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Important Dates

By: Milani Casanova

Past



December 17th

Officer Applications Open
Scholarship Application Opens



December

National TSA's 46th Anniversary

Future



February 1st

State Officer Application Due



February 3rd-7th

Advisor Appreciation Week



February 21st

Scholarship Applications Due

January



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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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January 11th

State Officer Candidate Informational Meeting

January 18th

Texas TSA Board of Directors Meeting
Officer Intent to Run Form Due

Happy New Years!

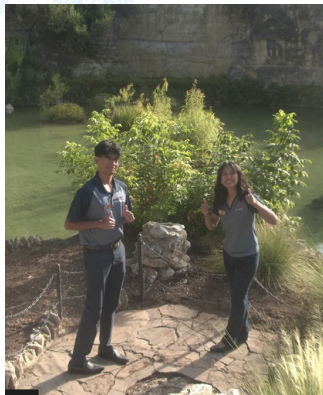
Designed By: Khyati Singh

Happy New Years! As we explore this TSA school year we are excited to get closer to our annual state conference where our officer team can show all the amazing things that we have been working on for our members. Good luck with regionals, we hope to see y'all at state!

- State Officer Team



2025



Texts to Texas

By: Area Leadership Team



I hope to increase engagement among the South Texas region in TSA.

Aayush Mitra
Area 4 - South Texas Regions



I hope to leave a legacy and gain experience from TSA.

James Holler
Area 6 - Houston Regions



I hope to provide resources to the FWT Region that will help guide and propel our teams to state and nationals.

Patrick Whearley-Sanchez
Area 1 - Far West Texas and Panhandle Regions

Match the Facts

By: Area Leadership Team



Aayush



James



Patrick

1. I love wearing suits and sunglasses!!!

2. I absolutely love Coca Cola.

3. I love to go to Buc-ee's, I love the food and merchandise when making a stop when going to state or any trip

LeaderCon Recap

By: Patrick Whearly-Sanchez and James Holler

Houston Area by James Holler

The Houston LeaderCon for the Houston areas was a great success, with everyone who attended benefiting from valuable personal and professional development. This experience will certainly prove helpful as we approach the upcoming competition. Personally, I really enjoyed the LEGO challenge, as I love working with LEGO. Overall, the success of the first-ever LeaderCon in the Houston area sets a strong foundation, and I believe the 2025-2026 administration will build on this momentum, leading to even greater success in the years ahead.



El Paso Area by Patrick Whearly-Sanchez

Everyone who participated in the LeaderCon event hosted in El Paso gained valuable leadership skills and enhanced their personal development, which will be crucial as we prepare for regional and state competitions. My favorite activity was the team LEGO challenge, though the most insightful part was learning how to effectively dissect and interpret event rules. Overall, with the tremendous success of LeaderCon in the Panhandle and Western Texas areas, we look forward to seeing a positive impact on competition performance and the emergence of strong leaders in the years to come.



Annual Scholarships

By: Stefan Sy

Scholarships are now available for both students & educators!

GUIDELINES:

- Each Chapter may only submit the names of **two** students for the Texas TSA Scholarships
- The Texas TSA Scholarships are reserved for current TSA members that are graduating **seniors**.
- Deadline - All applications must be received by **February 21, 2025, 11:59 PM CST/10:59 PM MST**

Important Links

**Application
Instruction Packet**

**Scholarship
Application Form**

The scholarships to be awarded for the 2024-2025 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.
- 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 sponsored by CTAT (Career & Technical Association of Texas)



For more details about scholarships, visit <https://texastsa.org/annual-scholarships/>

Officer Application

By: Manthan More

State Officer Applications are due February 1st!

GUIDELINES:

- Each Chapter may only submit the names of **two** students for the Texas TSA Officer Application
- The Texas TSA Officer Application is meant only for current **8th - 11th** grade members, who have **held the traditional 6 TSA officer positions before**
- All applicants must fill out the new **Intent To Run Form** posted on the texastsa.org page by **January 18th, 11:59 PM CST**
- Deadline - All applications must be received by **February 1st, 2025, 11:59 PM CST/10:59 PM MST**

Important Links

[How To Run](#)

[Intent To Run Form](#)

[Main Application](#)

Running for state office can feel overwhelming, but don't worry! Here are some tips I wish I had known when I ran for state office for the first time.

