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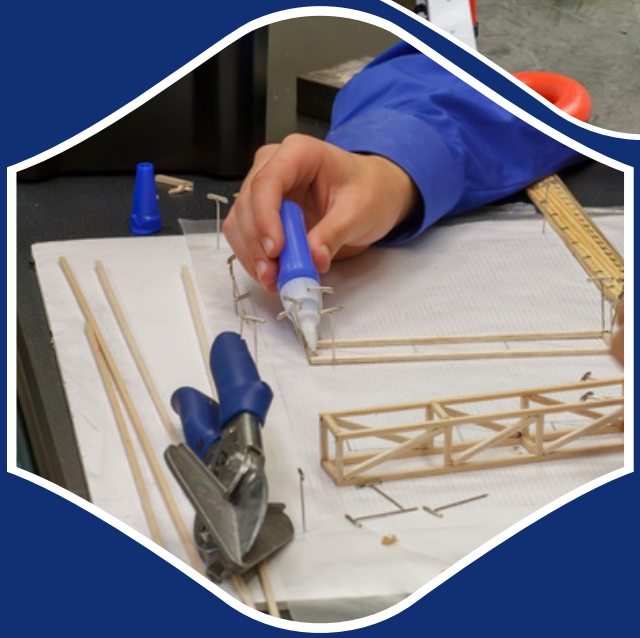

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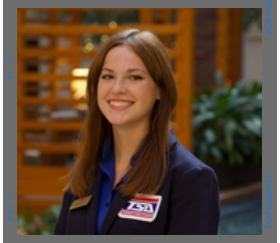

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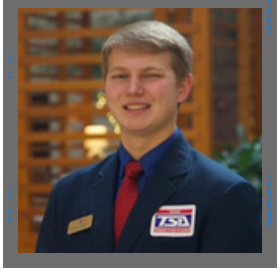

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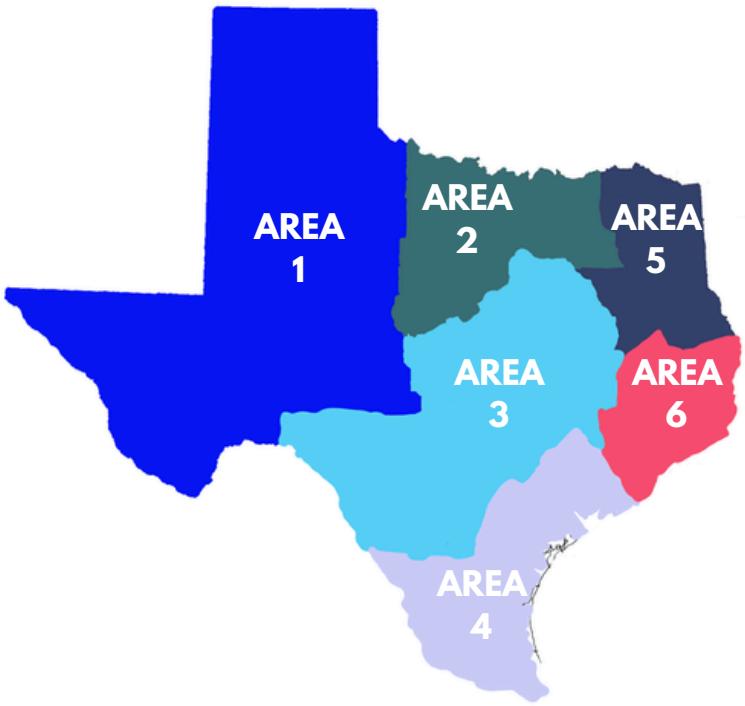
Areas



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.

