

# 2026 State Leadership Conference

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# Oklahoma TSA State Leadership Conference 2026

## Conference Guide

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## Message from the State President



Hello OKTSA! On behalf of the Oklahoma State Officer team, I am excited to invite you to the 2026 State Conference filled with diverse opportunities to learn, compete, and connect.

As this is my senior year, this conference holds special meaning for me. Over the past four years, TSA has shaped my growth, challenged me, and connected me to an incredible community of students and leaders. My hope for each of you is that you look beyond the competitions and recognize the friendships formed along the way, embracing the idea of unity through community.

This year's events reflect the dedication, creativity, and hard work of TSA members from across the state. As you prepare to compete, collaborate, and connect, I encourage you to challenge yourself, support one another, and take full advantage of every experience.

I look forward to sharing this meaningful conference with you as we continue building a stronger future for technology and leadership in Oklahoma.

Bella Dietrich  
OKTSA State President

## Message from the State Advisor

Greetings Oklahoma TSA! I am excited to invite you to this year's State Leadership Conference, centered on our theme, *Unity Through Community*. This conference is a celebration of collaboration, leadership, and the shared commitment that brings our TSA members together across the state. It is an exciting time to be part of TSA in Oklahoma, as our membership continues to grow and our community becomes stronger each year. Your involvement in TSA reflects a dedication not only to innovation and technical skill, but also to supporting one another as a united and expanding community. As Oklahoma TSA continues to grow, members can look forward to new opportunities, fresh experiences, and exciting changes in the years ahead.

The State Leadership Conference highlights what we can accomplish when we learn, compete, and lead together. As you participate in competitive events, take time to collaborate, exchange ideas, and build meaningful connections with fellow members. These relationships strengthen our TSA community and help prepare you for future success in both your careers and leadership journeys.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our TSA advisors and the many volunteers who have stepped forward to coordinate events. Your time, dedication, and commitment behind the scenes make this conference possible. The opportunities our students experience at the State Leadership Conference are a direct result of your leadership, support, and willingness to serve our TSA community.

See you in April!

Tami Redus  
TSA State Advisor

## General Conference Information

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students involved in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Oklahoma TSA hosts an annual State Leadership Conference for members across the state. This conference brings together student members with industry, postsecondary, and community leaders to showcase technical skills and leadership development. The event includes competitive events, social activities, and a recognition ceremony.

### DATES

Tuesday, April 14 to Thursday, April 16, 2026.

### LOCATION

Embassy Suites Conference Center, 2501 Conference Dr., Norman, OK 73069

### THEME

The theme for State Leadership Conference 2026 will be **“Unity Through Community.”**  
*Please note that the conference theme is different than the themes used for competitive events.*

## Important Dates and Deadlines

Item	Date
State Officer Candidate Application Due	Sunday, February 1, 2026
Conference Registration Opens	Monday, February 9, 2026
Hotel Registration Opens	Monday, February 9, 2026
State Officer Screening	Wednesday, February 11, 2026
<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Friday, March 13, 2026</b>
State Qualifier	March 4, 2026
Pre-Submission Window	March 23 – 27, 2026
Chapter of Excellence Application Due	Sunday, March 15, 2026
Senatorial/Presidential Degree Application Due	Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Lodging Reservation Deadline	Monday, March 23, 2026

# Conference Checklist

Please confer with your administrators for any school district or school specific procedures.

- ☐ Review and follow all important dates and deadlines outlined in the Conference Guide
- ☐ Submit required school district field trip paperwork.
- ☐ Determine the total cost of attendance for your chapter, including registration, lodging, meals, and related expenses.
- ☐ Coordinate money collection procedures with your school's bookkeeper.
- ☐ Establish chapter-level deadlines for registration and payment.
- ☐ Prepare permission slips that include conference details, costs, and all required forms.
- ☐ Select two (2) voting delegates to participate in the state officer election.
- ☐ Register all members, advisors, and support staff by the designated registration deadline.
- ☐ Print the emailed invoice and carefully review it for accuracy.
- ☐ Collect member payments prior to the registration deadline.
- ☐ Submit the invoice to your school's bookkeeper for processing.
- ☐ Complete payment by credit card or mail a check to Oklahoma TSA by the payment deadline.
- ☐ Review the tentative conference agenda with attending members.
- ☐ Host a chapter meeting with parents to discuss expectations and responsibilities.
- ☐ Ensure each attendee has signed a multiple release form and that copies are maintained by the chapter advisor.
- ☐ Complete the Statement of Assurance and submit it with registration (uploaded through the registration site).
- ☐ Encourage all members to follow and engage with Oklahoma TSA on social media platforms.
- ☐ Discuss the National TSA Conference with members so they are prepared should they qualify.

