Back to School Guide
2021 - 2022
Welcome to a new school year with North Carolina TSA. In this guide, you will find important information to kick-start your year. Please print the TSA calendar and post it somewhere in your room. We have a jammed packed calendar with exciting opportunities that we do not want you and your student members to miss.

For the most up to date information please visit the North Carolina TSA website at [www.nctsa.org](http://www.nctsa.org) or follow us on Instagram @northcarolinatsa.

The Officer Team wants to put the **SPOTLIGHT on YOUR CHAPTER** this fall on Instagram and Facebook. Send us your school name, at least one picture from one of your first chapter meetings (be sure to include the group if possible) and what you are looking forward to most this year in TSA. Each chapter that submits an entry will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party for their chapter during December courtesy of NCTSA.

Send your photos, school name and comments to stateadvisor@nctsa.org or officeradvisor@nctsa.org

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Section One: Why Join & Chapter Affiliation Information

Why Join?

The Technology Student Association (TSA) provides student members the opportunity to explore a wide variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and career-interest areas.

All TSA middle school competitions and high school competitions are correlated with national STEM standards and can be integrated into and enhance STEM curriculum. Participation in TSA competitions allows TSA members to apply technology and engineering skills in challenging and innovative ways. Working individually or as a team, TSA members are motivated by the inspiration and enthusiasm gained from being recognized for the successful application of those skills.

Benefits of membership include:

- 73 traditional competitive events
- Monthly warm-up challenges to enhance competitions
- Member-of-the-month recognition
- Career awareness opportunities
- 21st century leadership skills activities
- Online pop up events - such as speakers, podcasts, videos, virtual field trips
- Technology literacy development
- National service project
- Networking activities
- Scholarship and award opportunities
- Local, state, and national competitions
Who Can Join!

Any student who has taken or is currently taking a technology related course.

1. Chapters must have student members to affiliate with TSA.
2. Chapter membership type (Red CAP, White CAP or Blue CAP) must be the same at both the state and national levels.
3. A student may belong to only one local chapter and to only one state TSA delegation.
4. TSA membership must be affiliated through a local state-registered education district. "Home-schooled" students may only become members through an agreement with one affiliated chapter.
5. Advisors of TSA chapters must be registered state-certified educators working in existing school facilities. It is recommended that a science, technology, engineering or mathematics teacher serve as a TSA chapter advisor. However, some other state-certified educator may be appointed by the school's principal. The appointed advisor has the same rights and privileges of any advisor as long as he/she maintains the chapter in good standing.
6. The chapter level (middle school or high school) is designated by the chapter advisor when affiliating each year.
7. Two schools may not combine to form one chapter at the same level or different levels. Each school must have a separate affiliated chapter.
8. A member may only belong to a TSA chapter where he or she attends school, unless they are home-schooled (per the policy in #4 above).
2021–2022 TSA Chapter Affiliation

Membership in TSA runs for each school year. The term of the 2021-2022 TSA membership begins when a chapter is affiliated, and ends at the conclusion of the 2022 National TSA Conference on June 30, 2022.

TSA offers three, curriculum-integrated membership programs. Chapters choose the program that works best for them:

**Red Chapter Affiliation Program (Red CAP)**

A chapter affiliates up to 10 members by paying a flat fee (additional members may be added during the year for a fee). The membership fee for Red CAP is $120 at the national level, plus $60 state dues.

**White Chapter Affiliation Program (White CAP)**

A chapter affiliates 11 or more members by paying a per member fee for state and national dues. The membership fee for White CAP is $12 per member at the national level, plus $6 state dues.

**Blue Chapter Affiliation Program (Blue CAP)**

A chapter affiliates an unlimited number of members in a school for a flat fee. This option is popular among 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 $400 at the national level, plus $0 state dues.

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 11 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. Click [here](#) for a list of state dues.
Benefits of TSA affiliation:

- Streamlined access to the competitive event guides
- Customized leadership materials
- Chapter management tools
- Student member portal
- Opportunities to compete at the local, state, and national levels

Expediting Affiliation

Credit card payment is preferred and will ensure immediate chapter affiliation. Paying by check through a purchase order may take up to several weeks to process. To expedite chapter affiliation if paying by check, send a scanned copy of the check to register@tsaweb.org prior to it being sent to national TSA.