- **Double-Check Your Application:** Review every part of it multiple times, making sure nothing is missing.
- **Prepare Your Campaign Early:** Start planning materials before you receive your application results, better to get ahead!
- **Master your Speech:** Recite your speech until you can say it at any given moment.
- **Know Your Campaign Inside Out:** Be clear about your goals and platform to answer any questions members may have for you.
- **Be Authentic:** Make sure to show your own personality in everything you do, being authentic makes you more memorable and relatable to members.
- **Get Rest:** Especially during State, being a candidate is tiring work, eat well, and sleep well to be at your best every day of conference.

For more details about scholarships, visit <https://texastsa.org/become-an-officer/>

TechXas Search

By: Stefan Sy

R E P O R T E R J Y F E F S H
T P L S I D S W Z R R R W E A
V N C Z I V M N T A G P Y R M
M J E N W F I L D T M R R G R
J E Z D B D X G A E E G F E R
T N E D I S E R P R C E S A R
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- PRESIDENT
- VICEPRESIDENT
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- TREASURER
- REPORTER
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- DALENA
- STEFAN
- KHYATI
- MANTHAN
- MILANI
- CESAR

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Search



Manthan's Fundraising Guide

By: Manthan More



Fundraising Ideas

Community Sponsorship Drive

Reach out to local businesses for sponsorships. Offer to feature their logo on chapter materials, shirts, or banners displayed at competition. Gaining your chapter some big financial support.

Crowdfunding Campaign

The holiday and winter season is the ideal time to launch your fundraising campaign on platforms that allow donations. Starting early can provide a boost to your chapter, making you well-prepared for when State Conference approaches.

Calendar Fundraiser

Host a calendar fundraiser by selling each "day" of a month for an amount equal to that day. For example, if you sell May 15th for \$15, the total raised would add up to \$465. Encourage each member to reach out to friends and family to purchase a day. Offer rewards to the members selling and to the purchaser, such as chapter merch or public shoutouts on social media.

Howdy Texas TSA! It's your Treasurer, Manthan More. Welcome to Money Manthan's Fundraising Guide! In each Newsletter we post, you can find a page where I will discuss many fundraising tips.



Fundraising/Importance:

As the winter season approaches, fundraising becomes even more important for TSA chapters to meet their financial goals. Whether you're raising funds for conferences, projects, or general chapter needs, winter is the perfect time to leverage the spirit of giving. This guide will provide you with practical ideas to make your winter fundraising efforts a success.

Fundraising during winter encourages generosity within your community, making it an ideal time to host engaging and impactful fundraisers. Additionally, planning now can help your chapter prepare for upcoming conferences and expenses in the spring.

Things to fundraise for:

End of Year Banquet:

An end-of-year banquet is a fantastic way to celebrate your chapter's achievements, recognize outstanding members, and reflect on the year's accomplishments. Hosting a banquet can be costly with all of the decorations and awards, but fundraising now can help cover expenses later in May.

State Conference Preparation:

With regionals behind you, the state conference in Fort Worth comes quickly. Start preparing now by fundraising for the higher costs of travel, accommodations, and meals, so that your chapter can focus on refining projects and excelling in the competition.

CTE Month

By: Dalena Do

Career and Technical Education(CTE) Month is a public awareness campaign, hosted by ACTE and sponsored by National Association of Home Builders, that takes place each February to celebrate CTE, the accomplishments of CTE programs and the importance of CTE for all students of all ages.

The State Board of Education members acknowledges the month of February as a time to celebrate what CTE programs mean for our schools. It is the opportunity to shine a light on CTE.

Show your love for CTE throughout the month of February and advocate in your communities!!



