

## How to Apply to Run for State Office

**Step 1:** Make sure you have your advisor's permission. Each chapter can only have two applications for state officer candidates.

**Step 2:** Make sure you are available for the dates listed below. **Attendance is mandatory and missing a date will result in automatic removal from the team.**

**July 11 - 16, 2026** (Fort Worth) - Summer Training

Date TBD - Fall Training - **tentatively scheduled for October 8 - 10, 2026** (San Antonio)

Date TBD - Leadership Conference (officers will be required to attend at least one area leadership conference) *\*Each area determines the date for their conference, all conferences will fall in the window of November 7 - December 5, 2026*

**January 15 - 17, 2027** - Texas TSA Winter Board Meeting & Officer Training (Fort Worth)

**January 28 - 30, 2027** - CTSO at the Capital

**March 31 - April 3, 2027** - State Contest (Ft Worth)

**Step 3:** Attend the informational meeting about running for state office.

**January 10, 2026** at 6:00 PM MST/ 7:00 AM CST - [ZOOM LINK](#)

**Step 4:** Complete the "Intent to Run" Form by **January 31, 2026**. On this form, you will be asked to provide the name, position, and email addresses of your Chapter Advisor, Community Member and Administrator who will be completing your recommendations:

- If your chapter has multiple advisors it can be from any one of them.
- A community member is anyone outside of school that can recommend you. Examples are your pastor, boss, the lead person at a place you volunteer.
- Administrator can be a principal, assistant principal, counselor, CTE Director

**Intent to Run Form (State and Area Officer):** <https://forms.gle/8Yd76bohgcHeHvJp8>

**Step 5:** Look over the application before you fill it out. Have all of the information ready.

**Step 6:** Fill out the application. **Due February 15, 2026**

**State Officer Candidate Application:** <https://forms.gle/GcdTEwFwvqiErAAc6>

**Area Officer Candidate Application:** <https://forms.gle/57dA3FmFBzbk4GFw9>

**Step 7:** Interviews

- The virtual interview will take place during late February. During the virtual interview you will be asked to read from a script, recite the creed from memory, and answer questions related to Texas TSA and your duties as a State Officer.

**Step 8:** Relax! You will receive an email in March informing you of your clearance to run for state office.

**Step 9:** Start to plan for your campaign. All campaign guidelines will be sent to you via email. Remember absolutely no campaigning can happen before you are introduced at the 1st General Session at the State Contest.

**Step 10**: Make arrangements to attend the mandatory, State Officer Candidate meeting at the State Conference with your Chapter Advisor. Date and time will be included in your candidate acceptance email.

**Step 11**: Make sure you plan to stay for about 30-45 minutes after the 3rd General Session is over at the State Contest if you win your election.

**Good Luck!**