



ADVISOR *GUIDEBOOK*

2024 / 2025

Learning
to
Lead in a
Technical
World!





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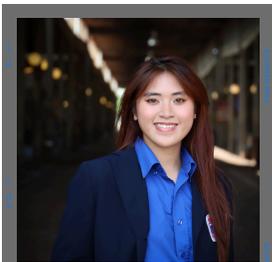
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Texas TSA State Officers 24/25



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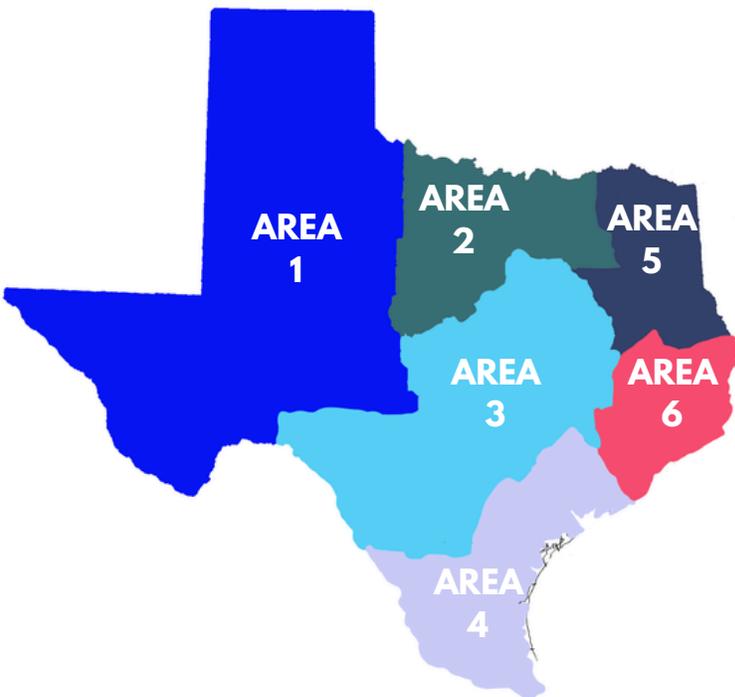
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Areas



- Area 1 - Far West, West, & Panhandle Regions**
- Area 2 - North Central, North, & Red River Regions**
- Area 3 - Alamo, Heart of Texas, & Hill Country Regions**
- Area 4 - Rio Grande Valley & Coastal Bend Regions**
- Area 5 - East Texas Region**
- Area 6 - Brazos Valley, Gulf Coast, Space City, & San Jacinto Regions**

Texas TSA is divided into sixteen Regional Associations and six Areas.

Each Regional Association coordinates and plans the Regional Conference. All Regional Associations hold Regional Conferences between mid-January - February of each year. Dates and locations vary by region. If you are interested in participating in the upcoming Regional Conferences, please contact your respective Regional Contact. If you are unsure what region your school is located in, send your school name, address, and school district to Pamela Cook at executive.director@texastsa.org to be connected.

This is the inaugural year for Area Leadership Conferences. In year one, Area Leadership Conferences will be held in Area 1 and Area 6. In the next two years, Area Leadership Conferences will be phased in for Areas 2-5. Student Leadership Team members will be elected in all 6 Areas.