## Best Practices from Experienced Advisors

- Hold a parental meeting prior to the conference to clearly outline expectations and consequences.
- Create a behavioral contract with clear expectations for both members and parents to review and sign.
- Collect parent phone numbers and emergency contact information in advance.
- Collect a deposit from students who commit to attending, especially if fundraising is still in progress.
- Focus on quality over quantity; registering each student for one to three competitive events is generally the most effective approach.
- Ensure students have a balanced mix of event types, including team and individual events, as well as early and on-site competitions.
- Support students in developing their individual schedules so they feel prepared and confident.
- Establish your advisor schedule and clearly communicate it to all attendees.
- Set up a group communication platform (e.g., GroupMe or Remind) to share information quickly with attendees.
- Hold a daily chapter meeting to check in with students and provide updates.
- Ensure students have structured activities throughout the conference, including required attendance at general sessions and business meetings.
- Set clear behavioral expectations well in advance of the conference.
- Ensure students can always access an advisor.

# Conference Schedule

Please note that the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Tuesday, April 14, 2026</b>	
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am	Competitive Events begin (check the schedule of events for event times)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Pin Trading (foyer)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	State Officer Candidate Meeting (stage area)
4:00 pm	Hotel Check In
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Pickup Event Submissions for Day 1 Events
7:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Alumni and Graduating Senior Reception (directly after the conclusion of the general session)
11:00 pm	Curfew
<b>Wednesday, April 15, 2026</b>	
9:00 am	Competitive Events begin
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Exhibits and State Officer Candidate Booths
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Pin Trading (foyer)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Pickup Event Submissions for Day 2 Events
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	TSA Night at Main Event
11:00 pm	Curfew
<b>Thursday, April 16, 2026</b>	
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Voting Delegate Seating
8:00 am - 9:00am	Business Meeting
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Advisor Meeting
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Ceremony with Award Presentations
Following Awards	Final Event Pickup
<b>Throughout the Duration of the Conference</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibitors</li> <li>• T-shirt/Pin Design Voting</li> <li>• TSA Store</li> </ul>	

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 4, 2026 State Qualifier	Level	Events	
Students must compete at a State Qualifier to be eligible for the following events at the State Leadership Conference.	MS	Challenging Technology Issues	
	MS/HS	Chapter Team	
	MS/HS	Coding	
	MS	Cybersecurity	
	HS	Debating Technological Issues	
	MS	Electrical Applications	
	HS	Extemporaneous Speech	
	MS/HS	Forensic Technology/Forensic Science	
	MS	Leadership Strategies	
	MS/HS	Prepared Speech/Prepared Presentation	
	MS/HS	Technology Bowl	
March 23 - 27, 2026 Pre-submission Window	Level	Pre-Submit Events	Platform
Instructions on how to submit items to judge pro will be sent via email on March 9, 2026.	HS	Architectural Design	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Audio Podcasting	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Career Prep	Judge Pro
	MS	Community Service Video	Judge Pro
	HS	Data Science and Analytics	Judge Pro
	MS	Digital Photography	Judge Pro
	HS	Digital Video Production	Judge Pro
	HS	Future Technology Teacher	Judge Pro
	HS	Geospatial Technology	Judge Pro
	HS	Music Production	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Oklahoma Pin Design	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Oklahoma T-Shirt Design	Judge Pro
	HS	Photographic Technology	Judge Pro
	MS	Promotional Marketing	Judge Pro
	HS	Senior Solar Sprint	Judge Pro
	HS	Software Development	Judge Pro
	MS	STEM Animation	Judge Pro
	HS	STEM Mass Media	Judge Pro
	HS	Virtual Reality Visualization (VR)	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Video Game Design	Judge Pro
	MS/HS	Website Design/Webmaster	Judge Pro
Tuesday, April 14th	Level	Competitive Event	Time
Please note that the schedule is tentative and subject to change.	HS	Architectural Design	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Audio Podcasting (semifinal)	9:00 am
	HS	Biotechnology Design	9:00 am
	HS	Board Game Design	9:00 am
	MS	CAD Foundations	9:00 am
	MS	Career Prep (semifinal)	9:00 am
	HS	Career Prep (semifinal)	9:00 am
	MS	Chapter Team	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Children's Stories	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Comic Book Design	9:00 am

