Welcome to a new school year with Texas TSA. In this pack you will find important information to kick start your year. Please print the TSA calendar and post it in the front of your room. We have a jammed packed calendar with exciting opportunities I do not want you to miss. For the most up to date information please visit the Texas TSA home page [www.texastsa.org](http://www.texastsa.org).

Be an active chapter and post your chapter activities on the News section of the Texas TSA website. Submit all articles with pictures to reporter@texastsa.org and executive.director@texastsa.org.

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Howdy, Texas TSA! My name is Mary Katherine Smith, and I have the wonderful privilege of serving you as your 2019-2020 Texas TSA President.

I am beyond excited for this upcoming year in TSA and cannot wait to see all of the amazing things we will individually, as well as, a state, accomplish. This year we will continue to grow our social media presence on all networking platforms! The officer team and I believe this is a key part in expanding TSA across all parts of Texas, so make sure to follow all of our accounts! This will help you stay up to date on all the latest news, as well as, keep in touch with chapters across the state. This year we are also encouraging local involvement on the regional level! We urge each region to have regional officers to help promote leadership in our members. This gives students a real opportunity to embody our motto, “Learning To Lead In A Technical World.” If at any time throughout the year, you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the officer team. We are more than happy to help.

The National conference, State conference, and the Kerrville Leadership Camp are all wonderful opportunities to develop friendships with fellow TSA members from all over the state and even the nation. As you are planning your schedules for this upcoming year we encourage attendance to all of these events. These activities allow students to be able to participate and be a part of the true TSA experience! Together we can “Inspire a Shared Vision” in each student’s life.

Mary Katherine Smith
2019/20 Texas TSA President

Welcome back to school and another great year with Texas TSA. Each year we continue to grow and last year was no exception. There were over 4200 people registered at State Conference this past April! A huge thank you goes out to each one of you for all of your support and hard work! Our growth is the evidence of your efforts!

Growth always brings growing pains. More people in attendance translates to more space, more resources, improved communications and more judges! The Texas TSA Board of Directors has worked diligently this summer addressing these issues. Each of your Regional Representatives received an email in August outlining many of the changes for 2019/20. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend these meetings where this information will be discussed.

Exciting news for this year! Our Texas TSA rulebook got an entire new facelift. In October, we will unveil the new Texas TSA rulebook web page. This new format will allow you to find information much easier…stay tuned for the BIG reveal!

I would like to personally thank you for all the work you do on behalf of our students and if there is anything I can do to assist you in your efforts, please let me know.

Pamela Cook
Texas TSA Executive Director/State Advisor
The deadline for affiliation for the 2019/20 school year is **Friday, November 15, 2019**. Any chapter affiliating after November 15, 2019 will incur a $100.00 late fee. Late affiliation will be accepted until February 1, 2020. We encourage you to affiliate early so that you can receive your new “Total TSA” which includes the current Competitive Events Guide, membership benefits and leadership activities and lessons.

1. **ON-LINE AFFILIATION:** To affiliate a chapter, go to the National TSA website at [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) and then click on “Join TSA or Manage My TSA.” You will be led through the on-line affiliation process. When you affiliate you will receive a free rule book and leadership lesson plans, but you will also be given the opportunity to purchase extra resources and publications via the on-line system (i.e. High School and Middle School Competitive Event Guides).

2. **MEMBERSHIP DUES.** TSA has unified membership. This means no one may be a member of TSA, or participate in TSA activities and conferences, without affiliating at the local, state and national level. Be sure to include dues for advisors and alumni. All students in your school who are taking or have taken a Technology Education/STEM/and or CTE course are eligible for membership.

3. **DUES STRUCTURE:** TSA offers three curriculum-integrated membership programs. Each chapter chooses the program that works best for them.

