

TSA STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL

Alabama Technology Student Association (TSA) State Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the voting delegates at the state leadership conference and will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Middle School Vice President. Individuals elected as state officers at the conference will hold office until the close of the next state leadership conference

It is *recommended* that **no more than two (2)** active members from any TSA chapter compete for a state office.

TSA STATE OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Only "Active Members" of TSA will be eligible for a state office.
2. Candidates must be holding/have held an elected office in an affiliated chapter.
3. Students cannot be elected to a state office during their senior year.
4. A candidate may seek only one office.
5. The Middle School Vice President must be a rising seventh grader so that they will be a middle school student during their term.
6. The candidate should have knowledge of parliamentary procedures.
7. All candidates should have the ability to express opinions, make decisions, and be neat and business like in appearance.
8. All candidates should be familiar with the Alabama TSA Constitution and Bylaws.
9. No individual may serve more than one term as a state officer in the same office.
10. Candidates must have the endorsements of their parents, local chapter advisor and school administrator as required, with reference to character, leadership abilities, and scholastic achievement.
11. Must be available to represent the national, state, or district organization through personal appearances during his/her tenure of office.
12. Each candidate must be in good standing with their individual school and maintain a passing average during his/her tenure of office.
13. The candidate, if elected, will be required to attend at least three executive committee meetings, the State Officer Leadership Training Seminar (SOLTS) in June, the Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC) in the Fall, the TSA State Leadership Conference in the Spring.
14. TSA functions shall take precedent over all extracurricular and/or school activities (cheerleading, football, etc.).
15. If an officer must miss a meeting, he/she is to personally contact the state TSA Advisor at least 48 hours before said meeting.

STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCREENING PROCEDURE

1. Candidates will complete a TSA Officer Candidate Form and Officer Candidate Agreement and send them to the TSA State Director no later than the advertised deadline for the current year.
2. The state TSA director will be responsible for verifying if the candidates are qualified to run for office and will notify the Nominations and Elections Committee of the findings.
3. The final candidates for each office will be notified by the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair and/or the TSA State Advisor that they will be on the ballot.
4. All selected candidates *must* attend both days of the state leadership conference to be eligible to be elected.

CAMPAIGNING INFORMATION

1. Each candidate will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds to answer a TSA related question during the first general session at the state leadership conference.
2. Candidates may wish to set up a campaign booth/display. This will be restricted to a freestanding display consisting of two or three panels. Maximum size of the two side panels shall not exceed 18" x 48". The one back panel shall not exceed 36" x 48". The booth may only be set up in a designated area.
3. No posters, banners, etc., may be adhered in any way to doors, windows or walls. Violations will be dealt with by the TSA Executive Committee.
4. Handout materials will be allowed. This includes buttons, pins, pencils, pamphlets, etc. but may not include candy or other edible products, or glitter.
5. Campaigning will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the first day of the State TSA Conference.
6. Candidates will conduct a positive campaign – no negative comments are to be made about opponents. Stick to what *you* can do for TSA.
7. After elections and/or the conference all candidates will be responsible for removing all their campaign materials.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The chapter advisor of an officer candidate that is elected also serves a term on the TSA Executive Council for the same time period and is expected to attend meetings with their officer/officers.