	MS/HS	Comic Book Design (semifinal)	1:00 pm
	MS	Community Service Video (semifinal)	2:00 pm
	HS	Data Science & Analytics (Presentation)	9:00 am
	MS	Digital Photography (semifinal)	9:00 am
	MS	Digital Photography (Turn In)	11:30 am
	MS	Digital Photography (Interview)	1:00 pm
	HS	Digital Video Production (semifinal)	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Drone Challenge (UAV)	9:00 am
	MS	Electrical Applications Semifinal	1:00 pm
	HS	Engineering Design	9:00 am
	HS	Extemporaneous Speech	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Flight/Flight Endurance	9:00 am
	HS	Forensic Science	9:00 am
	MS	Forensic Technology	9:00 am
	HS	Future Technology Teacher	2:00 pm
	HS	Geospatial Technology (Semifinal)	8:00 am
	MS	Leadership Strategies	9:00 am
	HS	Manufacturing Prototype	9:00 am
	MS	Microcontroller Design	1:00 pm
	HS	Music Production (semifinal)	9:00 am
	HS	On Demand Video (receive task)	10:00 am
	HS	Photographic Technology (semifinal)	10:00 am
	MS	Problem Solving	9:00 am
	HS	Promotional Design (Turn In)	9:00 am
	HS	Promotional Design (Semifinal)	2:00 pm
	MS	Promotional Marketing (semifinal)	11:30 am
	HS	Project Fair	9:00 am
	HS	Software Development	2:00 pm
	MS	STEM Animation	2:00 pm
	HS	STEM Mass Media (semifinal press conference)	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Structural Design	9:00 am
	HS	System Control Technology	9:00 am
	MS	System Control Technology	1:00 pm
	MS	Technical Design (receive problem)	10:00 am
	HS	Transportation Modeling	8:00 am
	MS	Video Game Design (semifinal)	9:00 am
	HS	Video Game Design (semifinal)	9:00 am
	HS	Virtual Reality (presentation)	2:00 pm
	HS	Webmaster (semifinal)	9:00 am
	MS	Website Design (semifinal)	9:00 am
<b>Wednesday, April 15th</b>		<b>Level</b>	<b>Competitive Event</b>
	HS	Animatronics	9:00 am
	MS	Biotechnology	9:00 am
	HS	CAD Architecture	9:00 am
	HS	CAD Engineering	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Catapult Design	9:00 am
	MS	Challenging Tech Issues	9:00 am
	HS	Chapter Team	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Children's Stories (semifinal)	9:00 am



	MS/HS	Coding	9:00 am
	MS	Construction Challenge	9:00 am
	MS	Creed (written)	9:00 am
	MS	Creed Semifinal	1:00 pm
	MS	Cybersecurity Foundations	2:00 pm
	HS	Data Science & Analytics (Semifinal)	9:00 am
	MS	Data Science and Analytics (Semifinal)	1:00 pm
	HS	Debating Technological Issues	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Dragster/Dragster Design	9:00 am
	HS	Fashion Design and Technology	9:00 am
	MS	Inventions & Innovations	9:00 am
	MS	Solar Racer	9:00 am
	HS	Senior Solar Sprint	9:00 am
	MS	Mass Production	9:00 am
	MS	Mechanical Engineering	9:00 am
	MS	Medical Technology	9:00 am
	MS	Off the Grid	9:00 am
	HS	On Demand Video (turn in video)	10:00 pm
	HS	Photographic Technology (Turn-In)	10:00 am
	HS	Photographic Technology (Interviews)	1:00 pm
	HS	Prepared Presentation	2:00 pm
	MS	Prepared Speech	2:00 pm
	MS	Project Fair	9:00 am
	MS/HS	Robotics	9:00 am
	MS	Rube Goldberg (Oklahoma Only)	9:00 am
	HS	STEM Mass Media (turn-in)	10:00 am
	MS	Technical Design (turn in)	10:00 am
	HS	Tech Bowl	9:00 am
	MS	Tech Bowl	1:00 pm
	HS	Technology Problem Solving	9:00 am