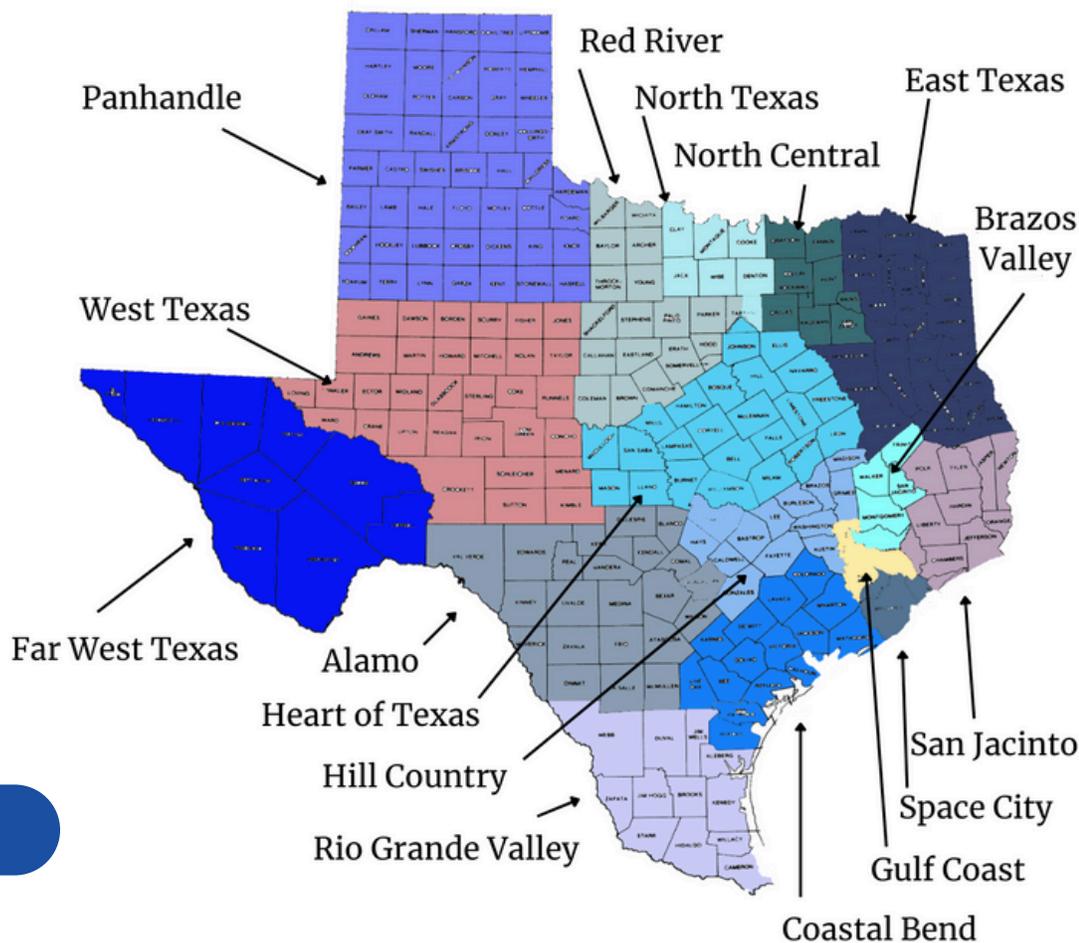
Note: In order to participate in the Regional Conferences, members must notify the Regional Association by December 1 annually and be registered with National TSA before the conference registration deadlines.

Area Leadership Team 24 /25



Area Leadership Team Members of the Texas Technology Student Association serve as the liaison between Regional Associations and the State. It is the mission of the area officers to establish quality communication, support growing chapters, and facilitate training of regional and chapter officers.

Regional Associations



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Regional Associations

**Chapters who border 2 or more regions, may choose which region to participate. Designation MUST be made by on-time affiliation deadline, November 1, 2024.*

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Important Dates

AUGUST

15
**Affiliation
Opens**



SEPTEMBER

1 24/25
**ALL NEW
Rulebook
Launches**

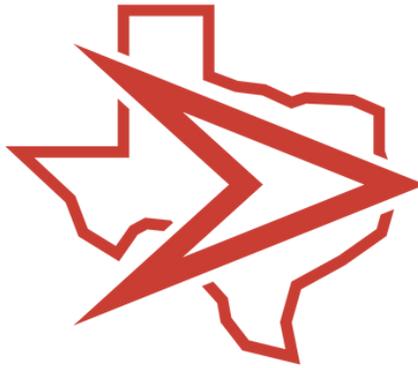


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**National TSA's
46th
Anniversary**



OCTOBER

3-4
**Statewide
Advisor Training**



OCTOBER

7-11 
**NATIONAL
TSA WEEK**



NOVEMBER

1 
**On Time
Affiliation
Deadline**

21 
**Statesman
Day**

DECEMBER

15 
**VEX
Deadline**
Register with
REC &
Complete Survey

Important Dates

JANUARY

18
Texas TSA
Board of
Directors
Meeting



FEBRUARY

Career & Technical Education Month

29-31
CTSO Week
at the
Capitol

15
Deadline to
submit
Skills scores



FEBRUARY

Career & Technical Education Month

3-7
TSA Advisor
Appreciation
Week



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MARCH

1
DEADLINES:
Scholarship &
Award
Deadlines



MARCH

5
Registration
Closes
State
Conference



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APRIL

25
Know Before
You Go
State
Conference
Meeting

3-5
Texas TSA
State
Conference

Fort Worth



Conferences & Events

Statewide Advisor Training

WHEN: October 3 & 4

WHERE: San Antonio, TX



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Statewide Advisor Training

Get the most up-to-date information on competitive events, leadership, and chapter management.