Note: TSA chapter affiliation is not complete until national TSA receives payment or an approved purchase order for payment.

How to Affiliate:

Go to the TSA Membership System: https://tsamembership.registermychapter.com or click on join in the top right hand corner of the TSA Website

For returning chapter advisors, log into your chapter site using your existing Chapter ID/Username and password to proceed with online affiliation. To reset your password, select the blue Forgot Password bar.

For all others, click on the red Chapter Membership bar and select one of the following options:

- **Request a login for a new chapter** (The chapter was not affiliated for last school year.)
  - Follow the on-screen instructions. You will be required to create a password to set up the chapter login.
  - You will receive a confirmation email with your Chapter ID/Username and newly-created password to log into your chapter advisor site to affiliate. Instructions for completing online affiliation will be included in the confirmation email.

- **Request a login for a new advisor for an existing chapter** (The chapter was affiliated for last school year.)
○ Complete your name and email address, and select your state and school from the dropdown menu
○ You will be contacted with your chapter login information.

**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. Provide her with new information and she will guide you through the process.

**When to affiliate:**

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. Please know though you may affiliate your chapter or add additional members to your roster at any time during the year.

Once affiliated, the competitive event guide and other chapter resources will be accessible via the Total TSA tab on the chapter dashboard

Chapter Advisor User Guides are available in the Quick Links/Help tab in your account dashboard.

***** NC TSA Request for Blue CAP chapters:*****

When you upload your roster, you should list all students that are enrolled in the Technology and/or Engineering related classes offered at your school during the entire year, including all students in multi-teacher programs. In addition, you also count the members of TSA that are not currently enrolled in those classes. Chapters larger than 350 will be recognized at the State and National TSA Conference.

**Deadline to Affiliate**

The membership deadline is April 6, 2022 for a member to be able to participate at the State Conference. The deadlines reflect the necessary turn-around time between adding a new name to your roster and it being posted on the National TSA Database, which is used to populate our NCTSA Event Management System. If you have any
problems or questions, please contact Jerianne Taylor, State Executive Director at 336-692-4794 or stateadvisor@nctsa.org.

Chapters with Outstanding Debts
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 NC TSA have been made and approved by the NC TSA Board of Directors.

If paying with a check for affiliation, please mail check to:
Technology Student Association
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191-1540
Section Two: NC TSA Policies Regarding Payments, Collections, Registration Deadlines, etc.

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

State Conferences Registration Payments
NC TSA provides four in-state conferences during the school year. Each conference poste registration costs, general conference information, what is included with the registration and deadlines prior to the event.

Registration for NC TSA sponsored events is handled through our registermychapter.com site or google forms. An invoice is automatically generated upon submission of state conference registration. The deadline for payment is clearly stated.

Advisors may make changes up to the deadline and after the deadline passes, whatever has been entered at that point is automatically submitted. Conference space and purchases are made in good faith by NC TSA for all who are registered. Therefore, chapters are responsible for making full payment for the names that appear on the registration site after registration closes and any additional fees associated with the chapter, 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 way of the following address:
NC TSA
c/o Dr. Jerianne Taylor
292 Ridgefield Road
Boone, North Carolina 28607

Do not send NC TSA Conference Registration payments to the National TSA.

National Conference registration payments should be made to the National TSA.

Delinquent Accounts Schools that are delinquent on previous invoices may not be allowed to affiliate or 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 NC TSA Board of Directors.
Section Three: NC TSA Policies Regarding Code of Conduct and Dress at NC TSA Sponsored Events

**Letter of Justification to Administrators - Template**
Please read through the required forms below. Some may need to be reviewed with attendees whereas others need to be signed, completed, and turned in to the appropriate party.

**Attendee Code of Conduct**
Should be reviewed and accepted by each attendee prior to the conference.

**CTSO Multiple Release Form**
Must be completed by each attendee and collected by the Chapter Advisor.
PDF w/ Fillable Fields (Download and open w/ Adobe Acrobat to see fields)

**Zero Tolerance Abuse Policy**
Should be reviewed and accepted by each attendee prior to the conference.

**Chapter Certification Form**
This form is required in order to participate in conference activities including, but not limited to, the preliminary round, semi finalist interviews, on-site events, general sessions, and breakout/interest sessions. Only one form needs to be completed per chapter per event.

Completed Chapter Certification Forms must be submitted here by February 1, 2022 for Regional Conferences and April 1, 2022 for State Conference.