**Red Chapter Affiliation Program (Red CAP)**
A chapter affiliates **ten members** by paying a flat fee (additional members may be added during the year for a fee). The membership fee for Red CAP is $100 at the national level plus $70 state dues. **Total: $170 + $10/advisor and the $100 state fee.**

**White Chapter Affiliation Program (White CAP)**
A chapter affiliates **eleven or more members by paying a per member** White CAP fee for state and national dues. The membership fee for White CAP is $10 per member at the national level plus $7 state dues. **Total: $17 each + $10/advisor and the $100 state fee**

**Blue Chapter Affiliation Program (Blue CAP)**
A chapter affiliates **an unlimited number** of members in a school for a flat fee (typically effective when there are more than 50 or more chapter members). This option is popular in chapters where students rotate through a STEM class for a portion of the year to enable all students to be members. The membership fee for Blue CAP is $350 at the national level plus $300 state dues. **Total $650.00 + $10/advisor and the $100 state fee**

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4. The chapter affiliation program you choose must be the same at the state and national level. Red CAP chapters become White CAP chapters automatically when they affiliate eleven or more members. Red CAP or White CAP chapters may convert to Blue CAP at any time. TSA operates under a unified dues policy, whereby members must affiliate and pay applicable dues at the local, state and national level.

5. REVIVING A DORMANT CHAPTER: Often there are personnel changes at schools that cause the TSA Chapter at that school to disband or simply shut down due to a lack of a chapter sponsor or engineering & technology education program. TSA dues are based on annual membership dues payments. In cases where there has been a lapse in membership for a year or more, and the school wants to affiliate once again, the chapter sponsor should contact the National TSA Office and ask for Suzy Orr. Her email is sorr@tsaweb.org. She is the National TSA representative in charge of membership services. Give her the new information. A username and password will be issued to the new advisor for that school. Contact the State Advisor/Executive Director for assistance as well: executive.director@texastsa.org.

6. The deadline for on-time registration is November 15, 2019.

7. The absolute membership deadline is February 1, 2020 for a member to be able to participate at the State Conference. There will be a late fee of $100.00 assessed. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Cook, State Advisor/Executive Director at 972-528-9518 or executive.director@texastsa.org.

8. Chapters owing outstanding debt from previous year(s). If a chapter has a delinquent debt from previous events/conferences, that chapter will not be able to register for future events/conferences until the outstanding debt has been paid or arrangements with TX TSA have been made and approved by the Board of Directors.

9. National TSA has financial assistance available thru the Champion Fund for chapters who meet the following criteria:

   (1) A school that has never before had a TSA chapter and there is not school or community financial support available to pay for membership. This requires the principal’s signature for verification.

   (2) A school that has not had a TSA chapter for at least five years and there is not school or community financial support available to pay for membership. This requires the principal’s signature for verification.

   (3) A school that has had a TSA chapter within the last five years, but is currently experiencing economic hardship due to a natural disaster. This requires the principal’s signature.

If you wish to apply for the Champion Fund, please go to https://tsaweb.org/membership/champion-fund

Funds are available on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted. If you have any questions regarding this program, you may contact Pamela Cook, State Advisor/Executive Director at 972-528-9518 or executive.director@texastsa.org.
**Policies regarding finances, collections or registration deadlines**

**Affiliation Dues**
Affiliation and affiliation payment(s) are made directly to National Technology Student Association. Do not send affiliation payments to TX TSA.

**State Conferences Registration Payments**
TX TSA provides two in-state conferences during the school year. Each has posted registration and general conference information, what is included with the registration fee and deadlines prior to each conference. An invoice is automatically generated upon submission of conference registration. The deadline is clearly stated. Advisors may make changes up to the deadline. After the deadline passes, whatever has been entered at that point is automatically submitted. Conference space and purchases are made in good faith by TX TSA for all who are registered. Therefore, chapters are responsible for making full payment for the names that appear on the registration site after that date, whether they attend the specific conference or not.

Unless alternate arrangements have been made in writing with the Executive Director, payment of registration is expected to be received prior to the conference by mail.

**Delinquent Accounts**
Schools that are delinquent on previous invoices may not be allowed to register for the next conference until full payment has been received for the amount owed from the previous conference. Further punitive action will be determined by the TX TSA Board of Directors.
## 2019-2020 Event Calendar

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List of important Advisor Resources and where to find them

Information is one thing TX TSA is not short of. We have an outstanding source for 24/7 information access 24/7 through our website: www.texastsa.org. There is a separate link for advisors, where contact information, forms, conference information and professional sites can be reached at your convenience. New this year is a modified format for mobile devices.

