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Fort Worth Convention Center - April 9-11, 2026

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration Fees:

- Students - \$100 up to 5 entries/student
- Project Only - \$15/entry (MP or HP ONLY)
- Additional Entries Over 5 - \$15/entry
- Advisors - \$100
- Chaperones - \$100
- Judges - NO Charge - Must judge a minimum of 8 hours.



Bus Parking:

Bus/Truck passes are on a first come first serve basis at a cost of \$120/parking pass for Wednesday - Saturday. Bus Parking is not available for Tuesday 4/7 or Saturday 4/11 after 3:00 pm.

Shuttle Service from the parking lot to the Fort Worth Convention Center will be provided for Bus Drivers ONLY. Shuttle schedule will be mailed to all schools purchasing a pass and will be posted outside of the Fort Worth Convention Center.

HOTEL INFORMATION

All hotel rooms will be booked through the Texas TSA Hotel Block. Any school booking outside of conference block will incur a penalty of \$200 per registered attendee for that chapter. Additionally, all schools participating in on-site events, will be required to stay on-site in the hotel block. The only exception to this policy, are schools who are within a 30 mile radius of the Fort Worth Convention Center.



Conference Hotels

Aloft	\$189
Courtyard Marriott	\$194
Embassy Suites	\$217
Fairfield Inn	\$208
Hampton Inn	\$209
Hilton	\$215
Holiday Inn	\$163
Omni	\$205
Renaissance	\$210
Sheraton	\$189

March Deadlines



Last Day To Drop Rooms



Rooming Lists Due

GENERAL INFORMATION



IMPORTANT

All Competitive Events will take place at the Fort Worth Convention Center Thursday, April 9 - Saturday, April 11, 2026 with optional testing and robot check-ins on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Registration Materials may be picked up on-site either Wednesday, April 8 from 5 - 7:00 PM or Thursday, April 9 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Registration Materials can be found at the Registration Counter located outside of Exhibit Hall A on the first floor of the Convention Center. **ONLY A REGISTERED TSA ADVISOR CAN PICK UP THE REGISTRATION PACKET.**

CONFERENCE BADGES

All attendees (students and adults) will be issued a conference ID. IDs **MUST** be worn at **ALL** times during the conference (No Exceptions).

If ID is lost, a replacement ID may be acquired at a cost of \$5.00/ID at the Registration Counter located outside of Exhibit Hall A.

GENERAL SESSIONS



Opening Session

Thursday 9:00 AM



Recognition Session

Friday 9:00 AM



Team Building & Breakout Sessions

Friday 10 AM - 3 PM



Awards Ceremony

Saturday 9:30 AM

Texas TSA STEM Palooza &

Leadership Sessions

Awards Ceremony

Opening Session

Recognition Session

- Opening Ceremony
- Introduction of State Officer Candidates
- American Red Cross Miracle Minute
- Keynote Speaker - Kent Julian

- State Officer Candidate Speeches
- Business Meeting
- Silver Award
- Advisor of the Year
- Board of Directors Recognition

- E-Sports
- Ground Games
- Officer Booth Activities
- Team Building Exercises
- Problem Solving
- Breakout Sessions
- Officer Candidate Meet & Greet
- Vendor Fair

- Scholarships
- Texan Degree
- Hall of Honor
- NQE Awards
- UTE Awards
- Best of Texas Awards
- State Championships
- Introduction of 26/27 State Officers



**American
Red Cross**



Miracle minute

A circular clock icon with a white face, black hands, and a black border, positioned to the right of the word "minute".

Prior to State Conference, Chapters are challenged to collect loose change around their community/campus for the American Cancer Society. Place donations in an envelope with the amount, name of school and chapter advisor. Place donations in the collection box during the first general session.

Chapters who donate the most will be recognized in the third general session!

SENIOR SUPERLATIVE PASS



Recognize your Seniors with the Senior Superlative Pass. Each Senior Superlative Pass is \$30 and includes:

- TSA Graduation Cords
- Texas TSA Alumni T-shirt
- Future Alumni Ribbon for Conference Badge
- Laptop Sticker

For schools who are not authorized awarding of graduation cords, there is an option for \$25, this pass includes everything listed above, except for the TSA Graduation Cord.



To add the Senior Superlative Pass for each of your seniors, select "Items" after EACH student's name on the registration and then pick the option you prefer. Please don't add them to the advisor name we will not be able to determine shirt size.