# Registration

## LINK

<https://www.registermychapter.com/tsa/ok>

## SECURITY

- All attendees including members, advisors, chaperones, guests, and accessibility support staff attending the conference are REQUIRED to register.
- An official TSA name badge must be worn by any conference attendee (including parents and guests) who wish to enter the conference event areas, including general sessions and the award ceremony.
- All chapters are required to have a school-approved adult chaperone on-site for the duration of the conference.
- All participants must read and observe the conference [Code of Conduct](#).
- Advisors should create a chapter safety and security plan and identify a meeting place for chapter attendees in case of emergency.
- Only affiliated chapters and members will be able to register for competitive events at the State Leadership Conference.

## COST

Attendee	Cost
Students	\$60
Advisors	\$60
Chaperones (t-shirt not included)	\$10
Guests (t-shirt not included)	\$10
Accessibility Support Staff (Interpreter, paraprofessional, etc. to provide accommodations)	\$0

## DEADLINES

**Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Friday, March 13, 2026.**

*\*No competitive event changes or substitutions are permitted once chapter conference registration has closed.*

## INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

- Conference Registration (Opening and Closing Sessions, Business Meeting)
- Conference T-shirt & Pin
- Competitive Event Participation
- Social Events



Additional T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 through the registration system.

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## INFORMATION NEEDED TO REGISTER

- Username and Password = National TSA Affiliation Username (Chapter ID#) and Password
- Payment Type
- Attendee Type and Email Address
  - Chapters are required to select two (2) **Voting Delegates**
  - If your school district blocks outside-of-district email addresses, we recommend using personal email addresses or creating an email account for your chapter to share/use
- Competitive Event Selections for Student Participants
  - **MAX 6 EVENTS PER MEMBER**
  - **Please Note: You will need to select a Team Captain for team events** – The Team Captain will be the student designated to upload the materials into Judge Pro system on behalf of their team.

## Payment

### INVOICE

Upon submission of registration, you will receive an email confirmation that will serve as an invoice. The invoice must be paid within 30 days after the closing date of the conference.

### PAYING BY CHECK

Please make checks out to **Oklahoma TSA**, c/o Katha Cinnamon, 1500 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Stillwater, OK 74074

### PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

- Credit card
  - Credit card **MUST** be selected as a payment option in the registration system
  - A 4% convenience fee will be added for those using a credit card
  - Must call Katha Cinnamon at 405-743-5195 to process payment

### POLICIES

- No late registrations.
- No registration refunds will be granted after the registration deadline for those who do not attend

## Required Forms

- [Multiple Release Form](#)
  - Must be completed by ALL attendees
  - Copies to be kept with the Chapter Advisor at all times
- [Statement of Assurance](#)
  - Signed by the Chapter Advisor and a school administrator
  - Confirmed at registration

# Lodging

	<b>Conference Hotel - Embassy Suites by Hilton</b>
<b>Address</b>	2501 Conference Drive Norman, OK 73069
<b>Room Rates</b>	Regular Room Rate \$131 (breakfast included)
<b>Reservations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book online by using the Group Web Link found on OKTSA.</li> <li>• If booking 10 or more rooms, call 1-866-577-1273.</li> <li>• The group rate is available until March 23, 2026. After this date, the group rate will no longer be available.</li> <li>• Cancellations must be made 72 hours before arrival or result in a charge of one night's room and tax.</li> <li>• 2 Room Queen Bed Suite will sleep 6 people</li> </ul>
<b>Payment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A credit card is required for reservations</li> <li>• Individual chapters are responsible for paying the hotel directly upon check-in</li> </ul>

	<b>Overflow Hotel – Hampton Inn</b>
<b>Address</b>	2300 Conference Drive Norman, OK 73069
<b>Room Rates</b>	Regular Room Rate \$135
<b>Reservations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book online by using the Group Web Link found on OKTSA.</li> <li>• If booking 10 or more rooms, call 1-405-310-3014.</li> <li>• The group rate is available until March 23, 2026. After this date, the group rate will no longer be available.</li> <li>• Free cancellation 72 hours before arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Payment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A credit card is required for reservations</li> <li>• Individual chapters are responsible for paying the hotel directly upon check-in</li> </ul>