The National Association website is where a chapter goes to affiliate and is full of invaluable information and resources. www.tsaweb.org. To register a new chapter or perform the annual affiliation requirements, go to: http://www.registermychapter.com/cta/nat/

Throughout the year, mass email messages, news, updates and opportunities are sent to everyone who is listed on STEM Community Forum. Contact your school or school system’s CTAE supervisor for more info about access to the STEM Community Forum. In addition to being a common link to our teachers/chapter advisors, the website offers access to professional development course opportunities. https://txcte.org/

Being involved in your professional associations, reaps many benefits, including: access to current trends and best practices, networking with exemplary professional in your field, annual conferences participation experience, workshops and a voice in legislative arenas, where budget decisions that affect you and your program, take place. It is a very beneficial and worthy use of your due money. The Texas Technology & Engineering Educators professional association has now merged with the Career & Technical Association of Texas. To join go to: http://www.ctat.org/page/techengcouncil
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You are represented on the national and international level by the International Technology & Engineering Educators Association: http://www.iteaconnect.org/. ITEEA offers affordable professional liability insurance as well as useful curriculum resources and networking opportunities with other members.
Two sources of information: National TSA website and Texas TSA website…check us out!

Go to www.tsaweb.org

Find TX TSA at www.texastsa.org
The state officer list is provided for your information. **State officers are available for visits to local chapters.**
If you’d like for one to visit your school, arrangements are made through the State Advisor/Executive Director, **903-754-2614**.

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Annual Events and Conferences

Texas TSA has a fun and busy year planned. Right at the start, TX TSA is working to provide meaningful and memorable experiences for its members!

Our annual Fall Leadership Conference is designed to provide Texas TSA members and advisors the opportunity to increase their leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills by attending hands-on workshops and general sessions. This conference also provides for chapter members and advisors to gain knowledge and skills in relation to our Competitive events Program by attending hands on workshops and sessions during the conference. Please look out for e-mails and watch the TX TSA website for up-to-date and additional information about Fall Leadership Conference.

Texas TSA's Annual State Conference program of leadership development and competitive events provide students 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 we will strive to meet four main goals that are consistent with the aptitudes, interests, and educational needs of our members. Please look out for e-mails and watch the TX TSA website for up-to-date and additional information about State Conference.

TSA members throughout the nation all agree that for them, the highlight of the school year is unquestionably, the annual National Technology Student Association Conference. This culminating event is packed with competitive events and challenging activities that foster personal growth and leadership development in addition to a chance to exhibit talents and win recognition at the national level. Held in late June, the TSA National Conferences which take place in a different city around the country each year. Each year TSA members compete against students from across the USA and even some international chapters as well as experience many more opportunities at the national conference. [http://www.tsaweb.org/]

In addition to the Conference opportunities, TX TSA has to offer, our membership also has other events to choose from to enrich their learning experience and challenge their minds.

The TSA VEX Robotics Competition engages middle and high school students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education through an exciting, head-to-head robotics contest that captures student attention and both enhances—and allows them to use—their skills in STEM areas. In addition, the competition complements the existing technology-related competitive events offered by TSA at both levels of instruction. Registered VEX teams are eligible to complete in nationwide VEX Qualifying Events and potentially qualify teams for the VEX World Championships held in Anaheim, California. [http://www.robotevents.com/]

TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) is an annual competition for middle and high school students designed to help them discover their potential for engineering. Using science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and 21st century learning skills, students work collaboratively to problem solve real-world engineering challenges. The TEAMS competition is based on annual theme. [http://tsaweb.org/TEAMS]
Please see the current version of the Texas TSA rulebook for a complete listing of UTE (Unique To Texas Events) and NQE (National Qualifying Events) for the 2019-2020 school year. The Texas TSA rulebook can be found at [http://www.texastsa.org/rulebook.htm](http://www.texastsa.org/rulebook.htm). For specific information regarding rules, scoring rubrics, etc for all NQE events, this information will be available for download as a pdf from the National TSA website after the Chapter has affiliated. NQE competitive events overview can be found on the National TSA website.