Description	Price		
Bus Pass	\$120.00	Edit	Delete
Senior Recognition NO CORD	\$25.00	Edit	Delete
Senior Recognition with Cord	\$30.00	Edit	Delete
Texan Exam	\$6.00	Edit	Delete
Add New Item			

Students may elect to purchase the Senior Recognition Pass themselves on site, but they will not receive the graduation cord. We will accept cash, money order or credit card payment for on-site Senior Recognition Passes.



ADVISOR EXPECTATIONS

CTSO Advisors are the face of the CTE program at events like the TSA State Conference. The way you conduct yourself and your interactions with students, professionals, and event organizers will reflect directly on the reputation of your program. In preparation for a positive conference experience, practice the following:

- **Build Relationships:** Use the conference as an opportunity to build relationships with industry professionals, community members, and other educators. By forming partnerships, you can open doors for further opportunities for your students, such as internships, mentorships, or guest speaker engagements.
- **Promote the Value of CTE:** Your involvement in the event provides an excellent platform to advocate for the importance of CTE and the impact it has on students' future success. Engage in conversations about the skills students are gaining through CTE programs and help raise awareness of their relevance to current industry needs.
- **Prepare for Your Role in Advance:** Before the event, review all materials related to the conference. Understand the format of the competitions, the rules, the judging criteria, and the event schedule. Being well-prepared will allow you to focus on what's most important during the event.
- **Be Engaged and Present:** Whether you're advising, judging or coordinating, stay focused and present. Give students your full attention when interacting with them. Even small moments of engagement can have a big impact on a student's confidence and overall experience.
- **Stay Flexible and Adaptable:** Events may not always go as planned. Being adaptable and solution-oriented can help keep the event running smoothly. If challenges arise, such as technical difficulties or scheduling conflicts, having a calm and constructive approach will help everyone involved.
- **Be Professional:** You serve as models for how students should behave in the workplace or professional settings, showcasing the qualities of responsibility, reliability, and professionalism will resonate more with the students than your instructions given to them.

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Texas TSA State Conference Chapter Judging Obligation Policy – 2026

Purpose and Philosophy

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) play a vital role in preparing students for college and career readiness. Advisors, administrators, and adult supporters are not only chaperones or volunteers at the Texas TSA State Conference 2026, they are key partners in ensuring a fair, professional, and meaningful competitive experience for students.

Judging by knowledgeable adults helps ensure competitions reflect classroom instruction, industry standards, and real-world expectations. This policy establishes a chapter-based judging obligation that distributes responsibility equitably across participating schools while maintaining the integrity and quality of conference events.

Chapter Judging Obligations

Beginning with the 2026 Texas TSA State Conference, judging requirements will be assigned at the **chapter level** rather than to individual advisors.

Judging obligations are based on a chapter's total number of student entries at the State Conference:

- **Chapters with 5 or less entries**
 - Required to provide a minimum of **4 hours of judging**
- **Chapters with 6 - 100 entries**
 - Required to provide a minimum of **8 hours of judging**
- **Chapters with 101 or more entries**
 - Required to provide a minimum of **16 hours of judging**
 -

Judging hours:

- May be fulfilled by **multiple individuals**
- May be completed through a combination of:
 - **Virtual judging (pre-conference)**
 - **On-site judging during the State Conference**
 - **On-site VEX volunteer**
 - **Test Proctor**

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The total number of required judging hours for the conference is calculated annually based on the previous year's total entry count. These hours are then distributed among all participating chapters to determine each chapter's obligation.

Who Is Eligible to Judge

The following individuals are eligible to serve as judges:

- CTE Administrators
- Parents or Guardians
- Faculty Members
- Alumni
- CTSO Advisors

All judges must be adults and must meet any training or orientation requirements established by Texas TSA.

Judge Registration and Fee Waivers

Chapters may register eligible adults as judges during the conference registration process, including:

- Secondary advisors
- Chaperones
- Administrators

Adults registered as judges:

- Will **not be charged a conference registration fee**
- Are expected to complete a minimum of **8 hours of judging per registered judge**
- While registered judges are expected to complete a minimum of 8 hours of judging, chapters are only responsible for fulfilling their total assigned judging obligation.

