

**Association of Skilled & Technical Sciences (ASTS)**  
**Professional Instructor Badge Requirements**

**Phase I: Biography (40 points):**

Applicant should explain who they are, what they do, and what they have accomplished to get where they are. Applicant should explain why he or she should be considered for the ASTS Professional Instructor Badge. Any work samples should support the biography of the applicant and help explain what they have accomplished to date. The biography must not exceed one typewritten page in size 12-font Times New Roman double-spaced. In addition, the biography must include a detailed written explanation of the following:

- Work history of applicant – 20 points
- Personal history of applicant – 15 points
- Narrative by applicant in support of receiving the ASTS Professional Achievement Badge – 5 points

**Phase II: Philosophy (20 points):**

The philosophy must not exceed one typewritten page in size 12-font Times New Roman double-spaced. Applicants should explain his or her philosophy about teaching Skilled and Technical Science (Trade & Industrial) courses to prepare students for the workforce, college, or a technical skill.

Philosophy must include a detailed written explanation of the following:

- Applicant's thoughts about teaching Science & Technical Skilled (Trade & Industrial) courses – 10 points
  
- How is the applicant preparing students for the following – 10 points:
  - The workforce
  - College
  - Technical Skills

**Phase III: Certifications and Student Success (40 points):**

Applicants should explain and provide copies of any professional certifications earned as a professional in their technical skill and any certifications earned as a teacher. Applicants should also highlight all student successes. Student successes can include, but are not limited to, SkillsUSA contest winners, SkillsUSA student leaders at the local, district, state or national levels, students employed in the teacher's technical area of expertise (culinary arts, welding, carpentry, public safety, etc.).

- Applicant's Certifications (minimum of two) – 10 points
  - Trade area certification (Licensed Electrician, Licensed Plumber, ASE Certified Auto Technicians, Cosmetologist License, 911 Emergency Dispatcher License, DOL Certified Journeyman, etc.)
  - Teaching License (as required by state of residence/employment)
  - Additional Certifications
  - Professional Organization Memberships
    - Leadership positions within the professional organizations

- Applicant's student involvement/success in SkillsUSA Competitions – 10 points
  - How many competitions have your students competed?
  - How many of your students have placed in the top 5 in local, state, and/or national SkillsUSA competitions?
  - How many of your students are involved in the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program (PDP) or the Career Essentials Curriculum?
  
- Applicant's student involvement in SkillsUSA Leadership positions – 10 points
  - How many of the applicants students have participated in the leadership positions established in the SkillsUSA organization at the local, district, state or national level?
  - What officer positions did the students hold?
  
- Applicant's student achievement regarding the number of students meeting the goals and objectives of the program of study – 10 points
  - How many students have received an industry recognized certification or credential?
  - How many students achieved work-based learning experiences, training or employment while in the applicant's program of study?
  - How many students progressed to further training in post-secondary trade schools, registered apprenticeships, or colleges?
  - How many students achieved employment in the applicant's program of study?

Renewal:

This professional recognition is renewed at the same interval as your states requirements for renewing your teacher's license.

Cost:

The initial cost for achieving this recognition is \$50.00 renewal fees are \$25.00.