Join TSA Advisors from across the state in a 2-day workshop designed to equip Chapters with the information and tools needed to have a successful year. Earn up to 10 CPE hours while learning best practices for chapter management, competitive event information and advisor resources.

The Texas Education Agency will be in attendance with a CTE update for the attendees.

Regional Conferences

WHEN: Jan 12 - Feb 25

WHERE: Across Texas

**See Regional Association Chart*



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Regional Conferences

First Step in the Road to Competition.

All Chapters must qualify at a Regional TSA Conference to advance to the State Conference.

Chapters wishing to compete for the 24/25 school year, must notify their Regional Association by December 1, 2024 of their intent to compete and register with the region.

To be eligible to compete, a Chapter must be in good standing with the Regional Association.

State Conference

WHEN: April 4-6

WHERE: Fort Worth, TX



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State Conference

Texas TSA's annual culminating State Conference of Leadership Development and Competitive Events provides our student members opportunities beyond the traditional classroom/laboratory setting which add to their increased knowledge and understanding of an ever-changing technical world.

During our Competitive Events Program, TX TSA provides our members with an outlet to exhibit their knowledge and skills through our competitive events and earn awards.

Areas of Competition



National Qualifying Events NQE

Challenge your students with more than 70 STEM competitions ranging from Biotechnology to Software Development; Leadership Strategies to STEM Animation. 36 events at each level (Middle & High School) that are aligned to National Standards and approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Access the list of competitive events at the QR codes below. Full competition details, rules and scoring rubrics are accessible through the Total TSA Portal after affiliating with TSA.



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Competitive Events



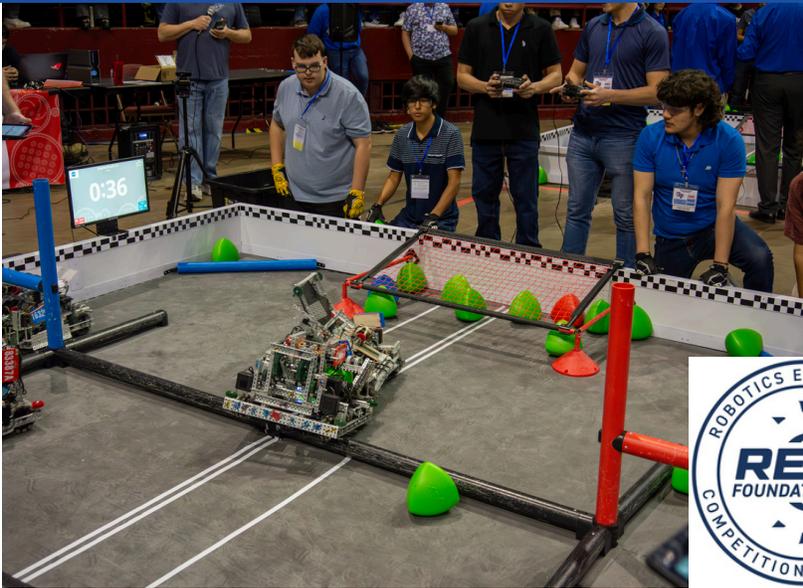
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Competition Information



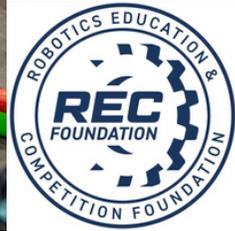
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Themes & Problems



REC Foundation Robotics

VEX



Texas TSA is pleased to offer our members the Texas TSA State VEX robotic competition through direct partnership with the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation (REC). For more specific information on this event, please see the Texas TSA Rule Book.



VEX V5 Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Skills Scores on file by February 15, 2025.

- Blended MS & HS Tournament
- Maximum of 2 teams per Chapter
- Head to Head Tournament Format
- No Skills matches
- Top Ten Teams will be interviewed
- Engineering Notebooks will not be evaluated at State Conference



VEX IQ Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Skills Scores on file by February 15, 2025.

- MS Only Tournament
- Maximum of 2 teams per Chapter
- Head to Head Tournament Format
- Engineering Notebooks will not be evaluated at State Conference



Areas of Competition

UTE On-Site



Unique to Texas On-Site Events are hands-on competitions designed to develop fundamental STEM skills like problem solving, brainstorming, research and/or design.