	<b>Overflow Hotel – Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites</b>
<b>Address</b>	2500 Conference Drive Norman, OK 73069
<b>Room Rates</b>	Regular Room Rate \$165 (breakfast included)
<b>Reservations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book online by using the Group Web Link found on OKTSA.</li> <li>• If booking 10 or more rooms, call 1-405-928-5300.</li> <li>• The group rate is available until March 23, 2026. After this date, the group rate will no longer be available.</li> <li>• Free cancellation 72 hours before arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Payment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A credit card is required for reservations</li> <li>• Individual chapters are responsible for paying the hotel directly upon check-in</li> </ul>

## Food

- **Meals will NOT be provided and should be planned by individual chapters**
- Mini fridges are available in each hotel room as well as microwaves
- The Embassy will provide a concession stand in the lobby
- Click the [here](#) to view restaurant options in the area

## Competitions

### HELPFUL LINKS

[Oklahoma Competitive Event Information](#)

[Competitive Event Pre-Submission](#)

[Oklahoma TSA Competition Updates](#)

[National TSA Competitive Events Guide](#) – Affiliated Chapter Advisors can access this through Total TSA

[National TSA Competitive Event Themes and Problems](#)

[National TSA Competition Updates](#)

## National TSA Conference



**2026 National TSA Conference**  
June 22 – 26, 2026 · Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  
Washington, DC / National Harbor, MD  
**“Unity Through Community”**

### WEBSITE

<https://tsaweb.org/conferences/2026-national-tsa-conference>

### NATIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

A national qualifying event is one in which an individual/team has to place at the Oklahoma TSA State Leadership Conference in order to qualify for the National TSA Conference. These events are listed as a [State Advisor Approval Event](#) on the TSA website.

# Dress Code

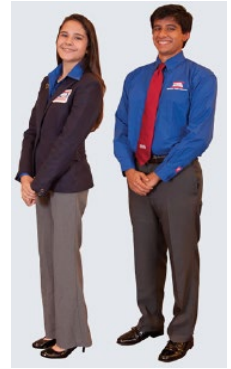
Official TSA attire may be purchased online via the TSA Store:

<https://tsastore.mybrightsites.com>

Please review the following information carefully to ensure attendees adhere to the proper requirements. All conference attendees, including students, advisors, chaperones, guests, and accessibility support staff, must be registered for the conference and comply with the following dress code policy.

Official TSA attire may be purchased online via the TSA Store:

<https://tsastore.mybrightsites.com>



**All conference attendees are required to always wear their official conference identification name badges.**

Occasion	Appropriate Attire
General Sessions	Official TSA Business Casual Attire
Competitive Events/Recognition Ceremony	Oklahoma TSA Competition Attire
Social Events	Oklahoma TSA Casual Attire

## OKLAHOMA TSA BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

- **Shirt:** the official royal blue TSA shirt is preferred; button-down shirt or a polo/golf shirt (unacceptable: t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops)
- **Pants, or knee-length dress or skirt:** (unacceptable: jeans, exterior pocket pants, shorts, ill-fitting attire)
- **Shoes:** dress shoes worn with dark socks or hosiery (optional); open-toe shoes or sandals are acceptable (unacceptable: athletic shoes, flip-flops, military boots, or work boots)

## OKLAHOMA TSA COMPETITION ATTIRE

- **Shirt:** official royal blue TSA shirt
- **Pants, or knee-length skirt:** grey (unacceptable: jeans, exterior pocket pants, shorts, ill-fitting attire)
- **Shoes:** dress shoes worn with dark socks or hosiery (optional); open-toe shoes or sandals are acceptable (unacceptable: athletic shoes, flip-flops, military boots, or work boots)

## CHAPTER TEAM ATTIRE

Required for Chapter Team competitors only, but may be worn for other competitions:

- **Blazer:** navy blue with official TSA patch
- **Tie:** official TSA tie (required for males; optional for females)

## OKLAHOMA TSA CASUAL ATTIRE

- **Shirt:** Conference shirt, TSA shirt, or school spirit shirt (unacceptable: halter tops, tank tops)
- **Pants:** jeans or khakis (unacceptable: ripped jeans, leggings, shorts, ill-fitting attire)

## National/State Service Project

TSA is pleased to announce its new national service project partner - the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross prepares for and responds to local, state, national, and international emergencies. Partnering with the Red Cross provides a unique opportunity for TSA members to apply their leadership, organizational, and STEM skills to help the Red Cross make a real difference in communities – through efforts to support disaster relief, promote health and safety, and help those in need.