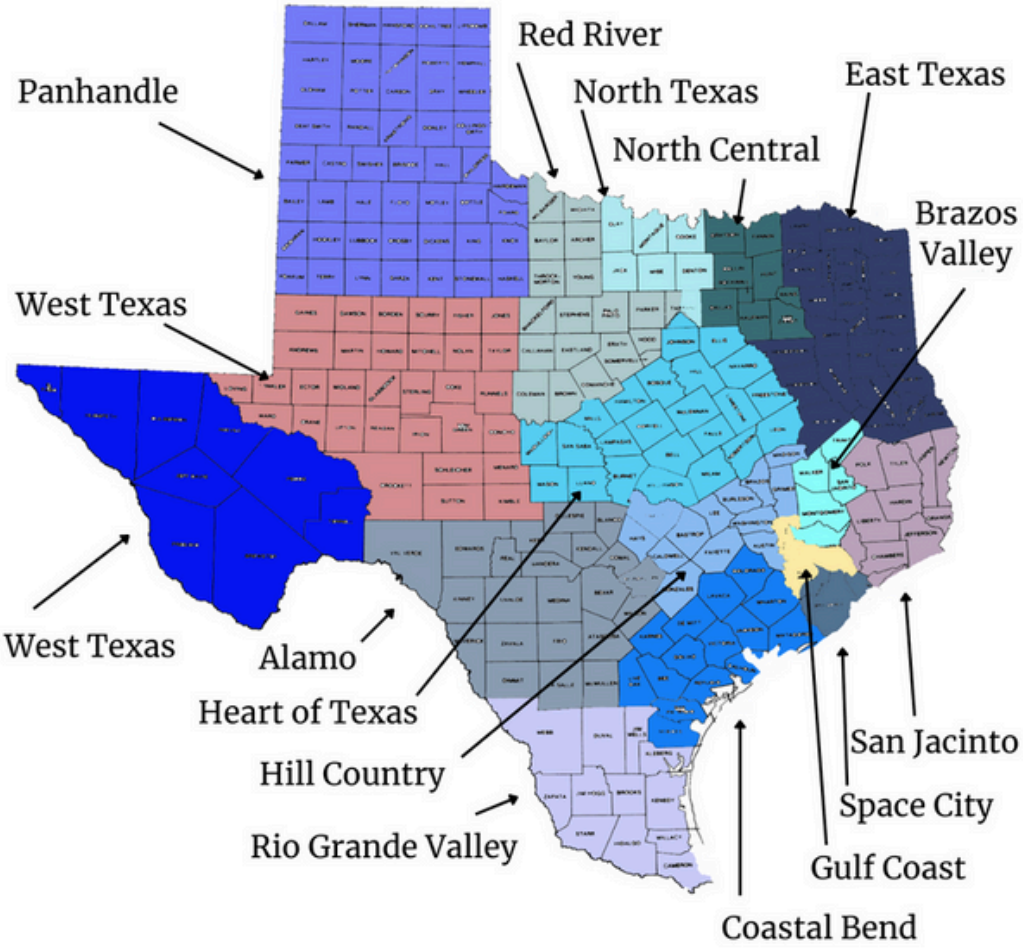
This is the second year for Area Leadership Conferences. In year one, Area Leadership Conferences were held in Area 1 and Area 6. This year, Area 2 and 5 will come on board. Next year, Area Leadership Conferences will be added for Areas 3 & 4. Student Leadership Team members will be elected in all 6 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 for their Region.

Area Leadership Team 25 /26

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, 2025.

Board of Directors

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Important Dates

AUGUST

15

Affiliation Opens

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SEPTEMBER

14

National TSA's 48th Anniversary

15

25/26 TX TSA Rulebook Launches

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OCTOBER

6-10

NATIONAL TSA WEEK

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OCTOBER

9-10

Statewide Advisor Training

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NOVEMBER

1

On Time Affiliation Deadline

DECEMBER

20

Statesman Day

15

VEX Deadline

Register with REC & Complete Survey

Important Dates

JANUARY

17

Texas TSA Board of Directors Meeting

FEBRUARY

1-28

Career & Technical Education Month

FEBRUARY

2-6

TSA Advisor Appreciation Week

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FEBRUARY

16

Deadline to submit Skills scores

MARCH

1

DEADLINES:
Scholarship & Award Deadlines

MARCH

9

Registration Closes State Conference

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APRIL

25

Know Before You Go State Conference Meeting

APRIL

9-11

Texas TSA State Conference

Fort Worth

Conferences & Events

Statewide Advisor Training

WHEN: October 9 & 10

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.

Regional Conferences

WHEN: Jan 15 - Feb 23

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 25/26 school year, must notify their Regional Association by December 1, 2025 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 9-11

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, TXTSA provides our members with an outlet to exhibit their knowledge and skills through our competitive events and earn awards.