These events are created to address CTE courses that may not otherwise be represented within the National Qualifying Event offerings.

New Events: Social Media Marketing & Promotional Video



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UTE Events & Rules



UTE Projects



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Middle School Projects



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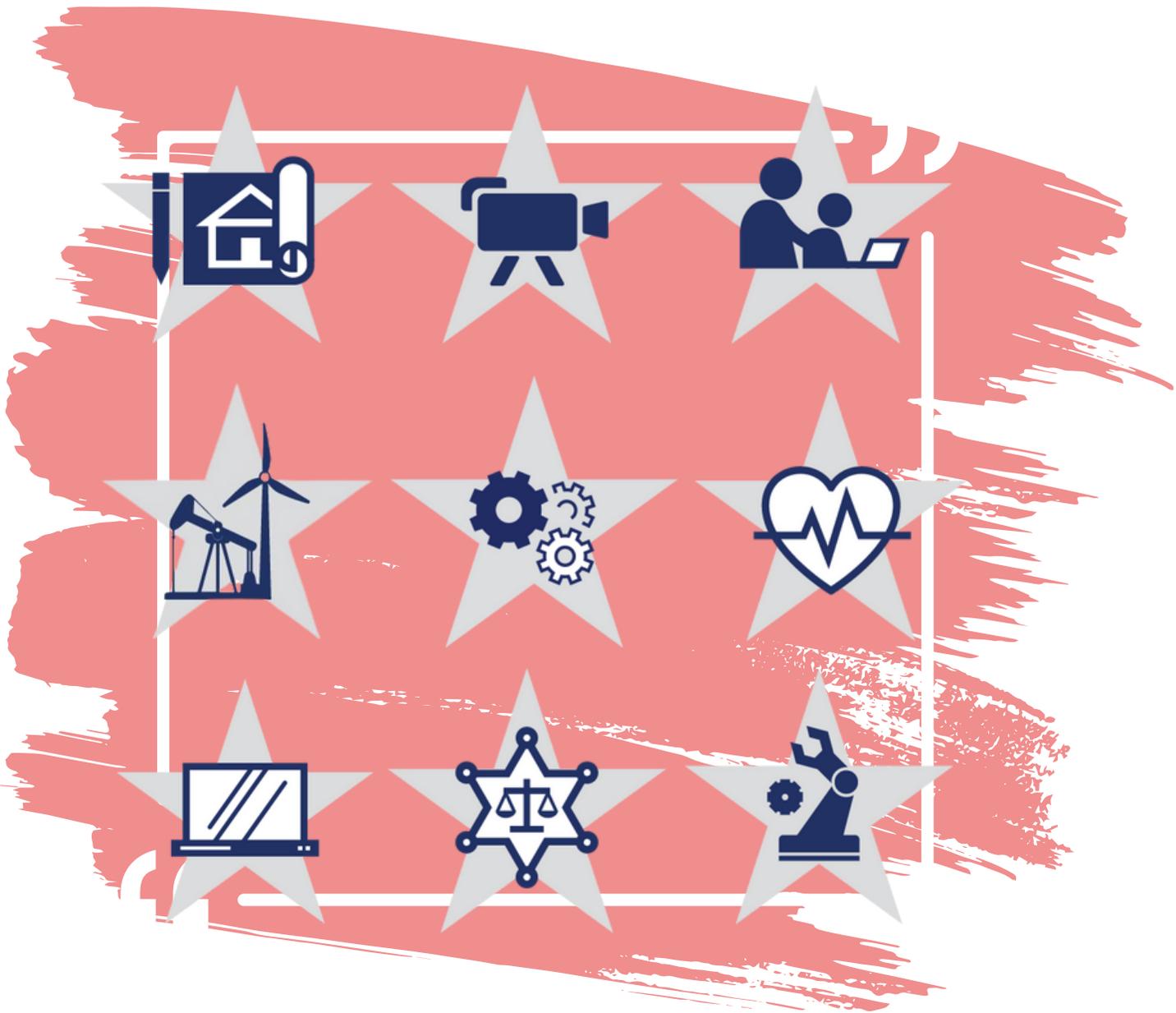
High School Projects

The cornerstone of CTE courses is the hands-on component. The product of these hands-on experiences is the focus of the UTE project division.

Unique to Texas Projects are designed to recognize exceptional student work that has been developed throughout the school year in the CTE classroom.