CTE Month '24



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Advisor Appreciation Week

By Cesar Alanis

Texas TSA Advisor Appreciation week is during the 3rd through 7th of February

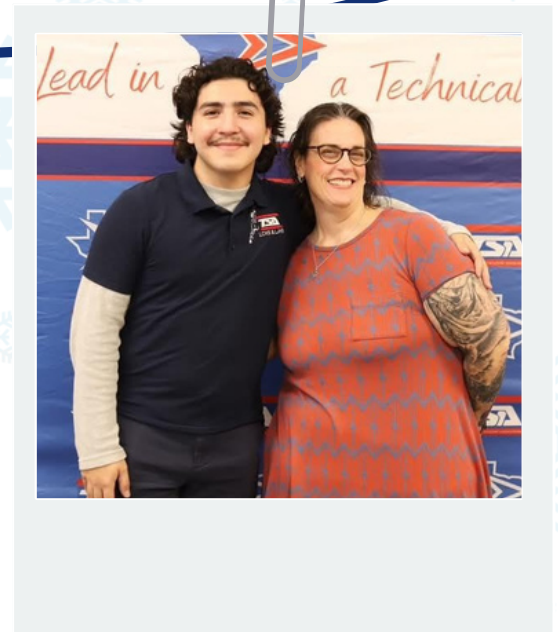
This is such an important week as it lets us show our gratitude to our advisors for all of their hard work, compassion, and time that they set aside for their students and chapter.

Here are the ABC's on how to appreciate your advisor:

A- APPRECIATE: thank your advisors for something they've done for you specifically or your chapter as a whole

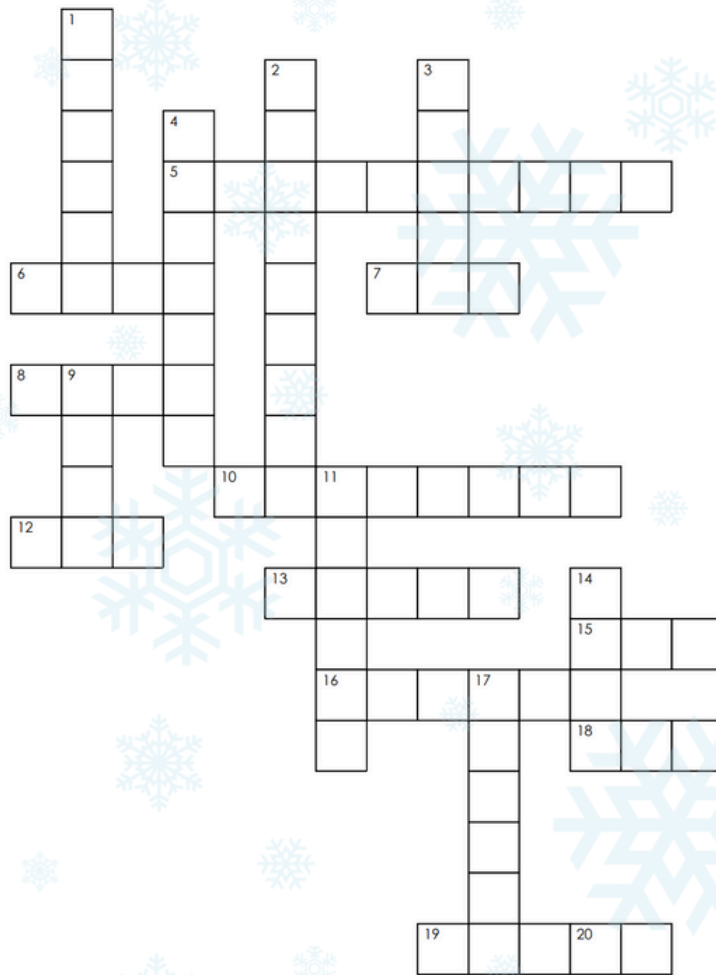
B- BUY: It doesn't have to be something expensive or big but even something like their favorite food can make their day. Plan Ahead! Get your chapter to pitch in!

C- COLLAGE: Try to get photos with your advisors and make an Instagram post to make the appreciation last! Be sure to tag @texastsa!



