



Student Leadership Development Program



The MSRT will select up to two students to represent Massachusetts at the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.

This application replaces the online ASRT application.

All submissions must be submitted electronically to the MSRT Office at info@msrt-ma.org

Program Highlights

The ASRT Student Leadership Development Program offers students a chance to get to know the ASRT, attend educational sessions, and network with medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

Selected participants will attend the 2019 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 20 -24 in Orlando, Florida, as well as orientation the evening of June 19.

Selected participants receive:

- ✚ Airfare, housing, a stipend for meals and other travel expenses.
- ✚ An educational program designed just for students.
- ✚ A professional mentor assigned for the meeting.
- ✚ An insider's look into the largest association for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.
- ✚ Expanded opportunities for professional growth.

Eligibility Requirements

1. **Must be a student member of the ASRT and MSRT at time of application and participation.**
2. Minimum GPA of 3.0

How to Apply:

- ✚ Complete the 2019 - 2019 SLDP application & submit electronically to the MSRT (info@msrt-ma.org)
- ✚ Submit an *unofficial* college transcript that includes the end of summer 2018 semester
- ✚ Submit an essay(minimum 750 words) answering the following two questions:
 - 1.How does active participation in professional organizations enhance the Radiologic Technologist?
- ✚ How would you grow professionally from your participation in the Student Leadership Development Program?
- ✚ Submit one recommendation letter from your primary clinical instructor or preceptor
- ✚ Submit a letter from the program director stating approval for your attendance to the MSRT Annual Conference April 10-12, 2019 in Leominster, Ma and the 2019 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual House of Delegates Meeting in Orlando, Fl. June 19-24,
- ✚ **Submit all materials prior to the deadline of January 10, 2019 to the MSRT**
- ✚ 2019 The MSRT will notify the successful applicants via e-mail by Feb. 4, 2019.

If selected as one of the MSRT student representatives to the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program the recipient will be expected to complete the following :

1. Attend and volunteer for four hours at the MSRT annual conference on April 10 - 12, 2019
2. Attend an MSRT board meeting prior to the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program or assist at a ½ Day Seminar prior to the annual conference.
3. Write a brief article for the MSRT newsletter, The Exposure, within 3 weeks of attending the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program, about their experience as a participant in the Student Leadership Development Program.

2018 SLDP Participant Experiences



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In my first semester of the radiologic technology program at Northern Essex Community College, my professor tasked the class with writing an essay for The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) and it was up to us whether we wanted to submit it for consideration of selection. Two student members from Massachusetts would be selected to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting in June of 2018 held in Las Vegas. I decided to submit my essay for consideration and was so happy to receive an email congratulating me for being selected to be a student participant for Massachusetts. Each student participant is paired with a mentor and I had the opportunity to speak with mine before the conference. Even though we spoke on the phone for a while about the conference, I still didn't really know what all of it meant and what would be in store for me once I got to the conference.

I met a couple of fellow student participants as well as a delegate at the airport after landing in Las Vegas and we shared an Uber to the hotel which helped relieve some nerves. The first night was the SLDP Orientation and the room was soon filled with students from all over the country. It was so great to meet so many students from other areas of the country and discuss the differences and similarities in our programs and our experiences.

The first day we attended a couple of seminars such as "Cyber Security for Medical Imaging", "Governance and Affiliate 101" and "ARRT 101". It was great to learn about the House of Delegates and the importance of the state affiliates and how important it is to be involved, not just as students, but as technologists in the future. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) course gave us students information about the process of certification and licensure. After these required seminars, we were free to attend our seminars of choice for the rest of the day.

My professor, as well as my mentor, told me a little bit about the Welcome Reception and Pin Exchange, but until you're in that room, you can't possibly comprehend the excitement of everyone there. Each affiliate supplied its student representatives with handfuls of our state pin and the idea was to go around the room exchanging pins with students from other states and collect as many pins as possible. I found myself completely swept up in the excitement and I really didn't expect that at all. It was quite the friendly competition to see who had the most pins. It was such a great way to get people out of their comfort zone and meet new people.

