



ADVISOR GUIDEBOOK



26 / 27



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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.

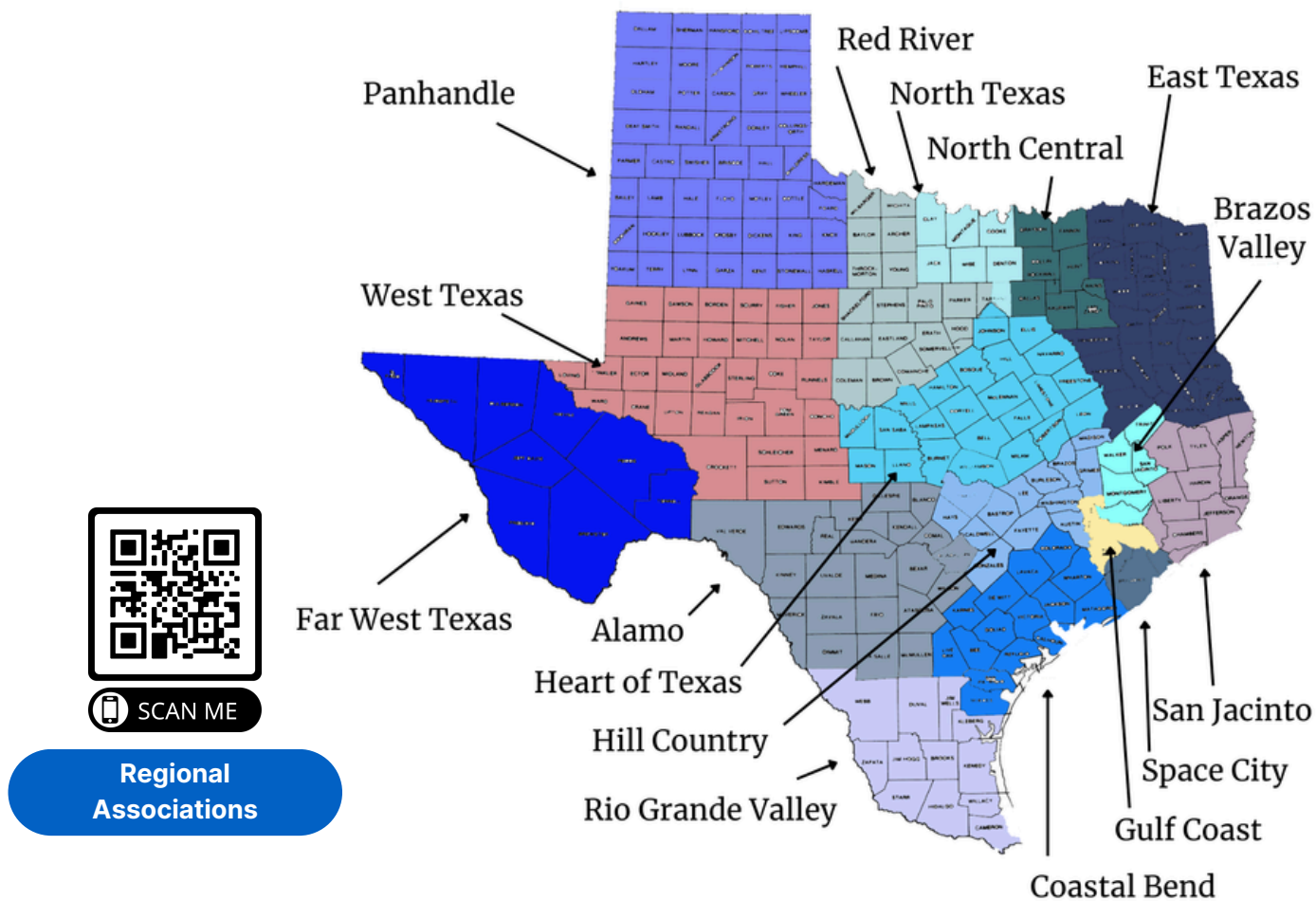
Note: In order to participate in the Regional Conferences, members must notify the Regional Association by December 1 annually and be registered with National TSA before the conference registration deadlines for their Region.

Area Leadership Team 26 /27

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6
					
Sophia Gardea	Precious Kavula	VACANT	VACANT	Gerard Osorio	Anastasia Cheng

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. Area Leadercon's are the responsibility of the Area Leadership Team.