- High School Events: [http://www.tsaweb.org/High-School-Competitions](http://www.tsaweb.org/High-School-Competitions)
- Middle School Events: [http://www.tsaweb.org/Middle-School-Competitions](http://www.tsaweb.org/Middle-School-Competitions)

**LEAP Competition Engagement Component:**

Every TSA middle school and high school member is required to submit a LEAP (Leadership. Education. Achievement. Personal Growth.) resume as part of every competition in which they compete. Each LEAP resume tracks the leadership activities and experiences a TSA member has completed as part of each competition.

LEAP resumes for individual and team high school events are available via the links below and in the TSA Competitive Events Guides for the 2018 and 2019 National TSA Conferences. Participants who advance to the semifinalist level of an event will be required to participate in a LEAP interview.

TSA members are encouraged to use the free Student Leadership Challenge (SLC) sample resources, in addition to other TSA LEAP resources listed below, as they complete the new TSA competitive event LEAP leadership resume requirement for all TSA competitions. These free resources are applicable to all LEAP activities. Complete Student Leadership Challenge publications are available for purchase, but not required for participation in any aspect of LEAP.

In addition to the Unique to Texas Events (UTE) and the National Qualifying Events (NQE), TSA has teamed up with many STEM initiatives to offer a unique and challenging competitive event experience for all STEM students. Listed below are some of the initiatives TSA has partnered up to bring to our members:

- **Computer Science** [https://tsaweb.org/competitions-programs/tsa/computer-science](https://tsaweb.org/competitions-programs/tsa/computer-science)
- **TEAMS** [http://www.tsaweb.org/TEAMS_UNITE](http://www.tsaweb.org/TEAMS_UNITE)
- **VEX Robotics** [http://www.tsaweb.org/Vex-Robotics-Competition](http://www.tsaweb.org/Vex-Robotics-Competition)
- **UNITE** [http://www.tsaweb.org/TSA-UNITE](http://www.tsaweb.org/TSA-UNITE)
What is LEAP?

TSA’s leadership program, LEAP – which stands for “Leadership. Education. Achievement. Personal Growth.” is available to all members at no cost. The purpose of LEAP is to encourage students to be the best member they can be as they seek knowledge about themselves, the organization, and their community, while demonstrating leadership. LEAP is a customized program specifically developed for the Technology Student Association. LEAP brings to life the TSA motto, creed, and mission statement.

"Embrace every opportunity to be reflective, ethical, trustworthy, decisive, confident, optimistic, flexible, and innovative. Strive to know your resources, your community, your chapter, your state delegation, your technological skills, your responsibilities, and your organization. Accept the challenge to do things that support your goals. Communicate, motivate others, advocate for yourself and others, solve problems, think critically, think creatively, act with integrity, serve others, and be a lifelong learner."

How Does LEAP work?

TSA has used The Student Leadership Challenge – The Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader as its leadership on-site training model since 2010. LEAP embraces The Student Leadership Challenge and includes three opportunity tracks for TSA members:

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**LEAP Legacy Chapter**

LEAP Legacy Chapter is a great opportunity for chapters to show off leadership skills, compete against other chapters from around the nation, and win cash prizes for their school. Only one chapter from each state will get the chance to compete for the national LEAP Legacy Chapter title at the national TSA conference. Portfolio submissions are due March 30th.

**Professional On-site Training**

Chapter members will participate in the Student Leadership Challenge Experience – The Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader at the annual national TSA conference.

How to become a White Star Chapter . . .

1. Locate a prospective TSA chapter - a group of technology students in your community or state - which has not yet organized for TSA membership.

Talk to their teacher about TSA. Explain what TSA is, how a chapter works and how it will benefit the students. Describe your own activities as a TSA chapter. Arrange to hold an organizational program for new students.

When the new chapter organizes as a result of your efforts they need to contact State Advisor/Executive Director, Pamela Cook, by e-mail executive.director@texastsa.org in order for you to receive credit.

2. Fill out the White Star Application and mail to Texas TSA Office by February 1, 2020.

Why should yours be a White Star Chapter?

➢ Satisfaction . . .
You’ll be helping other technology education students to discover the fun and excitement of TSA membership.

➢ Accomplishment . . .
By starting new chapters, you’ve succeeded in spreading the word about TSA. And for your accomplishments, you’ll receive recognition at the Fall TSA Conference.

➢ Awards . . .
Once you do start new chapters, you’ll be eligible to receive a certificate for your chapter and white star lapel pins for your chapter officers and advisor.