If a registered judge does not complete their required judging time:

- The chapter will be billed \$150 for each registered judge who does not fulfill their 8 hour judging requirement.
- This billing will occur after the conference based on verified judging hours.

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Opt Out Option

If a chapter is unable to meet its required judging obligation, it may opt out by paying a **\$150 judging opt-out fee**.

- This fee will be used by Texas TSA to hire qualified judges.
- The opt-out fee must be submitted according to conference deadlines.
- Opting out fully satisfies the chapter's judging obligation for that conference year.

Event Coordination and Judging

Event coordination and judging are separate responsibilities.

- **Event coordination time does not count toward a chapter's judging obligation**
- Event Coordinators receive compensation for their coordination duties
- Advisors who serve as Event Coordinators are strongly encouraged to recruit judges from their school or chapter to help meet their required judging hours
- Please ensure judges recruited by coordinators are signing up in accordance with Texas TSA judging policies. Please do not just bring your judge

This distinction ensures adequate staffing for both coordination and evaluation roles while maintaining fairness across all participating chapters.

Accountability and Enforcement

Chapters are responsible for:

- Tracking their assigned judges
- Ensuring all required judging hours are completed
- Communicating clearly with registered judges regarding expectations

Failure to meet judging obligations or resolve billing for incomplete hours may impact future conference participation or result in additional fees, as determined by Texas TSA.

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Judging Credit and Event Completion

To ensure fairness and consistency, judging assignments must be completed in full to receive credit.

Judging credit is awarded **only upon the full completion of an assigned event or judging assignment.**

- Judges must complete the **entire judging assignment** for an event to receive credit for any judging hours.
- Partial completion of an event will **not** result in partial judging credit.
- If an event requires more time than a judge's minimum required hours, the judge is still expected to **remain for and complete the entire event.**
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Registration Guidelines

- Registration will open from February 20 - March 9, 2026 - There is NO Late Registration - NO EXCEPTIONS!
- All registrations will be completed on-line by the Chapter Advisor.
NO STUDENTS may access this system. Please do not share your Chapter credentials with students due to student data and privacy issues.
- ***A Chapter CAN NOT register until their Regional Association has exported their data up to Texas TSA.***
- Directions to complete on-line registration:
 1. Go to [Conference Registration Site](#)
 2. Log in using your National TSA user name and password. This is the same user name and password used for membership affiliation.
 3. When you first log-in, you will be required to confirm school and contact information. **You will be required to select form of payment it is imperative that if your school is paying by credit card, you need to select credit card.** There is a 4% credit card fee that is assessed for credit card payments. Verify with your school district PRIOR to submitting registration that they will approve that charge.
 4. The students who advanced from the Regional Competition will be pre-populated in your account along with their events. **EDIT EACH STUDENT.** Mark students as attending/not attending, select voting delegates (EACH CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO HAVE 2) and **answer ALL questions for each student.**
 5. All registered attendees will receive a conference t-shirt. As part of the registration process, you will be required to add the t-shirt size for each attendee, adults and students who are registered to be in attendance. ****See graphic on next page.***
 6. Register all Advisors and Chaperones who will be traveling with your Chapter.
 7. Each student registered is authorized to compete in up to 5 **events/projects.** For each event/project that a student enters in after 5, there will be a **\$15/event fee assessed.** This will be automatically calculated within the registration system.
 8. If you have students who will NOT be attending the State Conference but will be submitting projects (HP/MP classifications ONLY) to be judged, you will register that student as "Project Only - Not Attending". \$15 will be charged for each project entered for that student.

9. If you need a Bus/Truck Pass you will also add this item under the Primary Advisor's Registration. Bus Passes and Maps will be sent to the Chapters after registration closes.
10. Your school may order senior recognition items. ***see above.** All add-on items can be invoiced on a separate invoice from the Chapter Registration upon request. **Please make sure you select the Senior Recognition Pass for EACH student you are purchasing it for so we can pull in the correct shirt size.**
11. If you have any students eligible (***see eligibility requirements below**) to take the **TEXAN EXAM**, you will select **TEXAN EXAM** under **ITEMS** for **EACH** student who will be setting for the exam. **Please DO NOT add these items to the Advisor Name. There is a \$6.00 registration fee for each student taking the exam.**

Eligibility: Student must have passed the Lone Star Exam at a Leadership Conference (Regional or State) or at the Texas TSA Statesman Day. The Lone Star Exam is NOT given at the Texas TSA State Conference.