If the Chapter Certification Form is not received by the deadline, chapters may not participate in Regional or State Conference activities, including the preliminary round, until it is received.
Dress Code
Chapter Advisors and chaperones are responsible for seeing that all TSA student members wear appropriate attire as the different occasions may require. Adults are also expected to dress appropriately for all TSA occasions they attend.

*If participating in virtual events, please be conscious of your attire that will be seen while on camera.*

Please consider the following guidelines:

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<td>● Official TSA attire may be purchased online via the <a href="#">TSA Store</a></td>
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*Please note that smart and business casual attire are an exception made at North Carolina TSA State Conference only. This exception will not be made if and when attending and competing at National TSA Conference.*

**BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE**
Examples: blouse, polo, button-up, sweater, blazer, slacks, chinos, skirt, flats, loafers, dress shoes

**SMART CASUAL ATTIRE**
Examples: TSA or school spirit t-shirt, sweatshirt, non-ripped jeans, pants, skirt, sneakers, sandals

**UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**
Examples: sleeveless tops, ripped jeans, leggings, sweatpants, shorts, flip-flops
Section Four: Champion Fund - National TSA

When paying for TSA membership dues poses a challenge, the Champion Fund may provide an opportunity to bring TSA to middle schools and high schools. Through the Champion Fund, Red CAP membership costs (up to 10 members and one advisor) for approved schools are covered for one school year. Newly-affiliated chapters can discover all that TSA membership has to offer, including a wide range of challenging STEM-related competitions, and education, leadership, and career resources.

Your school may be eligible if the school:

1. has never had a TSA chapter and there is no school or community financial support available to pay membership dues.
2. has not had a TSA chapter for at least three years and there is no school or community financial support available to pay membership dues.
3. has had a TSA chapter within the last three years, but currently is experiencing economic hardship because of a disaster.

Submitted applications are reviewed by a committee to determine eligibility and are processed on a first come, first served basis depending upon available funding. All applications require a principal's signature. Schools receiving financial support from the Champion Fund are kept anonymous.

Apply

Click here for the Champion Fund application. Completed applications may be emailed to Membership Manager Suzy Orr.

Donate

Through your donations, the Champion Fund continues to help start TSA chapters at schools with financial considerations. Tax deductible donations may be made by individuals (such as members, officers, advisors, alumni, or parents), local chapters, state delegations, schools, communities, businesses, or other individuals or groups. Donors will receive an electronic receipt.

Click here to make your online contribution.

For more information about the Champion Fund, contact Suzy Orr.
Champion Fund honoring Kathleen Squibb - North Carolina TSA

NCTSA currently has funds available for eligible schools to encourage membership growth and pay affiliation. The funds are designed for Red or White CAP chapters moving to Blue CAP affiliation. The NCTSA Champion Fund is made possible through the donations of individuals, schools and businesses.

Eligibility: The school has an established TSA chapter and there is no school or community financial support for affiliation. This requires the principal's signature for verification.
The school is actively involved in NCTSA.
The chapter is working to increase its membership.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A maximum of $250 will be awarded to the school.

Applications are due on or before December 1.

If you have any questions regarding the NCTSA Champion Fund, please contact Dr. Jerianne Taylor at stateadvisor@nctsa.org.

Link to apply for the NCTSA Champion Fund
## Section Five: 2021 - 2022 Program of Work and Calendar of Events

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North Carolina Technology Student Association: Discover Your Journey
http://nctsa.org/
@northcarolinatsa
Section Six: Advisor Resource Sites
List of Important Advisor Resources and Where to Find Them

Information is one thing NC TSA is not short of. We have an outstanding source for 24/7 information access 24/7 through our website: http://nctsa.org/
There you will find a list of all chapters and advisors, our Annual Program of Work Calendar, contact information, conference and competitive event information and news can be reached at your convenience. We are also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at North Carolina TSA. Be sure to like our page and follow us.