TechXas Crossword

By: Khushi Singh



Across

5. Official Supplier of TSA paraphernalia
6. Vice President's Symbol
7. National Sergeant-at-Arm's First Name
8. Chapter Cap Color: Unlimited Members
10. TSA Advisor Week's month
12. Secretary's Symbol
13. President's Symbol
15. Chapter Cap Color: Up to 10 Members
16. National Secretary's First Name
18. National Vice President's First Name
19. Test of Engineering, Aptitude, Math

Down

1. Treasurer's Symbol
2. Sergeant-at-Arm's Symbol
3. Chapter Cap Color: Eleven or More Members
4. TSA Color: Strength and Determination
9. First Name of National President
11. Reporter's Symbol's first word
14. TSA color: The Masses of Laborers
17. National Treasurer's First Name
20. National Reporter's First Name

Study Guide Connections

By: Cesar Alanis



Connect each term with the answer!

PEOPLE

William P. Elrod-
Pamela Cook-
Ricky Broussard-
Dr. Harvey Dean-
W.A. Mayfield-

-first state advisor for TIASA
-Dedicated 3,500\$ scholarship
-Outstanding Recognition Award
-Executive Director
-Board President

PLACES

Texas A&M University-
El Paso, TX-
Richmond, TX-
Carthage, TX-

-Where the current Sgt At Arms lives
-Official Address of Texas TSA HQ
-Where TIASA changed to TSA
-1st State Industrial Arts Fair held here

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-Symbol is the Balanced Budget
-Symbol is the Beacon Tower
-Symbol is the Pen
-Symbol is the Hearty Handshake
-Symbol is the Star
-Symbol is the Gavel

All answers can be found on the official Texas TSA Statesmen Degree
Program Study Guide

Competitive Event Guide

By: Dalena Do



If you have not noticed already, this year you are allowed to have access the rubrics and the criteria for each event through your student membership account. All you have to do is follow these couple of steps!

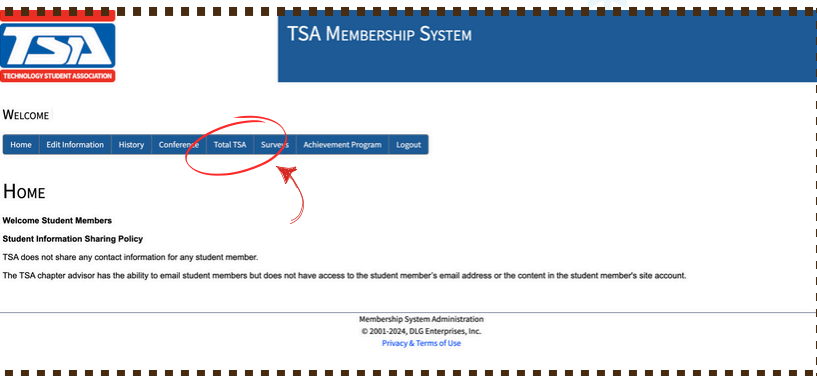
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First, go to the National TSA website, tsaweb.org and find the student login to sign into your student account, seen in the photo to the right.



2

Once you have logged in this is the screen you will see. Go to the Total TSA tab and click on it, as seen on the left.



3

Now that you are in Total TSA, scroll down until you see the Student Member Competition Guidelines and click view to see the whole document.

TOTAL TSA

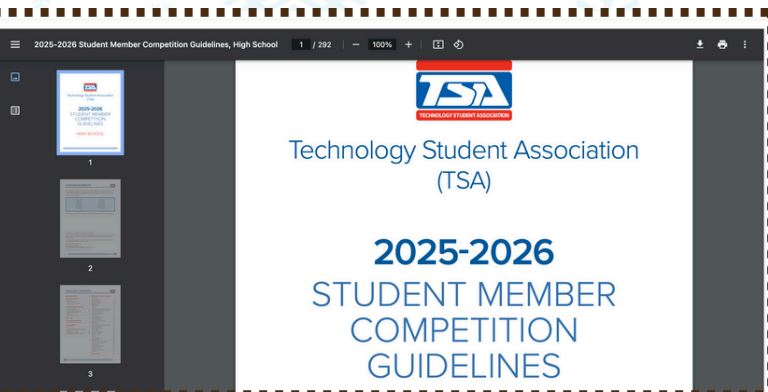
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- [Awards](#)
- [Competition - Forms and Resources](#)
- [Leadership/Community Service](#)
- [National TSA Officer Candidate Program](#)
- [Promotional Toolkit](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Student Member Competition Guidelines - High School](#)

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2025-2026 Student Member Competition Guidelines, High School	View (circled in red with an arrow)	Download

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Inside this pdf, you can see all the guidelines for each project, either high school or junior high. Good luck with your projects and regionals!! Hope to see you guys at state!!