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AREA 6 - Houston
November 1, 2025
George Ranch HS - Katy

AREA 2 - DFW
November 15, 2025
Waxahachie HS

AREA 1 - El Paso
December 1, 2025
Location TBD

AREA 5 - East Texas
Date TBD
Location TBD

COMING TO AN AREA NEAR YOU!

Our Annual Fall Leadership Conference is Designed to Provide Texas TSA Members and Advisors the opportunity to increase their Leadership, Communication, and Team Building Skills by attending Hands-On Workshops and Break-Out Sessions at locations throughout Texas.

Register Today for the conference closest to you!

Areas of Competition

National Qualifying Events

NQE

Challenge your students with more than 75 STEM competitions ranging from Biotechnology to Software Development; Leadership Strategies to STEM Animation. 40 events at the HS level and 37 events at the MS level 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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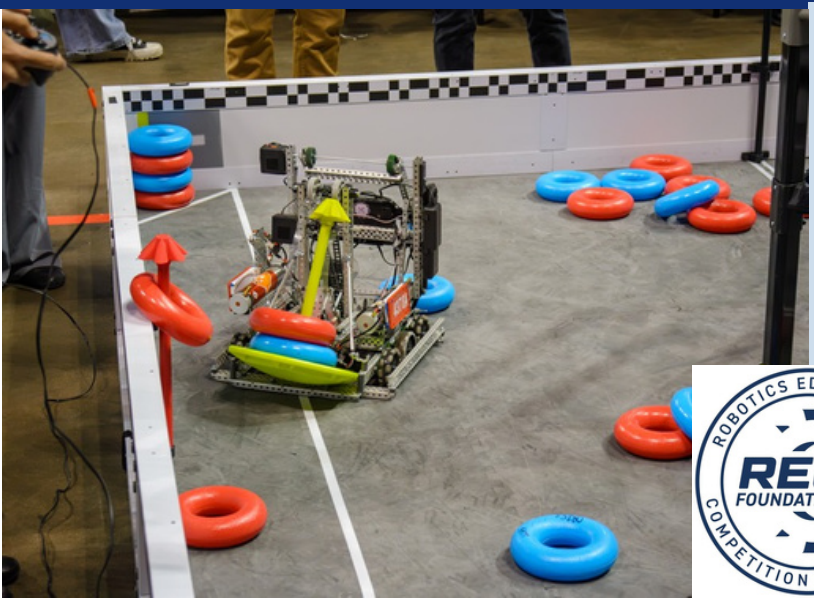
Themes & Problems

New for 25/26

MS Audio Podcasting
MS Drone Challenge UAV
JSS Changes to Solar Racer



REC Foundation Robotics

VEX

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

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VEX V5 Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Skills Scores on file by February 15, 2026.

- 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

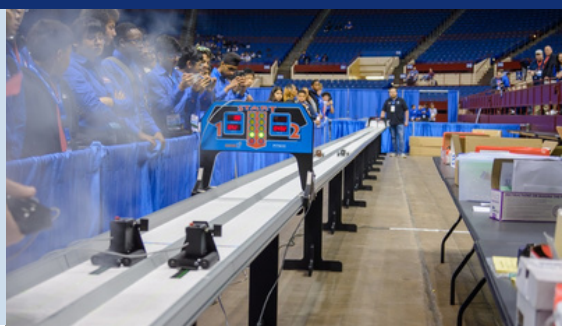
VEX IQ Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Skills Scores on file by February 15, 2026.

- 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.

Example: Social Media Marketing, Catapult, Drone Racing, Animation and Many More!

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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.

NEW For 25/26 in Partnership with PITSCO

Esports

All-new, two-part event where students code and game!
Python coding skills are used to develop a football-themed application and compete in a *Madden NFL 2025* esports tournament.