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

Throughout the year, be on the lookout for group email messages, news, updates and opportunities are sent to everyone who is listed on NC CTE Moodle Site (North Carolina’s Career, Technical and Education Site). Contact your school or school system’s CTE supervisor or Kim Forbesto make sure that your email address is listed and correct so you don’t miss important information. In addition to being a common link to our teachers/chapter advisors, the website offers access to professional development course opportunities. https://center.ncsu.edu/nccte-moodle/

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 dues money. The Technology, Engineering and Design Education professional association (NCTEDEA) can be reached by visiting: http://nctede.weebly.com/

You are represented on the national and international level by the International Technology & Engineering Educators Association: http://www.iteaconnect.org/ and the Association for Career and Technical Education: https://www.acteonline.org/. ITEEA offers affordable professional liability insurance & an awards program designed for technology education as well as useful curriculum resources and networking opportunities with other members. TSA Advisors receive a Membership Discount. ACTE serves as the voice of Career and Technical Education. ACTE offers affordable
professional liability insurance & an awards program designed for CTE as well as useful professional development resources and networking opportunities with other members.

Technology, Engineering and Design Education in North Carolina is one of the Career Pathways and has an affiliate in the North Carolina Association of Career & Technical Education. http://www.ncacteonline.org/index.html. Duesaffiliate you with ACTE, NCACTE and NCTEDEA. Your interests are represented by a lobbyist at the capital.

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction – Computer Science and Information Technology: Program Areas | NC DPI

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction - Trade, Technology, Engineering and Industrial Education: Program Areas | NC DPI
Section Seven: National & State TSA Websites & Social Media

The National Website is packed with information to help your chapter be successful. Go to http://tsaweb.org/

Be sure to check out the following pages:

- [Chapter Affiliation](#)
- [Champion Fund](#)
- [High School Competitive Events](#) provides an overview of the high school competitive events.
- [Middle School Competitive Events](#) provides an overview of the middle school competitive events.
- [Themes and Problems](#) provides annual themes and problems for select events.
- [Competition Updates](#) provides competition updates at the national level.
- **TSA Toolkit**: The Technology Student Association (TSA) offers many ways to help members, officers, chapter and state advisors, and others promote the TSA brand. This link contains some tools you can download and print—or share the link to—that can reinforce your efforts in chapter promotion and support, career paths, and more:
The North Carolina TSA website provides information specific to NCTSA events and programs including but not limited to:

- Upcoming Events
- Regional Conference
- State Conference
- Leadership Series
- State Officers / Chapters and Board of Directors
- Chapter Resources

The 2021 - 2022 North Carolina TSA Advisor Folder provides information specific to regional and state competitions and eligibility.
Section Eight: 2021 - 2022 NCTSA Leadership Series

Traditionally, NCTSA hosts an in-person fall leadership rally as a way for students to come together and build on their leadership skills together. However, to accommodate for the pandemic, we have split the leadership rally into six distinct virtual sessions, with each focusing on a different skill set. These meetings will be held every other Friday, and our first meeting will be on the 10th of September.

The NCTSA officers will also be hosting a back-to-school game night on Friday, September 3rd at 7:30pm. All students are welcome, and we hope to start this school year off with some fun!

Link: [https://meet.google.com/gqy-uiki-aya](https://meet.google.com/gqy-uiki-aya)

Please send this link out to the members in your chapter so that they can participate with NCTSA.

Upcoming events for the Fall Leadership Series

- 9/10 - The Key to Communication
- 9/24 - Team Order
- 10/8 - Maximizing your Leadership
- 10/22 - Presentation Title
- 11/5 - Giving Back
- 11/19 - Moving Forward
Section Nine: 2021 - 2022 Regional and State Conference Information

NC TSA has a fun and busy year planned. Right at the start, NCTSA is working to provide meaningful and memorable experiences for its members! First, attend the Fall Leadership Series online. This conference is a chance for your students to take ownership of their chapter and annual program of work (POW). Aside from creating and planning a detailed POW chapters will participate in team building exercises and develop 21st Century Skills. The Leadership Series is a great opportunity for the local chapters to bond and take their leadership experiences back with them to their local school. For more information and registration details please see Section Eight and look for information about the event on our website.

NC TSA's Regional Conference program of leadership development and competitive events provide students opportunities beyond the traditional classroom/laboratory setting. Held in various locations across the state in February, our Competitive Events Program provides a platform for our student members to display the aptitudes, interests, and talents gained through our Technology – Related Courses. Chapters prepare for the state conference and gain valuable feedback from the judges. In addition, medals are awarded for each of the events. Find details and registration information at: [http://ncta.org/nc-regionals/](http://ncta.org/nc-regionals/).

