CONTEST RULES TSA CREED

 LEVELS I & II

**OVERVIEW**: TSA contestants in the Creed contest are required to write the TSA Creed from memory in order to qualify for oral delivery of the Creed. An oral recitation is then given.

**CONTEST PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Creed contest is to provide a means for TSA members to demonstrate their ability to write and recite the TSA Creed.

**ELGIBILITY FOR ENTRY:**

Entries are limited to three individuals (3) per chapter

See “General Rules” for additional information

Eligibility for oral competition is dependent upon writing the six paragraphs of the creed verbatim, with 100 percent accuracy, including correct capitalization, correct punctuation, no word omissions, and correct spelling.

# TIME LIMITATIONS

Written portion—Students will be allowed 30 minutes to complete the written portion.

Oral portion—this is not a “timed” event, each contestant will be given adequate time to recite the creed.

**SPECIFIC REGULATIONS:**

* 1. To qualify for the oral portion, students must first complete the written portion. They will be given 30 minutes to write the creed. No written materials or notes may be taken into the contest area. Students are expected to provide a writing utensil, paper will be provided for them. The judges will divide the papers checking for wrong words, omissions, and misspelling. All contestants with perfect papers will go on to the oral semifinals, provided the number is less than 10. If there are more than 10, the three judges will each rank the contestants’ written submission for neatness on the following scale: poor=3 points; fair=5 points; good=7 points; excellent=10 points. The judges will total their rankings, and the top 10 will go on to the semifinals. Names of semifinalists will be posted in no particular order.
	2. During the oral portion of the contest numbers will be drawn for speaking order.
	3. The coordinator will introduce the contestant by entry number only. The contestant may begin by saying, “The Technology Student Association Creed…”
	4. No written material or notes may be used.
	5. No podium will be provided.

**PROCEDURE:**

Registration- Contest participants must register for the event in accordance with procedures established for each conference. Contest participants should assemble in the general area of the contest prior to time designated for the contest.

**REQUIRED CONTEST PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT:**

* 1. Personnel

1. Contest Coordinator

1. Judges- three per contest room
2. Monitor to count words
3. Host for waiting area
	1. Rooms
		* 1. Final contest area
			2. Waiting area
	2. Equipment and Supplies
4. One table and four chairs for judges
5. Judges’ rating sheets for oral competition
6. Copy of the creed rules for each judge
7. Lists of participants in order of participation
8. Lined paper with title for written portion
9. Tables and chairs for written portion

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:**

* 1. Each judge will complete, without consultation, a rating sheet for each entry. The rating sheet points for oral competition will be assigned based on the following:
1. 1st paragraph- number of words correct - 37
2. 2nd paragraph- number of words correct - 32
3. 3rd paragraph- number of words correct - 34
4. 4th paragraph- number of words correct - 17
5. 5th paragraph- number of words correct - 19
6. 6th paragraph- number of words correct - 29
7. Clarity and enunciation of words - 10 points
8. Projection and force of voice - 10 points
9. Poise, confidence, gestures, posture - 10 points
10. TSA Official dress, personal appearance, grooming 2 points:
	1. There are 168 points-one point for each word. Should a contestant fail to say a word, they will lose a point. Additionally, there will be 32 points for clarity, projection, poise, and appearance. Total possible score will be 200 points.
	2. Any additional words or wrong words will be given a onetime penalty of minus10 points.
	3. Contestants speaking a paragraph out of order will be given a onetime penalty of minus10 points.
	4. Coming to a complete halt and beginning a sentence or paragraph again will be given a onetime penalty of minus 10 points.
	5. Points awarded will be totaled and rating sheets given to the contest coordinator.
	6. The contest coordinator will add the total points of each judge’s sheet to ascertain the highest rating for first, second, and third place winners.
	7. All judges’ rating and results are to remain confidential.
	8. The following is the official version of the creed to be used for the conference.

THE 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 industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, community, state, and nation better places in which 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 my fellow Americans.

*NOTE: Use this copy of the Creed when preparing for this event. The judges will be using this copy for all judging.*

CREED CONTEST COORDINATOR

**INSTRUCTION SHEET**

1. **CONTENTS:**
	1. Judges’ rating sheets
	2. Contest guidelines for the coordinator and the judges
	3. Competitive Events Personnel and Contestant/Team Entry List
	4. Results envelope
2. **PROCEDURES:**
	1. Secure the initials of all judges on the competitive event summary sheet after they have all reviewed it. Through the discussion process, the judges shall break any ties that affect the top three placements.
	2. Check the contents of the coordinator’s envelope.
	3. Review the contest limitations, regulations, and procedures.
	4. Distribute the judges’ materials. Appoint on judge as the head judge
	5. Review the limitations, regulations, and procedures with the judges. Clear up any questions or misunderstandings.
	6. Check in the contestants at the time printed in the program. Inform the contestants of the procedures and order of speaking, if applicable.
	7. The contest coordinator shall take the first contestant for the oral portion to the contest room when everything is set, and the judges are ready. The contest coordinator’s assistant shall introduce the contestants by entry number only.
	8. The holding room monitor shall send a contestant to the contest coordinator or assistant in the contest room every five minutes.
	9. Upon completion of the last contestant, the judges shall total their scores. The head judge will complete the summary section and secure the initials of each judge. Through the discussion process, the judges will break any tie for any place. There are to be no ties as this affects overall team/chapter scoring.
	10. Secure the judges’ signatures on their score sheets
	11. Using the results envelope provided, submit to the competitive coordinator:
3. Judges’ Rating Summary Sheets
4. All other materials