Tips for Competition

By: Area Leadership Team

Quick Tips!

By: Area Leadership Team

1. Do your research on the rules of any competition
2. Please double check where and how you need to submit your project ahead of the time.
3. Make sure to take a look at the Go's and No Go's
4. Check submission deadlines
5. Look at what you need for documentation requirements

- Read the Competitive Event Guidelines THOROUGHLY. Some events have very specific requirements which, if not followed, could result in you being disqualified. If you do not have access to this document, ask your advisor for it.
- Bring a device with an internet connection (especially if you have a testing event). While schools typically have internet and devices, it is best to be prepared in the case that all devices are in use or the internet is running slow.
- Any specific documentation forms for certain projects can be found in the TSA Student Membership site.
- It is a good idea to have either your advisor or peers look through your documentation for spelling and grammar errors, or for any further advice that could give you an advantage.
- Know your schedule for events, including where you need to be, when you need to be there, and what you need to have.
- Know the difference between your event rules and general rules, make it your goal to have a working understanding of not only your event rules but the general rules for all of the events.
- Make sure you have the adequate attire for your competition (Royal Blue TSA Shirt, Gray Slacks/Skirt, Black Shoes). If you are competing in Chapter Team, make sure you have the Blazer. Order the attire EARLY! Shipping takes time.
- For speaking/presentation events, get together with your teammates and practice beforehand. While in many events it is the content of the project that is more important, the quality of presentation also plays a significant role in the judge's perception of your work. Use the presentations and interviews to let your work shine!

Regionals Dates

By: Area Leadership Team

Competition Dates/Locations:

Alamo

February 22: Theodore Roosevelt High School, San Antonio, TX

Brazos Valley

February 20/ February 21
Telge Exhibit Center

Coastal Bend

February 1/February 8
West Oso High School, Corpus Christi, TX
<https://coastalbendtsa.weebly.com/>

East Texas

February 3- 4: Longview High School -CATE Center
<https://sites.google.com/carthageisd.org/easttexastsa/home>

Far West Texas

February 13/ February 15
Slider MS
<http://www.fwttsa.com/>

Gulf Coast

February 7-8: Cinco Ranch High School
<https://www.gulfcoasttsa.org/>

Heart of Texas

February 12: La Vega High School

Hill Country

February 15: Hendrickson High School
<https://sites.google.com/pfisd.net/hillcountrytsa/home>

North Central Texas

February 14 & 15: Vanguard High School
<https://sites.google.com/mesquiteisd.org/ncttsa/home>

North Texas

February 7-8: Coppell High School
<http://nttea.org/>

Panhandle

February 22: On-line

Red River

February 22: Weatherford High School

Rio Grande Valley

February 1: Virtual Competition
February 8: Gladys Porter High School,
Brownsville, TX
<https://rgvtsa.org/>

San Jacinto

January 31/February 1
Porter High School. Porter TX
<https://sites.google.com/view/sanjacintotsa/home>

Space City

January 31-February 1: Shadow Creek High School
<https://spacecitytsa.org/>



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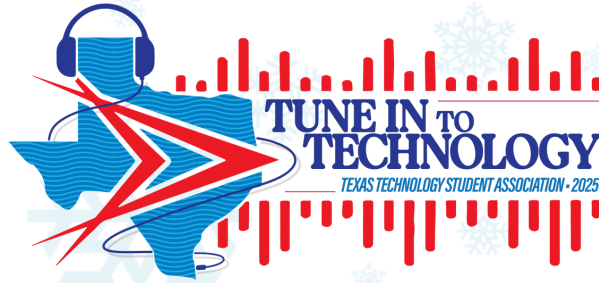
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