Note: This is a Texas TSA awards program, not a national awards program.
White Star Chapter Application Form

Mail to: Texas TSA * 3605 Tierra Calida Drive, El Paso, TX 79938

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Celebrate TSA Week and Promote Your Chapter
October 7-11, 2019

**National TSA Week**, set for **October 7-11, 2019**, is a great opportunity for your chapter to create awareness of TSA in your school and community, and to showcase your activities and accomplishments. **National TSA Week** is about TSA student members and the hard work TSA chapters are doing while "learning to lead in a technical world." Check out 10 Ways to Celebrate National TSA Week. In addition, incorporate the official 2019-2020 TSA hashtag **#TSAnow** in your TSA-related posts, and as you follow the themes for each day of National TSA Week:

- **Membership Monday**: Share the accomplishments of your TSA chapter.
- **Teammate Tuesday**: Post a photo of you and your chapter teammate(s), perhaps attending a conference, working together on a competition, conducting a meeting, participating in a leadership session or community service, etc.
- **Why TSA Wednesday**: Why are you a part of TSA?
- **Throwback Thursday**: Post a favorite TSA photo of you and/or your chapter from your early years in TSA, perhaps attending your first TSA conference or working on your first competition.
- **Forever TSA Friday**: Post a collage of your TSA chapter photos.

**In addition**:

- Share the [TSA Week Proclamation](https).
- Use the National TSA Week Press Release Template to create a press release to send to your local media and school system. Send resulting media coverage links to skamath@tsaweb.org. Write "National TSA Week" in the email subject line. Share your National TSA Week photos on your TSA chapter’s social media pages; tag @nationalTSA #NationalTSAWeek.
- Follow @nationalTSA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Do NOT include content as defined by the disclaimer below:
  - abusive or hurtful comments about a user or another participant;
  - off-topic and other comments (this includes promotion or solicitation of events, groups, pages, websites, organizations, products and programs not related to or affiliated with TSA);
  - comments that use profanity, foul language, abusive language or "hate speech" (for example, including but not limited to racial, ethnic or gender-bashing language);
  - private, personal information published without consent;
  - comments that violate the privacy of any individual;
  - material that is unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, abusive, slanderous, hateful or embarrassing to any person or entity as determined by TSA.
Texas Technology Student Association
Personal Liability / Medical Release / Photograph Release

All children, students, and adults who attend any Texas TSA Conference require this form. No conference attendee is allowed to participate unless Texas TSA receives this form.

Please make a copy of this completed form for your records. Parents and chapter advisor: __________________________

Name_________________________________________ Home phone ________________________________

Student cell ___________________________ Parent cell ________________________________

Home address_________________________ City/State/Zip ________________________________

Student date of birth _____________________

Advisor _______________________ School ___________________ School phone _____________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION (children and students only)

1. Allergies (drug or otherwise) ____________________________________________________________

2. Current medication ______________________________________________________________________

3. Describe any history of heart condition, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, or rheumatic fever, etc.

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4. Physician’s name ___________________________ Physician’s telephone ________________________

“I hereby agree to release the Texas Technology Student Association, its representatives, agents, servants and employees from liability for any injury to above named person at any time while attending the Texas TSA Activity, including travel to and from the conference, excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts of such representatives, agents, servants, and employees.”

“I do voluntarily authorize the Texas Technology Student Association’s local chapter advisors, state advisor, assistants and/or designees to administer and/or obtain routine or emergency medical treatment for the above-named person as deemed necessary in medical judgment.”

“I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Texas Technology Student Association and/or assistants and designees for any and all claims, demands, actions, rights of action, or judgments by or on behalf of the above named person arising from or on account of said procedures or treatment rendered in good faith and according to accepted medical standards.”

“I hereby authorize any physician member of the Department of Emergency Medicine of an accredited hospital or any member of the medical staff of an accredited hospital to render medical treatment, which in his/her judgment is deemed necessary in the care of the above named person (child or student) while attending the Texas TSA Activity, including time traveling to and from the conference.”

“I permit Texas TSA to use video footage and photographs of my child for publicity that might include but is not limited to: website, powerpoint presentations, promotional videos, flyers or news publications.”