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.*

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Texas TSA State President

Important Dates

AUGUST

17

**Affiliation
Opens**



SEPTEMBER

14

**National TSA's
49th
Anniversary**



15

26/27

**TX TSA
Rulebook
Launches**



September

24-25

**Statewide
Advisor Training**



OCTOBER

5-9

**NATIONAL
TSA WEEK**



OCTOBER

31



**Statesman
Day**

NOVEMBER

1



**On Time
Affiliation
Deadline**

DECEMBER

18

**Texas TSA
Robotics
Deadline
Register with
REC &
Complete Survey**



Important Dates

JANUARY

16

**Texas TSA
Board of
Directors
Meeting**



FEBRUARY

1-5

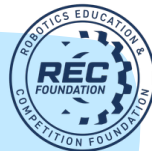
**TSA Advisor
Appreciation
Week**



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**Deadline to
submit
Solo scores**



FEBRUARY

17

**State
Conference
Registration
OPENS**



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MARCH

1



**DEADLINES:
Scholarship &
Award
Deadlines**

MARCH

1

**Registration
Closes
State
Conference**



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MARCH/APRIL

23

**Know Before
You Go
State
Conference
Meeting**

31-3

**Texas TSA
State
Conference**

*Fort
Worth*



Conferences & Events

Statewide Advisor Training

WHEN: September 24 & 25

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 15 CPE hours while learning best practices for chapter management, competitive event information and advisor resources.

Regional Conferences

WHEN: Jan 11 - Feb 15

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 26/27 school year, must notify their Regional Association by December 1, 2026 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: March 31 - April 3

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.

LEADERCON



AREA 5 - East Texas

October 27, 2026

Camp Gilmont - Gilmer, TX

AREA 2 - DFW

November 7, 2026

Ranchview HS - Irving, TX

AREA 6 - Houston

November 14, 2026

Cinco Ranch HS - Katy, TX

AREA 1 - El Paso

December 5, 2026

Location TBD

AREA 3 - Hill, HOT, Alamo

December 12, 2026

Marble Falls HS

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 79 STEM competitions ranging from Biotechnology to Software Development; Leadership Strategies to STEM Animation. 42 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.



Competitive Events



Themes & Problems

New for 26/27

HS Artificial Intelligence

HS Cybersecurity

HS Interior Design

HS Vlogging



Texas TSA Robotics

in partnership with REC
Foundation

Texas TSA is pleased to offer our members the Texas TSA State 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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RECF Achieve Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Solo Scores on file by February 10, 2027.

- Blended MS & HS Tournament
- Maximum of 2 teams per Chapter
- Head to Head Tournament Format
- Top Ten Teams will be interviewed
- Engineering Notebooks will not be evaluated at State Conference

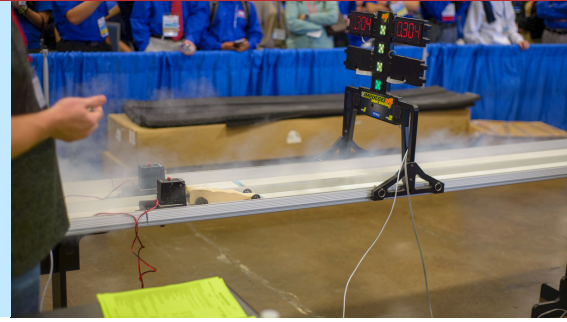
RECF Engage Robotics Competition

Invitational Only Tournament - invitations will be extended to the teams with the highest Skills Scores on file by February 10, 2027.

- 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!

**COMING
SOON**

**NEW
Texas TSA
Rulebook
Available Soon!**



UTE 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.