The next day was The Flag Ceremony that involved each state flag being carried into the room by the student participants and being presented in front of the delegates. You could see that the Flag Ceremony was enjoyed by everyone in the room. The Flag Ceremony was followed by the House of Delegates First Business Meeting. There were debates and open forums where different state delegates had a chance to advocate for improvements or changes they wanted to see in the profession. Students were able to sit with their affiliate delegates and learn more about the process of creating policies for the profession.

Later that evening was the Honors Event and Reception. We watched as members were being honored for their contributions to their affiliates, the ASRT, and the profession in general. I was quite moved by this event as I listened to the stories of each member becoming Fellows and Life Members. You could see how passionate the honorees are about radiologic technology and the ASRT and how the other members were so supportive of their accomplishments. This event left quite an impression on me and left me feeling inspired to be involved in the MSRT and the ASRT.

In just a few short days, I made connections with professionals who will help shape my career as well as made friends with students from all over the country with whom I am still in contact. I also really enjoyed my time with my mentor who was very helpful in guiding me through the experience. I know that as I continue my education and career, I will be able to reach out to her for advice.

Even though I am still a student in the radiologic technology program, I see how important the state affiliates and the ASRT are to advocacy for the profession. I am honored to have been chosen as an SLDP participant to represent Massachusetts and it is an experience I will never forget. I learned so much about the profession and the different avenues available to me once I become a registered technologist. I do see myself getting involved in the MSRT as well as continuing my ASRT membership. I really hope to be able to attend the 2019 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting and reconnect with the many people I was fortunate to meet.

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I would like to thank the ASRT and MSRT for giving me such an amazing opportunity to experience a different aspect of the radiology world. I was chosen to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium & Annual Governance & House of Delegates Meeting of 2018 in Las Vegas. The SLDP (Student Leadership Development Program) scholarship really gave me an insight to my future and where I could potentially be in my career as radiologic technologist. The SLDP scholarship is a chance for students to come and learn about the ASRT, get educated through educational sessions while earning CEUs, and networking with radiologic professionals.

There were a couple of webinars that explained a lot of what we needed to do for logistics and information about our trip before we went so I felt prepared. The scholarship paid for our airfare, hotel, and a stipend was included. We were assigned to a mentor for our educational learning purposes which I found was a great idea because it's a great networking opportunity, they know what they are doing and can help us with all the questions we have. My mentor was Michael Delvecchio, Clinical Director of Diagnostic Radiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital. It was an honor having Michael as a mentor as he has over 25 years of experience in the radiologic field. He recommended me to be more involved with the ASRT and MSRT community. Meanwhile, there were educational programs that were designed just for students, an exposition, and we even attended Chapter Meetings!

The whole experience was awesome from the day we attended to the last day. The first day that I arrived in Vegas, it was hot! I got to my hotel, checked in and decided I had a few hours to spare before my first SLDP event. Even though we had a busy agenda I was still able to leave and explore Vegas strip. They had a phenomenal realistic body museum that showed all the layers of a human body. After that, I decided to head back to the hotel and pick up my registration bag for the convention.

The first night we were there, we've attended orientation. It was a great way for us to network with other SLDP participants and to meet our fellow radiologic professionals. During this orientation we were introduced to the Chairman of the Board, ASRT President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House. We were able to meet up with our mentors here as well. The next day we attended education sessions all day. It started with a Governance and Affiliate 101 class which talked about who makes governance decisions and how they are implemented during the House of Delegates meeting. For the rest of the afternoon, we continued with our continuing educational courses. We were learning so many different things that were so interesting and fun. I went to several courses that talked about CT trauma patients, Imaging Adverse Childhood Experience, and Medical Imaging's Response to Natural Disasters. The convention also had an exposition which was exciting to see all the vendors and educational support just for radiology. Later, that evening we attended a Welcome Reception and Pin Exchange event. It was so fun to exchange our MSRT affiliate pins with other states affiliates and another great opportunity to network.