NC TSA's Annual State Conference program of leadership development and competitive events provide students opportunities beyond the traditional classroom/laboratory setting. Held in April at Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro, our Competitive Events Program provides a platform for our student members to display the aptitudes, interests, and talents gained through our Technology – Related Courses. Chapters go for individual event trophies as well as the overall Outstanding Chapter Title. Find details and registration information at: [http://ncta.org/nc-states/](http://ncta.org/nc-states/).

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/](http://www.tsaweb.org/)

In addition to the Conference opportunities NCTSA has to offer, our membership also has other Signature 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 compete in nationwide VEX Qualifying Events and potentially qualify teams for the VEX World Championships. [http://www.robotevents.com/](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://teams.tsaweb.org/](http://teams.tsaweb.org/)

Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) is a free educational program for 5th through 8th grade students where students design, build and race solar powered cars using hands-on engineering skills and principles of science and math. Students develop teamwork and problem solving abilities,
investigate environmental issues, and gain hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills to create the fastest, most interesting, and best crafted vehicle possible. JSS is designed to support the instruction of STEM in categories such as alternative fuels, engineering design, and aerodynamics. Students who are part of a registered Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter or who compete at an approved Army host site are eligible to compete in JSS. Teams must follow the official TSA middle school competition rules when competing in JSS. For more information, http://www.usaeop.com/programs/competitions/jss

Applications will open for Unite 2022 in February 2022. At that time, contact the site director at the university of your choice listed below to apply to the four-to-six week, pre-collegiate, academic summer program for talented high school students from groups historically underserved in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

Funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) and administered by the Technology Student Association (TSA), Unite is designed to encourage and help prepare students to pursue college-level studies, and ultimately, STEM Careers in fields such as engineering. See the 2018 and 2019 Unite albums. Scroll to the bottom of this webpage to view other press releases; Unite in the Spotlight; AEOP Blogs on Unite; and AEOP Unite Alumni Profiles.
Section Ten: National TSA Week 2021 & TSA Advisor Appreciation Week 2022

National TSA Week, set for October 4-8, 2021, is a great opportunity for your chapter to create awareness of the Technology Student Association 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 2021-2022 TSA hashtag, #TeamTSA in your TSA-related posts, and as you follow the themes for each day of National TSA Week: My Chapter Monday /Team TSA Tuesday / Welcome Wednesday/Throwback Thursday /Fashion Friday
Be sure to use #TogetherTSA @northcarolinatsa in all of your posts!

In addition: Share the TSA Week Proclamation. Use the National TSA Week Press Release Template to create a press release to send to your local media and school system. Share your National TSA Week photos on your TSA chapter’s social media pages; tag @nationalTSA #NationalTSAWeek. Follow @nationalTSA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
Technology Student Association Advisor Appreciation Week is February 7-11, 2022

Let your TSA advisor know how much you appreciate all they do for your chapter. Here are "10 Ways to Celebrate TSA Advisor Appreciation Week":

1. Consider bringing snacks each day of the week for your advisor.
2. Express your chapter's appreciation for your advisor during school announcements, a chapter meeting, or a school board meeting by presenting your advisor with a thank you card signed by each chapter member, chapter officer, and school administrators ...
3. ... or this downloadable, fillable TSA Advisor Appreciation Certificate on which you can type your advisor's name, chapter name, and date; and print and request a write-in signature from your TSA chapter president.
4. Consider presenting your advisor with a gift card to their favorite restaurant or store ...
5. ... a TSA shirt or other TSA gear from the TSA Store ...
6. ... or an International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) or Association for Career and Technical Education® (ACTE) professional membership.
7. Create a thank you banner to be displayed in a hall or classroom.
8. Make an advisor appreciation video and show the video at your chapter meeting.
9. Nominate your advisor for Chapter Advisor of the Year.
10. Post your photos of the week using #TSAadvisorAppreciationWeek on social media.

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.
Section Eleven: Official Competitive Events for the 2022 Regional & State Conference

Click on the links below to see what events will be offered at the Regional and State Conference this year. Be sure to pay special attention to the eligibility requirements as they may differ from the National TSA Guidelines.