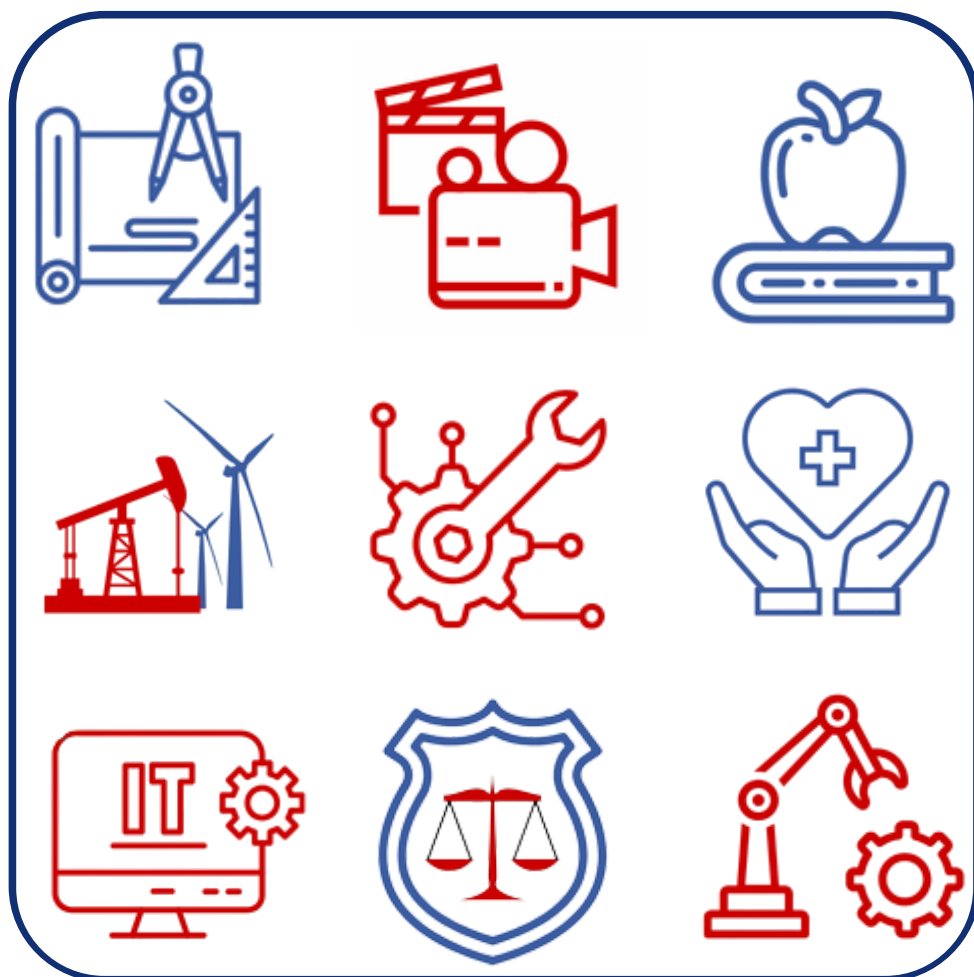
Unique to Texas Projects are designed to recognize exceptional, student work that has been developed throughout the school year in the CTE classroom.

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.

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SOON**

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Rulebook
Available Soon!**

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
"Innovate.Lead.Inspire - Building A
Legacy Since 1958"**

Conference Location : Orlando, FL

Conference Dates: June 23 - 27, 2027

**Submission Window: January 19 -
March 1, 2027**

**Up To 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 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](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.



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**



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: October 31, 2026

WHERE: On-line Testing

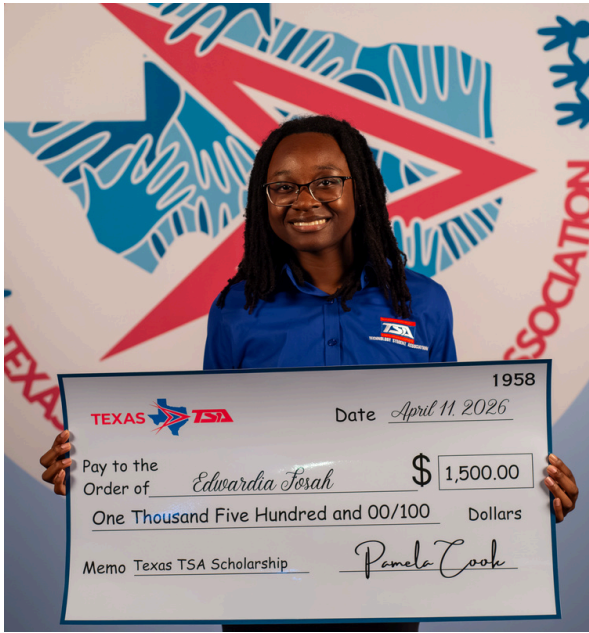
COST: \$6.00/person



**Statesman
Degree**

TEXAS TSA SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas TSA to Award \$30,500 in Scholarships in 2027!



Texas TSA isn't just preparing students for the future—we're investing in it.

2027 Scholarship Opportunities

- **WA Mayfield Scholarship — \$10,000**
- **Al Seyer Scholarship — \$4,000**
- **George “Big George” Howle Scholarship — \$4,000**
- **Greer/Mays/Wright Industrial Arts Memorial Scholarship — \$3,000**
- **Up To Five Texas TSA Student Scholarships — \$1,500 each**
- **Behnke/Worley Advisor Scholarship — \$2,000**

Total Scholarship Investment: \$30,500

Texas TSA is excited to announce a major expansion of its scholarship program! At the 2027 Texas TSA State Conference, \$30,500 in scholarships will be awarded to outstanding Texas TSA students and educators—representing a substantial increase in Texas TSA's investment in the future of our members.

These scholarships recognize the achievement, leadership, and potential of Texas TSA members while helping students take their next steps toward college, career training, and future success. The \$2,000 Behnke/Worley Advisor Scholarship also provides an opportunity to invest in the continued professional development of a Texas TSA Chapter Advisor.

Advisors: Start identifying outstanding candidates early! Encourage eligible students to take advantage of these opportunities and make scholarship preparation part of your chapter's annual Program of Work.

Application requirements, eligibility information, and deadlines will be available through the Texas TSA website.

<https://texastsa.org>

