ASCLS Today* newsletter
- * Meet professionals that work in all areas of the laboratory and from all areas of the nation
- * Attend fun social events with other students and young professionals where you can compare experiences and create lasting friendships
- * Participate in committees and task forces to make a difference in your profession and learn more than you ever could in a classroom
- * Being a member of ASCLS shows prospective employers that you are serious about being a laboratory scientist and care about keeping up with new technologies, breaking research and current issues facing laboratory professionals
- * You can make a difference! Your membership fees go towards advancing the laboratory profession by supporting the many great projects that are already in progress

Just turn the page to find out how to join!