UTE Projects are for both middle school and high school levels and cover the 9 career clusters represented in TSA and are aligned with Texas CTE Programs of Study.

PROGRAM OF STUDY CORRELATION GUIDES



Texas TSA competitive events align with 21 Programs of Study in 9 different Career Clusters .

Discover how to implement Texas TSA events into the curriculum to provide intracurricular, work-based and expanded learning opportunities within a Program of Study.



**Programs of
Study**

TEXAS TSA TRADING PIN DESIGN CONTEST

Design this Year's Pin for the National Conference!



This Year's Theme is "Tune Into Technology"

Conference Location : Nashville, TN

Conference Dates: June 27 - July 1, 2025

Submission Window: January 15 - March 1, 2025

Top Three Designs Will Be Produced for the National Conference

CONTEST OVERVIEW:

Participants will create and design a lapel, trading pin for the Texas TSA members to wear and trade during the National TSA Conference.

Participants design a high-quality lapel pin including the following elements in some manner:

- State of Texas (shape, words, etc.)
- TSA (or complete spelling)
- Current year
- Current national conference site (city and state)
- National Conference Theme

Pin Guidelines

- A maximum of 5 colors.
- The pin design will not exceed 1.5 x 1.5 inches after manufacturing.
- The submission art must be sent with dimensions of 5" x 5".
- Pins cannot include any copyrighted material.
- Pin designs must be computer generated and saved as a PNG file type for submission.

Programs & Awards



National Technical Honor Society

Since 1984, the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) has been the honor society for Career and Technical Education (CTE), serving high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, and universities. Recognizing over 60,000 new members and awarding nearly \$300,000 in scholarships annually, NTHS exists to advocate for and empower all students to pursue the technical and academic skills needed to build their careers and a skilled global workforce. NTHS achieves this through career development, leadership development, service, and recognition opportunities. In June 2023 it was jointly announced that the Technology Student Association (TSA) and NTHS have formed a partnership to provide these benefits to TSA members.

At the 2025 National TSA Conference, NTHS will award three (3) \$1000 academic scholarships to eligible applicants who hold dual membership with NTHS and TSA.

A TSA student member must be nominated for NTHS membership by a school's NTHS chapter advisor (the school the student attends must have a current NTHS chapter). Use the links below for details about the benefits of NTHS membership, a directory of current NTHS chapters, and how to establish an NTHS chapter.

- The benefits of NTHS membership - [What We Do - NTHS](#)
- Find out if your school has an NTHS chapter - [Chapter Directory - NTHS](#)
- How to establish an NTHS chapter - [Learn How to Establish a Chapter - NTHS](#)

Learn more about the National Technical Honor Society at [NTHS.org](https://www.nths.org).

The NTHS scholarship application is accessible via the password-protected [Student Member Site](#) in the TSA Membership System. Students are eligible to apply for the NTHS scholarship if they are current members of TSA and NTHS. Completed applications (with required attachments) should be submitted by email to general@tsaweb.org.



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TSA Achievement Program Pathways to Excellence



The TSA Achievement Program, Pathways to Excellence encourages TSA student members to engage in the areas/categories of service leadership, STEM immersion, and personal/professional development. Students participate in activities in these areas and have the opportunity to earn sequentially a bronze, silver, and gold award at the local, state, and national level, respectively.

Completion of one activity in each area/category – for a total of three completed activities per level – is required for bronze, silver, and gold award eligibility.

Members submit documentation of their activities for each level via the TSA Student Member Site. Chapter advisors are responsible for verifying the successful completion of a member's activities for each level.

Bronze awards are typically presented at the chapter or district level during special award assemblies, regional conferences, TSA banquets, etc. Recognition of silver award recipients is managed at the state level, usually at state conferences. Gold award recipients are recognized at the national TSA conference.

Bronze and silver award pins are available for purchase through the TSA Store at <https://tsastore.mybrightsites.com>, as follows:

- Bronze: Chapters advisors must use a code – found under the Total TSA tab in the TSA chapter advisor site – to purchase Bronze award pins for eligible members. (Recipient responsibility for pin fees, if required, is determined at the local level.)
- Silver: State advisors must use a code – found under the Total TSA tab in the TSA state advisor site – to purchase Silver award pins for eligible members. (Recipient responsibility for pin fees, if required, is determined at the state level.)
- Recognition pins for the Gold level award have no fees; pins will be distributed at the annual national TSA conference.

Achievement program activities and verifications are subject to audit by the state TSA advisor and/or national TSA.

