

Professional Technical Staff Award (PTSA)

The Professional Technical Staff Awards (PTSA) were created to stimulate attendance at the Annual Meeting of MSA for professional technical staff who ordinarily might not participate in a national meeting, and to encourage supervisors to support their staff in professional activities. There will be up to four (4) awards given, based on the quality of a first authored paper/poster submitted for presentation at Microscopy & Microanalysis 2004. *Application requirements are listed below.*

The awards consist of free full registration for the meeting, a copy of the Proceedings and Sunday evening social event. MSA will also reimburse awardees up to \$600 for travel, lodging and other expenses. Applicants must be regular paid-up members of MSA at the time of application. Abstracts will be judged by the MSA Technologists' Forum. Successful applicants must present their papers/posters personally at M&M 2004 in order to receive the award. Former winners will not be eligible for another award.

Application shall consist of:

- 1.) A support letter from the applicant's employer, manager, or supervisor, attesting to the applicant's status as a full-time, professional support staff member.
- 2.) A scientific paper/poster for presentation, abstract submitted according to the detailed submission & author instructions described in the Call for Papers.
- 3.) A copy of the presentation abstract also sent to the TF Chair.

Hardcopy or Electronic copies of the support letter (1) and presentation abstract (3) must be received by the TF Chair no later than February 16, 2004.

Send all applications to:

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Applicants will be notified of their status in March. Applicants not receiving the award will have the opportunity to withdraw their paper if necessary.