_____________________________________________ ________________________________
Printed name and signature of parent or guardian (if child or student) Date

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Printed name and participant’s or advisor’s signature Date

A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT BY THE STATE AND CHAPTER ADVISORS AT THE CONFERENCE AND GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AUTHORITIES IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.
Lone Star Degree Level Requirements:
Pass the Texas TSA Knowledge Test with at least a 75

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Pass the Texas TSA Knowledge Test with at least an 80

Highlights from TSA and Texas TSA:

- During its existence, the student organization has operated under two names: Technology Students Association and the Industrial Arts Student Association.

- The Texas Industrial Arts Students Association (TIASA) was officially organized in 1958, with the state office located in Snyder, Texas. The state office moved to the Texas Education agency in Austin in 1966. In 1969 the state office moved to Texas A&M University.

- W.A. Mayfield served as the first state advisor for TIASA.

- Texas A&M University was the site of the first State Industrial Arts Fair held in 1959.

- The first national officers elected were all from Texas.

- In 1964, TIASA published the first edition of the TIASA Newsletter.

- TIASA became affiliated with the American Industrial Arts Students Association, Inc. in 1963. AIASA filed for a corporate charter in 1977 as an independent non-profit organization. In 1988, the association voted to change its name from AIASA to the Technology Student Association (TSA).

- On 5-2-87, in Waco, TX delegates voted to change the name of the Texas organization to the Texas Technology Students Association.

- A minimum of 10 members is needed to affiliate a chapter with the state and national associations.
  - The annual deadline for initial rosters for national and state affiliation is November 15th.
  - The official supplier of TSA paraphernalia is the E group.
  - The national TSA website address is www.tsaweb.org.
  - TSA membership is composed of over 100,000 elementary, middle, and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 45 states.
  - White Star Chapters help new chapters get established.

- Red Chapter Affiliation Program (Red CAP)
  A chapter affiliates up to ten members by paying a flat fee (additional members may be added during the year for a fee). The membership fee for Red CAP is $100 at the national level plus $70 state dues.

- White Chapter Affiliation Program (White CAP)
  A chapter affiliates eleven or more members by paying a per member White CAP fee for state and national dues. The membership fee for White CAP is $10 per member at the national level $7 plus state dues.
• **Blue Chapter Affiliation Program (Blue CAP)**
  A chapter affiliates an unlimited number of members in a school for a flat fee (typically effective when there are more than 25 members). This option is popular in chapters where students rotate through a STEM class for a portion of the year to enable all students to be members. The membership fee for Blue CAP is $350 at the national level plus $250 state level cap.

• All chapter activities come under one of four divisions: community, school, chapter, and fund raising.

• There are 4 types of membership: Regular active membership, Alumni Association, Honorary Life membership, and Professional memberships.

• There are 2 types of meetings: Regular meetings and called meetings.

• Each local association is entitled to two delegates for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business of the state association.

• A chapter may nominate a maximum of two candidates for state office. Graduating seniors are not eligible to hold state office.

**National TSA Week is October 7 - 11, 2019.**

**The National and Texas TSA Service Project is American Cancer Society.**

**Recommended chapter items:** Only currently affiliated chapters may use association symbols or paraphernalia.

1. An American and a Texas flag
2. State and National Handbooks for officers and advisors
3. Chapter emblem or banner
4. Official symbols mounted on a stand for each officer - must include gavel and block.
   Drawings that illustrate shape and size of office symbols can be requested from the National Office.
5. Treasurer’s Record Book and/or Check Book
6. A Chapter’s Record Book
7. Secretary’s Permanent Minutes Book
8. Charter, framed
9. Creed, framed
10. Motto, framed
11. Code of Ethics, framed

**Code of Ethics**

We will conduct ourselves in such a manner as to be a credit to our organization, our school, and our community at all times by:

1. Respecting the rights of others.
2. Respecting the property of others.
3. Practicing courtesy at all times.
4. Being honest and sincere.
5. Being conscious of our personal appearance and dressing appropriately.
6. Taking pride in our organization and its work.
7. Controlling self, behavior, and language.
8. Respecting the other person’s opinions and being tactful with criticisms.
9. Demonstrating good sportsmanship and fair play in all competitive activities.
10. Sharing educational experiences.