**Achievement
Program Forms**



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Texas TSA Statesman Degree

The Texas TSA Statesman degree recognizes TSA members who excel in knowledge of the organizations foundation and history.

There are two levels to the Statesman degree:

- The Lone Star Degree
- The Texan Degree

The two levels must be taken in order and the Lone Star must be earned before sitting for the Texan. The Lone Star exam is given at a Regional Conference and on Statesman Day. To obtain the Lone Star a member must pass the Lone Star exam with a minimum score of 75%.

The Texan exam is given twice a year on Statesman Day and at the Annual State Conference. To obtain the Texan, the Lone Star degree must be earned first and then a minimum score of 80% must be earned on the Texan exam.



Statesman Day Information

AT A GLANCE

Earn Statesman Degree

- Test On-line
- Advisor Proctors Exam
- Advisor Chooses Test Window
- Chapters will be invoiced after the exam for members who sat for the exam.
- Lone Star recipients qualify for State Conference to take the Texan Exam.

WHEN: November 21, 2024

WHERE: On-line Testing

COST: \$6.00/person



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Statesman
Degree

Texas TSA Scholarships



Application

The Texas TSA Scholarships are reserved for current TSA members that are graduating seniors. The scholarships to be awarded for the 2023-2024 school year will be as follows:

- One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded in the memory of W.A. Mayfield founding father of Texas TSA.
- One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded in memory of Al Seher.
- One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in the memory of George “Big George” Howle and one \$1,500 scholarship will be given in honor of the founding fathers of ATTE (Association of Texas Technology Education) –The Greer/Mays/Wright Industrial Arts Memorial Scholarship.
- Up to Six \$1,500 At Large Texas TSA Scholarships.
- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded by CTAT – Career & Technical Association of Texas.

Texas TSA State Officers



Application

Texas TSA elects 6 State Officers annually at the State Conference in April. To apply to run for a State Officer position, the student member must meet the following eligibility criteria listed in the Student By-laws:

To be eligible to serve as officers, students must meet all of the following conditions:

1. *Remain in good standing with the local, state, and national organizations and maintain above-average grades in all schoolwork.*
2. *Secure the written permission of the local administration to complete the duties and responsibilities associated with the office.*
3. *Have served as a local or regional TSA officer. A state officer candidate must have held one of the following six offices prior to running for state office: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms.*
4. *Have properly completed and submitted the officer nomination form to the state office prior to the published deadline.*
5. *Be one of not more than two nominations for state office submitted by the local organization.*
6. *Candidates must be a rising 9th grader - 12th grader to be eligible to run for office.*

Advisor Resources



- **Total TSA - Advisor Resources on the National TSA Website.** Advisors gain access to resource folder after completing the Affiliation process.



- **Facebook Collaboration Lounge**
Private Facebook group for Texas TSA Advisors to Network.



- **Affiliation Links & Information**



- **Texas TSA Academic Letter Guidelines**



- **Texas TSA State Conference Information**



WHERE EVERY CTE EDUCATOR BELONGS

Discover CTE Resources to help educators in the classroom and foster peer connections.

BE A PRESENTER AT CTAT SUMMER CONFERENCE 2025

- Share your expertise and insights with fellow educators.
- Gain recognition and build your professional profile.
- Inspire others and make an impact in the CTE community.

Submit your proposals and be a part of our upcoming event!



SUBMIT
HERE



Deadline: May 1, 2025

ATTEND UPCOMING REGIONAL TRAININGS

Join us for hands-on training designed to elevate your skills and connect you with other CTE educators. Earn professional development credit and make a difference in your classroom!

- Campus CTE Coach Training
- NextGen
- New CTE Teacher Academy
- CTSO Summit

JOIN CTAT

Joining CTAT connects you with a community of passionate educators, offering valuable resources, professional development, and advocacy to strengthen CTE programs across Texas.

Career & Technical Association of Texas

<https://www.ctat.org> | Phone: 512.288.8666



STAY CONNECTED

Check out our Instagram, Facebook and CTAT CTE Teacher page for the latest CTE news and updates:



CHECK WITH YOUR ADMIN TO SEE IF THESE PD DAYS COUNT TOWARD YOUR EXCHANGE DAYS OR PD TIME REQUIREMENT.



BENEFITS

- Professional Development
- Network of CTE Teachers
- Online Community
- Technical Assistance
- Liability & Employment Insurance
- Advocacy