High School Competitive Events & Eligibility for the 2022 NCTSA Regional Conference

High School Competitive Events & Eligibility for the 2022 NCTSA State Conference

Middle School Competitive Events & Eligibility for the 2022 NCTSA Regional Conference

Middle School Competitive Events & Eligibility for the 2022 NCTSA State Conference
Section Twelve: Chapter and Member Award Programs

The Technology Student Association awards and recognition programs are designed to recognize the achievement and contributions of TSA members and others who support the organization. The most up-to-date criteria, forms and instructions can be accessed by affiliated members via the TSA Membership System.

TSA Technology Honor Society
The TSA Technology Honor Society recognizes TSA members who excel in academics, leadership, and service to their school and community. The TSA Technology Honor Society is 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. TSA members inducted into the TSA Technology Honor Society are recognized at the State Conference and then again at the National TSA Conference. They also receive a TSA Technology Honor Society lapel pin.

To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to Dr. Taylor at StateAdvisor@nctsa.org by March 1. Email Subject Heading: TSA Technology Honor Society.

Chapter Advisor of the Year
The Chapter Advisor of the Year Award is presented to TSA chapter advisors who have provided exemplary service and support to TSA. Recipients are recognized at the State Conference and then again at the National TSA Conference. TSA student members, teachers, and advisors are eligible to nominate individuals for this award.

To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to Dr. Taylor at StateAdvisor@nctsa.org by March 1. Email Subject Heading: Chapter Advisor of the Year.

NCTSA Influence Award

The NCTSA Influence Award was created in 2019 in honor of Dr. Richard E. “Dick” Peterson. Dr. Peterson was an Associate Professor in the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education at North Carolina State University. He was an avid supporter of the arts, STEM education and teacher education across the state and nation. He is remembered for his ability to tell stories that capture your attention and many times convey a hidden message.

The NCTSA Influence Award provides North Carolina TSA members and alumni the opportunity to recognize former and/or present North Carolina TSA Advisors that impacted their career choice and/or perspective on life and education.

Advisors will be recognized at the State Conference during the Awards Ceremony.

To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to Dr. Taylor at StateAdvisor@nctsa.org by March 1. Email Subject Heading: NCTSA Influence Award.
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. The recipient is recognized at the national TSA conference. To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.

Distinguished Service Award
The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has provided valued service to TSA and who has been responsible for the continued growth and success of TSA. The recipient is recognized at the National TSA Conference.
To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.

Dr. Bob Hanson Distinguished Student Award
The award is given to a TSA student member based on valued service in TSA and within his or her community. The recipient is recognized at the National TSA Conference, and will receive a one-time $500 honorarium to be used at the discretion of the honoree.
To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.

Dr. Harvey Dean Outstanding Recognition Award
This award is presented to an individual, organization, or business that has provided valued service to TSA and has contributed to TSA’s growth. The recipient is recognized at the National TSA Conference.
To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.

Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award
The Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest recognition award in TSA, 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. Both past and current contributions are considered. The recipient is recognized at the National TSA Conference.
To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.
Scholarships

The Technology Student Association offers scholarship opportunities to outstanding current and former TSA members. The most up-to-date criteria, forms and instructions can be accessed by affiliated members via the TSA Membership System and on the National TSA website.

Wayne and Karyn Clark Technology Scholarship

NCTSA offers eligible seniors attending a North Carolina public or private high school, who intend to enter a North Carolina state supported university to prepare to teach Technology Education upon graduation or seniors who are entering a technology related field may apply for the $500.00 Wayne and Karyn Clark Scholarship. To submit an application, please complete the application packet and submit it to Dr. Taylor at StateAdvisor@nctsa.org by March 15. Email Subject Heading: Clark Technology Scholarship.

Jesse R. Dill Scholarship

The North Carolina Technology Education Association (NCTEA) will award the Jesse R. Dill Scholarship to a high senior planning to major in Technology and Engineering Design Education or student currently majoring Technology and Engineering Design Education at one of the universities in North Carolina. The amount of the award is $500.00. Applications will be considered from those students with good academic standing who need financial aid. To submit an application, please complete the application packet and submit it to Dr. Taylor at StateAdvisor@nctsa.org by March 15. Email Subject Heading: Dill Scholarship.

Alumni Scholarship

The National TSA Alumni Association established the alumni scholarship program as a way to provide financial support to recognize the hard work and dedication of TSA alumni who work to continuously give back to TSA even though their time as a competitor has passed. The amount awarded for this scholarship is $1,000 and will be distributed directly to the recipient's college or university's financial aid department. To apply, please complete the package and submit to National TSA by May 1.