12. At the end of your registration process, please make sure you hit the submit button. Print out a copy of your registration invoice (an invoice will also be emailed automatically to the primary advisor's email) and **MAIL THE INVOICE WITH YOUR CHECK OR PO.**
13. You will be emailed a receipt once payment has been received.
14. Advisor Code of Conduct, Student Code of Conduct, Permission Slips and Texas TSA W-9 can be found on-line at:
www.texastsa.org/state-conference/

Edit Each Student

Unregistered Students

10 entries per page

Last Name	First Name	MI	Submit Date (EDT)	T-Shirt Size	Grade	Gender
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***NO changes or refunds will be made after registration closes
on March 9, 2026.***

All payments - registration, entry fees, bus parking - will
be paid to Texas TSA.

Make Checks/POs payable to Texas TSA and mail to:

**Texas TSA
3605 Tierra Calida Drive
El Paso, TX. 79938**

Payments must be received by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

POs may be emailed to Texas TSA
using the following email address:

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Registration will open February 20, 2026 and
closes March 9, 2026 at 5:59 pm CST.

NO CHANGES OR REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE

Once Registration is Submitted, the Chapter is financially obligated for the Registration Fee. If the Chapter is not attending the conference, the school MUST cancel registration by March 9, 2026.

There is NO LATE Registration!
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FINANCIAL POLICIES



ADVISOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Follow the dress code designated by Texas TSA.



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- Provide Texas TSA contact information for all Advisors and Chaperones present at Texas TSA events if requested.
- Advisors are expected to notify Texas TSA officials if students are involved in illegal activities while present at Texas TSA events. Texas TSA reserves the right to take steps it deems necessary in such situations. To include notifying law enforcement and/or School District administration.
- Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated by adults or students to include:
 - abusive or aggressive language
 - bullying
 - discrimination
 - threatening behavior
 - sexual harassment
 - causing physical harm
- No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, firearms, or weapons, in any form, shall be possessed by attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
- All conference attendees must follow facility guidelines for adhering signs, notices, posters, etc. to walls, doors, or any facility surface. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or buildings must be paid for by the individual(s) or chapter(s) responsible.

ADVISOR NAME _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



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Jan. 18, 2020**

If interested in coordinating an event at the Texas TSA State Conference, please contact the Texas TSA Contest Director for the Unique to Texas Events or the NQE Coordinator for the NQE events.

- Texas TSA Contest Director, Jeff Taylor - contest.director@texastsa.org
- NQE Coordinator, Kristin Rausch - krausch@texastsa.org

To Sign-Up For Judging, Please See Link Below:

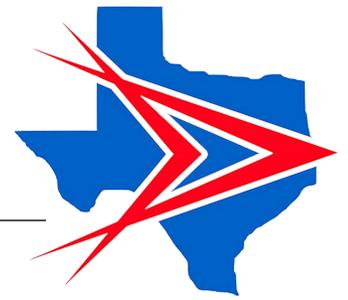
[Judges Sign-Up](#)



REQUIRED FORMS

2026 Texas TSA State Conference

CODE OF CONDUCT



NOTE: It is the responsibility of the chapter advisor to make sure there is a completed code of conduct form for each participant and to give a copy to the state advisor prior to the conference if requested by the state advisor. Texas TSA reserves the right to request a completed copy of this form at any time from the chapter advisor or state advisor. Do not send this form to the Texas TSA office.

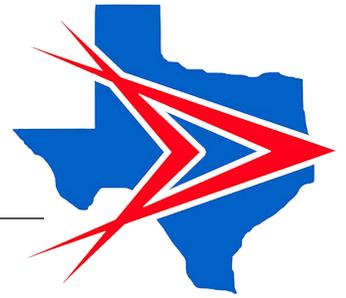
CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to **all persons** attending the **Texas** TSA conference, including, but not limited to, all student members, advisors, alumni/ae, parents, volunteers, and guests. All attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, civil, and respectful manner towards others, and must comply with all applicable laws.

1. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, such as the following:
 - abusive language
 - bullying
 - discrimination
 - threatening behavior
 - sexual harassment
 - causing physical harm
2. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, firearms, or weapons, in any form, shall be possessed by attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
3. All student attendees must keep their advisor informed of their activities and/or whereabouts at all times.
4. Attendees should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
5. Attendees should be financially prepared for any unexpected expense.
6. Attendees shall vacate the conference area by curfew or immediately following the last scheduled event.
7. No student attendee shall leave the conference hotels unless permission has been received from the student's chapter advisor.
8. Attendees are required to attend all general sessions and activities assigned, including competitive events, meetings, etc.
9. Identification (conference name badges) must be worn on a TSA lanyard and be visible by all conference attendees during conference events.
10. **Texas TSA Dress Code** must be followed by all attendees.
11. All conference attendees must follow facility guidelines for adhering signs, notices, posters, etc. to walls, doors, or any facility surface. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or buildings must be paid for by the individual(s) or chapter(s) responsible.
12. No helium or water balloons are permitted at the conference.
13. Attendees violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules will subject their entire delegation to being unseated and their candidates or competitive event participants being disqualified. Individual attendees may be sent home immediately at their own expense.
14. Curfews will be enforced. All student attendees will be in their assigned hotel rooms by the announced curfew times.
15. The **Texas TSA Board of Directors** reserves the right to dismiss any person from the conference for inappropriate actions.

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CODE OF CONDUCT



Advisors

1. Advisors shall conduct periodic meetings with their student attendees for the purpose of reviewing conference activities, obtaining progress reports, emphasizing time schedules, sharing successes, and overall, to ensure that the students are taking full advantage of the conference and its activities.
2. Advisors shall keep an agenda of their own schedule (with contact information) and give it to their student attendees so that the advisor may be reached during the conference at any time.
3. Each advisor shall be responsible for ensuring that all student attendees adhere to all conduct practices and procedures, as published in this document.
4. Chapter advisors will be responsible for their student attendees' conduct.
5. The rules, as stated in this Code of Conduct and in the **Texas** TSA Dress Code, apply to advisors and parents as well as students.

Safety and Security

The safety and security of all persons who attend the conference is of the utmost concern to the governing body of **Texas** TSA. There are numerous security guards, provided by the convention hotels and **Texas** TSA, who work closely with local law enforcement.

Texas TSA enforces the following procedures:

- All participants must register for the conference.
- Identification (name badge) must be worn and be visible on a TSA lanyard by all conference attendees
- The mandatory student attendee curfew is **11:00pm**.
- The conference is not "open to the public."
- The **Texas** TSA Code of Conduct must be followed by all attendees.

Personal items brought to the conference for use at the conference are the sole responsibility of the attendee who chooses to bring the items. If a participant chooses to bring items of value, the participant is responsible for their safekeeping at all times, including any item of monetary or personal value and items used in competitive events. **Texas** TSA accepts no responsibility for replacement of lost, misplaced, or stolen items and will not replace such items. This policy applies to all attendees and includes the conference management team and event coordinators.

Attendee Name: _____

Attendee Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature*: _____

Date: _____

**Student attendees and minors require a parent/guardian signature.*



STUDENT ATTENDANCE PERMISSION FORM

ATTENDANCE

This is to certify that _____ has my permission to attend the above named Texas TSA activity. I also do hereby on behalf of my student absolve and release the school officials, the Texas TSA chapter advisors and the assigned chartered association Texas TSA staff from any claims for personal injuries or illness which might be sustained while the student is en route to and from or during the Texas TSA sponsored activity.

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby grant permission to Texas TSA to use photographs and/or video taken in publications, news releases, on-line, and in any other communications related to the mission of Texas TSA.

EMERGENCY

Any medical exceptions to this code must be documented in the conference headquarters prior to the beginning of the conference. This is the responsibility of the local advisor.

I authorize the advisor to secure the services of a physician or hospital, and to incur the expenses for necessary services in the event of accident or illness, and I will provide for the payment of these costs. Some nearby facilities include:

Walk-In Clinics

Metroplex Medical Centre

201 Commerce St
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(682) 610-7900

Drug Store

CVS

515 Houston St
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 820-0488

Hospital

Texas Health Harris Methodist
Hospital
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue
Forth Worth, TX 76104
(817) 250-2000

We have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Dress Code. We also agree that the school officials, the Texas TSA chapter advisors, State Contest Director and/or State Advisor, have the right to send the student home from the activity at our expense, provided that the student has violated the Code of Conduct and/or their conduct has become a detriment.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone

Chapter Advisor Signature

School Official Signature

Insurance Company

Policy Number



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