**TSA Motto**

“Learning to Lead in a Technical World”

**TSA Creed**

I believe that Technology Education holds an important place in my life in the Technical world. I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation, and processes of industry.
Guided by my teachers, artisans from the industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, state, and nation better places to live.

I will accept the responsibilities that are mine. I will accept the theories that are supported by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safer, more effective methods of working and living.

I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals.

Through the work of my hands and mind, I will express my ideas to the best of my ability. I will make it my goal to do better each day the task before me, and to be steadfast in my belief in my God and fellow Americans.

**Goals of Technology Education**

Because technology is an integral part of the American culture, it is necessary for schools to provide students with an appreciation and understanding of the role and dynamics of technology in our society. Technology springs from the human abilities to reason, solve problems, create, construct, and use materials imaginatively. The study of technology, integrated into the school curricula, promotes the development of these abilities and prepares students for a fulfilled and responsible adulthood.

Technology Education goals at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, focus on students acquiring specific abilities and perspectives.

1. Through the use of tools, materials, and the design and technology process, student learning at the elementary level will be enhanced and contribute to overall personal development and technological awareness.
2. Students at the middle school level will gain a greater understanding of technology’s role in contemporary society, including future career opportunities and related programs of study.
3. Technological skills and knowledge attained by students at the high school level will yield occupational readiness, consumer awareness, and personal enrichment.
4. Student members of TSA will develop leadership skills, pride in work well done, and high standards of technical ability, scholarship, and safety.

**Purposes of TSA**

- The Technology Student Association’s constitution identifies the general and specific purposes of TSA.
- TSA provides opportunities for LEADERSHIP development and training. Through individual and group action, members develop the ability to plan, organize, and carry out worthy activities and projects together. Emphasis is placed on personal development, civic consciousness, scholastic motivation, and community involvement.
- TSA promotes TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION in the school, community, state, and nation. Members help technology education become ever more viable and effective as an integral part of the total education system.
- TSA increases the KNOWLEDGE and broadens the understanding of its members. Members better understand the technical society in which we live by becoming aware and informed of new developments in technology.
- TSA inspires students to RESPECT the dignity of technology in our society. Members learn to cooperate in order to obtain quality results in individual and chapter activities and projects.
- TSA encourages scholastic MOTIVATION in its members. By providing opportunities to integrate and use the knowledge and skills of other educational disciplines, members become interested in learning.
- TSA assists members in making informed and meaningful career CHOICES. Members receive career information and instruction pertaining to a broad range of occupations through general program activities and local guidance and counseling. Career awareness is accomplished through exploratory experiences in classrooms, laboratories, and observations in business and industry.
Official Dress
- Blazer – Navy Blue with TSA patch
- Shirt or Blouse – Official Blue Button Up
- Shoes – Black
- Tie or equivalent – Scarlet (red)
- Pants or Skirt – Light Gray
- Socks – Black (female – clear hose)

Official dress for casual occasions: TSA windbreaker, sweater, and/or letter jacket

TSA Colors
Scarlet (red): represents the strength and determination of the Technology Education students and teachers to obtain their goals.

White: represents the high standards, morals, and religious beliefs we hold.

Navy Blue: represents the sincerity of Technology Education students and teachers in obtaining greater knowledge of our technical world.

Gray: represents the masses of laborers who work each day so that our nation will stand strong, and who prove that there is dignity in work.

Logo/Emblem
The Texas TSA Emblem consists of the outline map of the state of Texas in blue. The red delta wings symbolize the forward look of a technical age and the learning process in a technical world. The symbol reminds us of the vast amount of knowledge contained in the fields of industry, technology and education.

The National TSA Emblem
The TSA emblem is a registered trademark of the Technology Student Association, Inc. All member and advisor are responsible for its proper use and display. The emblem is symbolic of the association’s commitment to modern technology and its impact on the future. The letters of the emblem mean the following:
“T” represents all facets of technology and its contribution to making America the great country that it is today.
“S” represents the students of the organization and is a symbol of strength, structure, and the cooperative efforts necessary in achieving the association’s goals.
“A” represents the association and its local, regional, state and national activities.