Learn more about the American Red Cross and its worldwide work through the Red Cross managed informational links below. Please note that not all Red Cross volunteer efforts are applicable for TSA chapter involvement; some require that volunteers be 18 years old or older. Also, state level Red Cross coordinators found under the heading [Find a Red Cross Chapter Near You](#) may not yet be informed by the Red Cross about its new partnership with TSA.



## Community Service Opportunities

### MIRACLE MINUTE

Take part in the Miracle Minute by bringing cash or change to donate during the Opening General Session. All money will be donated to our state service project, the American Red Cross.

### TSA NIGHT AT THE MAIN EVENT

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening at TSA Night at Main Event, conveniently located within walking distance of the Embassy. This event will be available as an add-on option during conference registration.

For \$25 per person, attendees will enjoy four hours of entertainment, including unlimited bowling, laser tag, billiards, and shuffleboard. The evening also includes a \$20 FUNcard, two slices of pizza, AND unlimited soft drinks.

Best of all, 20% of all purchases made that evening will be donated to the American Red Cross, allowing TSA members to have fun while giving back to the community. This event runs from 6:00–10:00 PM and provides an affordable, easy evening option during the conference.

## National Awards

The Technology Student Association awards and recognition programs are designed to highlight the achievements and contributions of TSA members and others who support the organization. ***Criteria, forms, and instructions can be accessed by affiliated chapter advisors via TSA's membership system and by affiliated student members via the Student Member Site under the Total TSA tab.***

### National Technical Honor Society

Founded in 1984, the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) is the honor society for Career and Technical Education (CTE), recognizing student achievement and providing opportunities for career development, leadership, service, and scholarships. In partnership with the Technology Student Association (TSA), NTHS extends these benefits to TSA members nationwide.

TSA students must be nominated for NTHS membership by their school's NTHS chapter advisor. Students are eligible to apply for the scholarship if they are current members of both TSA and NTHS. Scholarship applications are available through the TSA Membership System and must be submitted to [general@tsaweb.org](mailto:general@tsaweb.org).

Learn more about NTHS, chapter eligibility, and how to establish a chapter at **[NTHS.org](https://www.nths.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 can earn sequentially a bronze, silver, and gold award at the local, state, and national level, respectively.

## Oklahoma Awards

### Oklahoma Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame award was established in 1988 to formally recognize individuals that have helped define and advance the mission of Oklahoma TSA. Induction into the Hall of Fame is considered a prestigious honor. TSA members and/or advisors can nominate an individual from one of the three categories: advisor, administration, alumni. Nomination forms can be found at <https://www.oktsa.org/hall-of-fame>

### Chapter of Excellence

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

For more information on the application process and to print a scoring rubric visit <https://www.oktsa.org/outstanding-chapter>

### Chapter Advisor of the Year

Students are encouraged to submit the name of their chapter advisor to the state office for the Annual Advisor of the Year award. The honoree is recognized at the state conference and then again at the National Conference for their outstanding work with TSA.



# Oklahoma Degree Program

OPEN TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

## I. PURPOSE

The Oklahoma TSA Degree program recognizes TSA members who excel in knowledge of the Organization, its foundation, and its history. Those members fulfilling the requirements of the Senatorial and Presidential degree will be recognized at the annual State Conference.

## II. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

This event is open to all High School and Middle School TSA members.

### 1. Senatorial Degree Requirements:

- a) Earned the TSA Congressional Degree
- b) Must have run for a local TSA chapter office
- c) Attend a TSA Fall Leadership Conference.

### 2. Presidential Degree Requirements:

- a) Earned the TSA Senatorial Degree
- b) Presently holding or have held a local TSA chapter office.
- c) Must have attended and competed in a competitive event at a past TSA National Conference.