Registration Closes November 1, 2025
Esports Regional Qualifier events (virtual) November 15, 2025 - February 9, 2026
Python Coding Project Submission January. 20 - February 13, 2026
Esports State Competition (in person) April 9-11, 2026

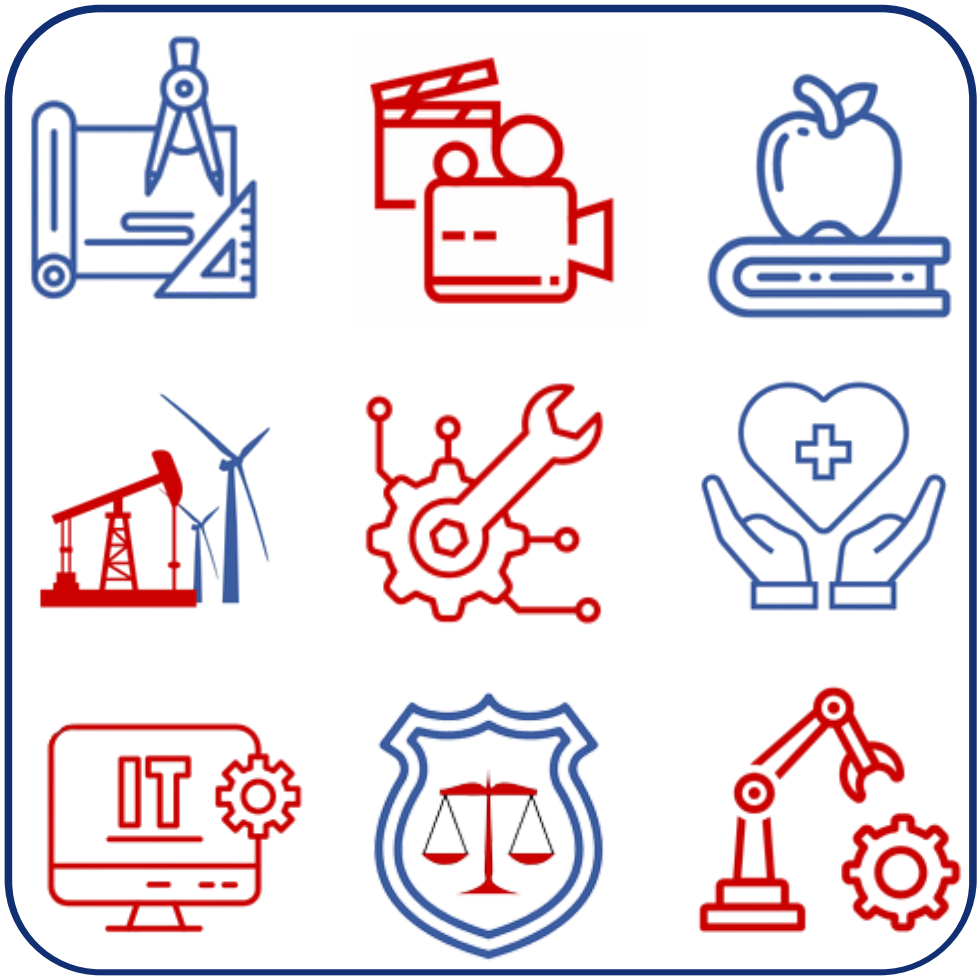
Sun Powered Student Challenge

Solar Power costs have been decreasing while installation and use are ever increasing. This is driving a need for knowledge, new job creation and training programs to address this ever expanding field.

In the Sun Powered Student Challenge, teams will work together on an annual problem where they will:

- **Design a Structure**
- **Select Solar Sites**
- **Size Solar Panels**
- **Determine Angles of the Sun, Cloud Cover and Tracking of the Sun to yield the most energy collection.**

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.

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Programs of Study

TEXAS TSA TRADING PIN DESIGN CONTEST

Design this Year's Pin for the National Conference!

This Year's Theme is "Unity Through Community"

Conference Location : Washington DC

Conference Dates: June 22 - 26, 2026

Submission Window: January 15 - March 1, 2026

Top Three Designs Will Be Produced for the National Conference

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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

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 2026 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.
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 summitted 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 20, 2025

WHERE: On-line Testing

COST: $6.00/person

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Statesman Degree

Empowering educators. Strengthening programs. Your Partner in CTE Success.

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WHY CTAT?

We're here to equip CTE educators with the tools, training, and network you need to thrive.