The next few days was completely different from the day before. There was a ceremony that we were a part of. It was a Flag Ceremony where we held our state flag before the first House of Delegates meeting. During the House of Delegate meeting, they went over the motions that they will be voting on in a couple of days. We were able to attend Chapter meetings of our choice for a few hours. This was very educational for me to see what happens during these meetings. They state if they are either in good standing or on probation and why. They discussed laws and concerns that the chapter were having. There were many logical arguments that really got me intrigued. We were also able to have a voice at these meetings. Later, that evening, they had an Honors event. This was so emotional and bittersweet. The event was to honor present and past professionals who made an impact in Radiology.

Finally, the last day of the convention was a bittersweet day since I have enjoyed learning about the organization and learned so much through networking with other professionals. We started off with the House of Delegates Second Business meeting where this was when the delegates voted on the motions. Then there was the ASRT Installation of Officers and the President's reception. The day was nice and short, and we were able to enjoy the rest of our time in Vegas. Overall, this was a great opportunity that I am so grateful for. It made me think of how much more involved I want to be and what an awesome organization this is. I believe that all radiology and radiation therapy technologist should volunteer to be a part of this community and take initiative.

SLDP Application and Participation Rules

1. Application acceptance begins October 29, 2018 and ends at 11:59 pm EST **January 10, 2019**. All entries must be received by the MSRT prior to the end date and time. This contest is only open to participants who submit original essays they have personally created. Submissions must be in English.
2. Each participant may submit only one entry. Up to two applicants per affiliate shall be selected as winners and notified in February 2019. It is the sole discretion of MSRT and ASRT to accept or reject any submission. MSRT and ASRT's decisions as to the administration, methodology of the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program and the selection of the winners are final.
3. In exchange for acceptance as a participant in the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program, each recipient agrees to assign to MSRT and ASRT, upon request, all copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights in his/her winning essay to ASRT, 15000 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.
4. Entry participants release MSRT and ASRT and its directors, officers, partners, employees and agents from any and all liability with respect to participation in the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program and participation in, and travel to or from, the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.
5. Participation in the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program may constitute income under applicable federal, state and local tax laws and winners shall be solely responsible for payment of any and all taxes that may be due with respect to the acceptance of the prize.
6. Being selected to participate in the 2019 Student Leadership Development Program is non-transferable and may not be redeemed or exchanged for cash or other alternative goods or services. If selected to participate, failure to attend the program may result in the participant being billed for costs incurred by ASRT.
7. By submitting an entry, participant agrees that he or she understands and will comply with the official rules and consent to MSRT and ASRT's use of the participant's name, portrait (still and video), picture, voice, likeness and biographical information for advertising, trade and promotional purposes without additional consent, approval, consideration, compensation, permission or notification.
8. Original essays submitted with contest entry become the property of the MSRT and ASRT and cannot be returned. The selected essays are not guaranteed to be used by the MSRT/ASRT in any particular way.
9. ASRT reserves the right to cancel, modify or suspend the program at its discretion
10. Contest is not open to employees of the ASRT, employees immediate relatives, ASRT Editorial Review Board members, ASRT Board members or previous winners.
11. The 2019 ASRT SLDP is subject to the laws of the United States of America and is void where prohibited by law.
12. The 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program is open only to MSRT and ASRT student members, who are 18 years of age or older and enrolled as a student in an accredited medical imaging or radiation therapy program at the time of submission.
13. Selection to participate in the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program includes complimentary round trip airfare (must use All World Travel) valued at up to \$1,000, a stay at a hotel selected by ASRT, meals provided as part of the program and a daily stipend at the current U.S. General Services Administration's per diem rates for Orlando. Travel arrangements must be made no later than 30 days prior to the event. In the event that a winner lives in the Orlando area, or elects not to use the airfare component of the prize, the airfare component will be forfeited, and ASRT will provide no compensation or substitution for any difference in prize value.
14. By entering, each participant agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless ASRT/MSRT from and against any and all claims and causes of action of violation of right of publicity, infringement of trademark, copyright and intellectual property rights, arising from or relating to his or her participation in the 2019 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.
15. The 2019 ASRT SLDP is open only to legal residents of the United States, its territories, possessions, the District of Columbia and *the United States Military*.