## III. PROCEDURE

- A. There is no limit to the number of Oklahoma TSA members from a chapter who may take the test.
- B. Oklahoma TSA members may only take each test one time per year.
- C. The Degree Program test must be proctored by the chapter advisor and an application submitted
- D. Test questions will be pulled from the National TSA and Oklahoma TSA websites, and from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition). Test questions may include, but are not limited to: the motto, the colors and their meaning, officer symbols, officer duties, goals and purposes of the organization, offices of the state officers, key personnel of TSA (e.g. National Director, State Director, etc.), TSA official dress, National TSA information, TSA Creed and parliamentary procedures.

## IV. EVALUATION

The Oklahoma Degree Program exams will be graded electronically. All competitors receiving a score of 90% or higher will receive a lapel pin and be recognized at the general session of the state conference.

# State Officer Candidates

**Application - DUE BY 11:59PM ON FEB 1**

**YOU MAY NOT ANNOUNCE YOUR CANDIDACY FOR STATE OFFICE UNTIL  
8 AM ON THE FIRST DAY OF STATE CONFERENCE: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026.**

## Required Candidate Screening

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Oklahoma Department of Career Tech, 1500 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74074

9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Tuttle Seminar Center

- Advisor or parent/guardian must attend
- We will discuss State Officer expectations and contracts
- Official dress is required
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided

## Required State Officer Meeting Dates

May 7 – 8, 2026	State Officer Orientation/Training	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
May 27 – 29, 2026	CareerTech University (CTU)	TBD
June 22 – 26, 2026	National TSA Conference	Nashville, TN
August 5, 2026	OK Summit	Tulsa, OK
August 19, 2026	Monthly Meeting 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
September 16, 2026	Monthly Meeting 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
October 1, 8, 22, & 29, 2026	LEAD Conference	Various locations – must attend one date
November 12 - 13, 2026	Fall Leadership Conference (FLC)	Embassy Suites, Norman
January 20, 2027	Monthly Meeting 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
February 10, 2027	State Officer Candidate Screening	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
February 2027 (Date TBA)	CTSO Day at the Capitol	Oklahoma City, OK State Capitol Building
March 2027 (Date TBA)	Regional Conference	Eastern or Western Region (TBD)
March 17, 2027	Monthly Meeting 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Stillwater, OK ODCTE
April 20 - 22, 2027	State Conference	Norman, OK Embassy Suites

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: Who can I contact with questions?

For general questions about the conference:

- [Tami Redus, State Advisor](#)

For competition questions:

- Please email the event coordinator or event manager listed on the [competitive event information](#) pages

## Q: What does the registration fee cover?

In order to provide a well-organized and comprehensive conference, we must charge a registration fee. Hosting an in-person conference costs OKTSA about \$100,000 to put on. Conference costs include, but are not limited to, meeting spaces, A/V, conference management system, event supplies, awards, merchandise, judges gifts, conference staff lodging, and food and beverage for conference staff and volunteer judges. If you have ideas on how to offset the cost of State Leadership Conference, please contact [tami.redus@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:tami.redus@careertech.ok.gov)

## Q: When trying to register, it says “Membership Unsubmitted” next to my students’ names. How do I fix this?

Students must be affiliated to attend State Leadership Conference. Only affiliated members populate in the registration system. You will need to log on to the [TSA Membership System](#), check the boxes next to your students’ names, click Submit.

## Q: Where can I find the eligibility for each event?

The [Competitive Event Information](#) page has an eligibility chart that explains how many entries per chapter are allowed to compete at the State Conference for each competitive event. To find how many members are allowed per team, please refer to the eligibility section of each competitive event guideline located in the National TSA Competitive Events Guide.

## Q: Where can I find the competitive event guidelines and rubrics?

The National TSA Competitive Events Guide is in the [TSA Membership System](#). Follow this path: [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) > Join/Login > Total TSA > Competitions.

## Q: I would like to be more involved with State Leadership Conference. What can I do to help?

If you are interested in assisting with State Leadership Conference, please contact Tami Redus at [tami.redus@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:tami.redus@careertech.ok.gov)

## Q: What conference city and state do we use for the cover page in the portfolio?

For the Oklahoma State Leadership Conference, use Norman, OK and April 14-16, 2026.