CompTIA Scholarship for Future Technologists

CompTIA partners with National TSA to expand STEM opportunities, competitions, and leadership development. CompTIA is the voice of the world’s information technology (IT) industry. Its members are the companies at the forefront of innovation and the professionals responsible for maximizing the benefits organizations receive from their investments in technology. The CompTIA Scholarship for Future Technologists is made available through a generous contribution by National TSA partner CompTIA. Ten (10) recipients each will be awarded a one-time $2,500 scholarship for continuing education beyond high school that is not a traditional four-year college path. TSA graduating seniors pursuing associate’s degrees at community colleges—or non-degree programs offered by universities or career, trade, or technical schools—are eligible to apply.
To apply, please complete the package and submit via Google Form (coming soon) by May 1.

Dr. Bob Hanson Distinguished Student Award
This award is named after Dr. Bob Hanson of Tennessee. Dr. Hanson was the longest-standing Competition Regulations Committee (CRC) chair in TSA history. He continues to provide leadership at the national level. The award is given to a TSA student member based on valued service in TSA and within his or her community. The recipient is recognized at the National TSA Conference, and will receive a one-time $500 honorarium to be used at the discretion of the honoree.

To nominate a candidate, please complete the nomination form and submit to National TSA by May 1.

William P. Elrod Memorial Scholarship
The William P. Elrod Memorial Scholarship is made available through funds dedicated by the TSA, Inc. Board of Directors to the memory of William P. Elrod, a founding father of TSA from Madison, KS. Mr. Elrod, who died in 1990, was known for his long standing leadership and involvement with TSA. The amount awarded to a TSA student member through this scholarship is $2,500.

To apply, please complete the package and submit to National TSA by May 1.
NCTSA Chapter of the Year

The Chapter of Excellence Award recognizes chapters who have demonstrated they are a successful and quality chapter through affiliation, membership, chapter management, community service, leadership, conference attendance, and promotion. Chapters will earn different levels of recognition based on the total activities completed in the membership year. Chapters must apply each year.

APPLICATION
1. Review the criteria for the Chapter of the Year portfolio and submission.
2. Gather required evidence for each activity.
3. Submit all evidence into one document and save as a PDF.
4. Submit the PDF file here by April 6, 2022 to be considered for this recognition.

New Chapter of the Year in memory of Dr. Laura Hummell

The NCTSA New Chapter of the Year Award was created in 2019 to honor Dr. Laura Hummell. Laura was killed tragically in a hit and run accident in late 2018. Prior to returning to her home state, she was a Technology and Engineering Teacher in North Carolina at Manteo Middle School. She also served on the NCTSA Board of Directors and as the Northeast Region NCTSA Competitive Events Coordinator for many years. She was actively involved in NCTSA and TSA at the national level. She advocated for new chapters and worked to mentor several TSA advisors.

The NCTSA New Chapter of the Year Award will recognize a NEW Red or White CAP Chapter and one NEW Blue CAP chapter each year. NEW Chapters are defined as chapters in their 1st three year of affiliation.

Chapters will be recognized at the State Conference. Chapters are to submit their Chapter Portfolio at the following link on April 6, 2022.

APPLICATION
1. Review the criteria for the New Chapter of the Year portfolio and submission.
2. Gather required evidence for each activity.
3. Submit all evidence into one document and save as a PDF.
4. Submit the PDF file here by April 6, 2022 to be considered for this recognition.
National Service Project

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Kira Sano, Youth Chair of the ACS National Campus Leadership Team, has a message for TSA! Click here to hear her message.

Your TSA chapter can play an important role in helping to fund the vital research, education, advocacy and patient services provided by the American Cancer Society.

All contributions raised from July 1 to June 1 each year will be tallied and counted towards recognition for the Spirit of Service Awards. To be eligible for these awards, chapter advisors record fundraising efforts by completing the form in the Chapter Advisor portal by June 1st.

The American Cancer Society's Spirit of Service Award Levels:

- Silver Award: $500–$999 raised during the year
- Gold Award: $1,000–$1,999 raised during the year
- Purple Award: $2,000+ above raised during the year

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world’s largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. The Relay for Life event can provide your Chapter with the opportunity to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to save lives.

Click here to learn more about Relay for Life.
Click here to learn more about other ways to fundraise.