National TSA Recognition Programs

TSA Advisor of the Year
The TSA Advisor of the Year Award gives TSA chapter presidents and members, working with state advisors, the opportunity to recognize the work of their chapter advisor that makes the chapter a success. Advisor activities in the classroom and at local, state, and national levels are reviewed. A chapter advisor receiving the award might also demonstrate considerable skill in promoting TSA and in facilitating and recognizing accomplishments of students.

Dr. Harvey Dean Outstanding Recognition Award
Named after Dr. Harvey Dean of Kansas. This award is presented to an individual, organization, or business that has provided valued service to TSA and has contributed to TSA’s growth.

Distinguished Service Award
The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award is selected on the basis of valued service to TSA.
Both past and present contributions are considered (as verified by responsible parties)

Dr Bob Hanson Distinguished Student Award
The recipient of the Distinguished Student Award is selected on the basis of valued service to the community and to TSA. Both past and present contributions are considered (as verified by responsible parties).

Distinguished Alumni Award
The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to a TSA alumni based on his or her demonstrated commitment and service to TSA beyond high school graduation.
Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award
The highest recognition award in TSA. It is given to an individual who has supported TSA in significant ways for a minimum of five years and who can be expected to have continued interest in TSA and its activities.

State Advisor of the Year
The State Advisor of the Year is presented to a TSA state advisor who has provided exemplary service and support to TSA for the last three years only.

TSA Technology Honor Society
The Technology Honor Society is designed to recognize students who excel in academics, leadership, and service toward their school and community. It provides an opportunity for student members to be recognized for their efforts and is designed to recognize TSA members who exemplify the high ideals of academics.

The William P. Elrod Memorial Scholarship
This $3,500 scholarship has been made available through funds dedicated to the memory of William P. Elrod. Mr. Bill Elrod, a founding father of TSA, passed away on April 3, 1990. Bill was the chapter advisor of Madison HS TSA in Madison, Kansas; a previous Kansas TSA state advisor; the Kansas TSA, Inc. corporate member; a former member of the TSA, Inc. Board of Directors and the former TSA national advisor and national assistant advisor. The scholarship is awarded each year to a TSA college or Vo/tech School bound student in good academic standing for outstanding service in the field of technology.

LEAP Legacy Chapter
LEAP Legacy Chapter is a comprehensive leadership recognition program offered to middle and high school chapters as an optional national TSA activity that includes a competition component. Chapters demonstrate – and are evaluated on – their involvement in LEAP activities related to The Student Leadership Challenge-Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader (SLC-Five Practices)*.

LEAP – Leadership, Education, Achievement, Personal Growth
TSA’s leadership program, LEAP – which stands for “Leadership. Education. Achievement. Personal Growth.” is available to all members at no cost. The purpose of LEAP is to encourage students to be the best member they can be as they seek knowledge about themselves, the organization, and their community, while demonstrating leadership. LEAP is a customized program specifically developed for the Technology Student Association. LEAP brings to life the TSA motto, creed, and mission statement.

"Embrace every opportunity to be reflective, ethical, trustworthy, decisive, confident, optimistic, flexible, and innovative. Strive to know your resources, your community, your chapter, your state delegation, your technological skills, your responsibilities, and your organization. Accept the challenge to do things that support your goals. Communicate, motivate others, advocate for yourself and others, solve problems, think critically, think creatively, act with integrity, serve others, and be a lifelong learner."

The LEAP leadership programs is comprised of three components: (1) Personal Growth thru the five practices of the Student Leadership Challenge, (2) Competition engagement component thru the documentation and development of the LEAP resume highlighting the leadership activities and experiences a TSA member has completed as part of each competition, (3) Chapter accomplishment component thru the Leap Legacy Chapter recognition.

The Student Leadership Challenge – Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader

1. Model The Way – Focuses on personal-best leadership experiences and examines the role of values in leadership.
2. Inspire A Shared Vision – Setting of long term goals, envisioning what the end result might look like and communicating that vision to empower others.
3. Challenge The Process – Recognize how to be proactive in a healthy, positive way in order to promote leadership growth and organizational development.
4. Enable Others To Act – Examine the relationship between motivation and leadership in order to move the team forward towards accomplishing goals.
5. Encourage The Heart – Identify strategies to encourage and support others. Understanding the impact of recognition on others’ self-esteem and performance.