- **Access exclusive resources** to support classroom success
- **Grow professionally** through hands-on training and leadership opportunities
- **Stay informed** with legislative updates and CTE best practices
- **Build your network** with CTE educators statewide
- **Technical assistance** and personalized support from CTAT for your classroom

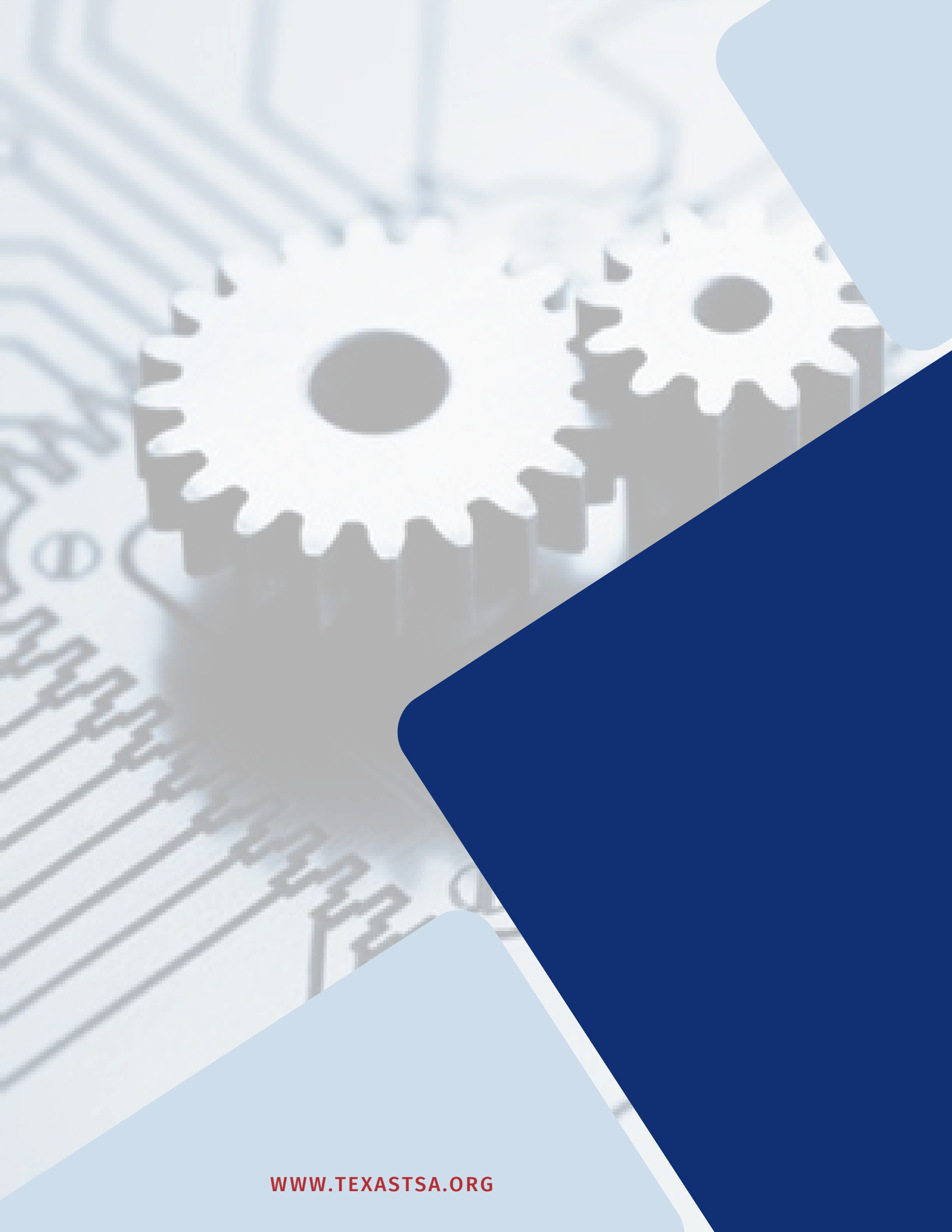
REGIONAL TRAININGS & PROGRAMS

- **Campus CTE Coach Training**
- **New CTE Teacher Academy**
- **NextGen**
- **CTE + Campus Admin**

GET INVOLVED

Be a presenter at the CTAT Summer Conference 2026. Scan the QR code to learn more.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Professional Development Discounts
- Statewide Networking & Online Community
- Technical Assistance & Expert Guidance
- Liability & Employment Insurance
- Advocacy at the Capitol for CTE programs

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