

MARLON B. SIEGEL MEMORIAL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The New York State Society for Respiratory Care, as well as the respiratory care practitioners of New York, were saddened by the loss of long-time respiratory therapist and educator, Marlon B. Siegel. Marlon died February 14, 2001 after fighting cancer for many years. Many therapists in New York State, and specifically those in the Western New York Chapter of the NYSSRC, know the many contributions Marlon has made to our profession. He started as a therapist and department head in the 1960's and became the Program Director for the Respiratory Care Program at Erie Community College in Buffalo NY in the 1970's. He was one of the first therapists to work on obtaining licensure for RCPs in New York and became the first Chairperson of the Respiratory Therapy Licensure Board. With over 1,000 therapists graduating from ECC in his time there, and his many tireless contributions to the NYSSRC and New York State practitioners, Marlon had an important role in changing and improving the lives of countless individuals and helping shape the face of respiratory care as we practice it. This award was established in 2001 to honor academic excellence in a Respiratory Care student. A certificate and \$500.00 award will be presented to the recipient.

CRITERIA:

1. The nominee must be a member of the AARC.
2. The nominee must be a current student enrolled in a Respiratory Care Program in New York State at the time of nomination.
3. The nominee will be judged on his/her scholastic achievement and professional involvement.
4. The nominee must submit an original essay on why they chose the profession of Respiratory Care. The essay should be 1-2 typewritten pages in length, double spaced.

NOMINATIONS:

1. No more than one nomination should come from each of the six regions.
2. The nomination must be submitted to the NYSSRC Awards Committee no later than **March 1**.
3. The Region should submit a copy of the following:
 - a. Proof of AARC Membership.
 - b. An official transcript (The committee will look at both the overall GPA as well as the students professional GPA)
 - c. A letter of support from the program director documenting the students performance in the classroom/laboratory setting (i.e. scholarship/leadership capabilities; what makes this student truly outstanding);

d. A letter of support from either a clinical faculty member or physician that was has worked closely with the student in the patient care setting or a student that has assisted in a project with the physician;

e. Their essay.

4. All nominations shall be reviewed and voted upon by the Awards Committee using pre-established criteria, and the chosen candidate will be ratified at the 2nd quarter NYSSRC BOD meeting via acceptance of the committee report.

5. The NYSSRC will pay for 1 night lodging, 1 day per diem, registration and travel expense for the recipient.

6. Forward all nominations and letters of support to: NYSSRC Awards Committee

**EVALUATION SHEET FOR MARLON SIEGEL MEMORIAL AWARD
(TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARDS COMMITTEE)**

Strength of letters of references: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Professional activities: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Scholarship (Total GPA)

Please score the Total GPA as follows: [Cumulative GPA Score + Respiratory GPA Score
Divided by 2]

- a. 4.00 – 3.68 5
- b. 3.67 – 3.30 3
- c. 3.29 – 3.00 1
- d. < 3.00 0

Essay

Please use the following items to help you in your evaluation:

Keeps within subject domain 0 1 2 3 4 5

Tells why he/she chose Respiratory care as a profession 0 1 2 3 4 5

Has a knowledge of the field 0 1 2 3 4 5

Writes in complete sentences without spelling errors 0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points on Evaluation: _____ /35

General Comments & Summary:

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

A combined evaluation will be made for each nominee by adding the total score from each evaluation for each nominee & divided by the number of evaluators of each nominee.