



"Learning to lead in a technical world"



2025 Alabama TSA State Leadership Conference

April 15-16, 2025

Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center

See the State Conference promotional video here.

<https://vimeo.com/727897735>

Conference Hotel Reservations are Open

TSA April 2025

Start Date: Monday, April 14, 2025

End Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Last Day to Book: Friday, March 14, 2025

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center for \$179 per night, click below to

[Book your group rate for TSA April 2025](#)



Quick Start Membership

Don't let your students miss out on the benefits of CTSO involvement!

Congratulations to our December winning chapter, Chickasaw HS. They will be receiving a DJI Mini Drone 2 SE Fly More Combo.

Thank you to those chapters that helped us get off to a Quick Start with membership, it helps to have funds early in the year for operating expenses for the Executive Council

TSA chapter affiliation opened on August 15th, and the Alabama TSA goal date for membership is February 28th.

Membership

TSA Individual membership (red and white CAP) is \$12 per member at the national level, plus \$8 Alabama state dues for a total of \$20 per student. Blue CAP membership is \$400 national dues, plus \$150 state dues for a total of \$550 to have a large sized chapter. You recognize a cost savings at 27+ student members when using blue CAP. If your chapter is going to be 27 students or less, then individual membership is suggested to save money.

In 2023-24 Alabama TSA set a new membership record of over **8,856 members** and 118 chapters statewide! Help push us to a new record for 2024-25 and complete your chapter affiliation today!

Chapter Officer ZOOM Meeting

The Alabama TSA State Officers will be conducting another ZOOM meeting with chapter officers on

The SO team is working to keep your officer teams informed about recent changes, state conference updates, membership promotions, deadlines, fundraising, service projects, and all things TSA!

Your chapter officers are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 PM. Please share the link below with your officer team.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81393965311?pwd=bWwdlWkzKPJUzfwkwvPD9Qngoedaf5.1>

Join Alabama TSA in Making a Difference!

Let's make this school year unforgettable! Alabama TSA is rallying chapters from across the state to join our national service project and raise funds for the American Cancer Society (ACS) through the TSA/ACS Spirit of Service Awards program.

Last year, we proudly achieved Gold level status by donating \$1,300. This year, we're aiming even higher, setting our sights on Purple level recognition by raising \$2,000 or more.

This recognition is awarded at the national conference and highlighted on the National TSA website. Plus, Alabama TSA will honor the chapter with the largest donation with a special plaque at our state conference.

Together, we can make a significant impact in the fight against cancer. Your chapter's contributions are crucial in helping us reach our goal and supporting the vital work of the American Cancer Society.

Need some fundraising ideas? Check out the ACS website for inspiration:
[Fundraising Ideas Database - American Cancer Society Resources](#)

Put this project on your chapters program of work and let's unite, inspire, and make a difference!

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Our statewide service project benefits the



Help us help others!



TSA State Contest Coordinators

Alabama TSA is going to identify contest coordinators at a much earlier date to help coordinate and manage the competitive events. We will provide some training to help all coordinators do a better job at managing judges, students, and scoring for our events.

A link will be posted soon so you can request which events you would like to serve as a coordinator for. We will be offering 8 hours of professional development for each event that you serve as a coordinator or co-coordinator for.



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State Conference Registration
Opens February 1, 2025
Closes February 28, 2025



Video Series

Three new videos now available

Be sure to check out the TSA Advisor Academy video series in the password-protected TSA Membership System. Three new videos to assist advisors in chapter activities are now available. The topics featured are forming a TSA Chapter, understanding and using the TSA competitive events guide, and recruiting new TSA chapter members.

Check back regularly as new planned videos will be posted as they are completed.

Advisors at any level of experience are encouraged to use the series as a resource to ensure that guiding a chapter will be a smooth and successful process.

30% TEAMS* Registration Discount

TEAMS* is a TSA STEM competition that challenges middle school and high school teams to solve real-world engineering issues through application of their math and science knowledge. The 2025 TEAMS theme is **Engineering for Extreme Weather**.

Register now and be sure to note that affiliated TSA chapters receive a 30% registration discount when the code **TSA2025** is used.

[Register for TEAMS](#)

Questions? Contact [Amber Williams](#), TEAMS Manager.

*Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science

Thank you for your support of TEAMS and TSA.

2025 Events Lists

The Middle School and High School Events Lists are posted in the document library of the Alabama TSA website <https://alabamatsa.rocks> . Please note, there are a couple of significant changes. Essays On Technology High School no longer exists and it has been replaced with Debating Technological Issues. Also, VEX VRC Robotics High School no longer exists and has been replaced with a TSA Robotics contest that uses open-source parts to construct a robot. Which is very similar to the TSA Drone Challenge.



This month's officer spotlight is on State Vice President, Karl Spilker!

Karl is a Senior at Elberta High School where he is a founding member of the chapter and is serving as its first President. He is a two-term state officer and has been very reliable in his dedication to the association.

He is an active member of his youth group at church, is a founding member of the EHS Gaming Club, and has a fun job serving as the EHS Mascot, Baxter the Warrior!

Karl is passionate about graphics design and has had several top three finishes in the State Pin and State Tee shirt design contests. Likewise, he has done well at TSA's Promotional Design and Podcasting contests.

Karl is excited about the approaching Alabama State Leadership Conference and would be a good person for your younger members to talk with about how they might grow as a leader and competitor in TSA.

Dates to Remember

State Conference Registration opens February 1st -

State Conference Registration closes February 28th-

Membership must be completed before registering for SLC

State Pin and Tee-Shirt contest deadline is February 28th -

State Officer Applications are due March 14th -

Last day to book hotel at conference rate March 15th -

Silver level Achievement Program submissions due March 22nd -

Announcing a Change for TSA Robotics Competition

TSA has greatly valued its partnership with the REC Foundation for its delivery of the TSA VEX Robotics competitions at national TSA conferences. In recent years, national TSA has received input from student members, state and chapter advisors, as well as subject matter experts in the TSA community, about the importance of providing a nonspecific robotics event – one that adheres to the format, delivery, and evaluation criteria of official TSA competitive events.

After thoughtful consideration, the TSA, Inc. Board of Directors has decided not to continue TSA's partnership with the REC Foundation. Thus, the TSA VEX Robotics competitions will no longer be offered to members at the national level. TSA state delegations may choose to partner with the REC Foundation for regional and state robotic events, independent of national TSA. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a TSA-branded, open-source robotics competition will be offered at the high school level. This competition will follow TSA's competitive event structure, official rules, and rubric. TSA's Competition Regulations Committee (CRC) will develop a middle school level robotics event – similar to the high school event – that will be introduced in fall 2025.



Competition themes and problems

Middle and high school [competitive event themes and problems](#) for the 2024-2025 school year are found on the TSA website. Be sure your chapter is in the know!



TSA Achievement Program

The [TSA Achievement Program, Pathways to Excellence](#) provides bronze, silver, and gold level awards, and encourages members to achieve academic merit, professional growth, and valuable career skills through involvement in STEM-based activities.

The deadline for the state level silver award is **March 14, 2025**. The *chapter advisor* will review and approve the reports of those members who have achieved bronze, silver, and gold status as we approach that deadline.

The complete TSA Achievement Program, Pathways to Excellence description, as well as instructions for chapter advisors, can be found on the chapter advisor site under the **Achievement Program** tab.

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