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2021 Regional Conference [Registration](#) is Now Open!

We are excited to announce that the 2021 edition of regional conferences will contain more competitive events, more special sessions, and more engagement for our members and advisors. In an effort to accommodate the varied and ever changing restrictions on districts, as well as the concern for the safety of all of our active membership, TN TSA will be offering virtual regional conferences in 2021. To help students and advisors explore the full competition listing, keep track of pertinent dates and deadlines, as well as answer frequently asked questions, we encourage you to check out the [2021 Regional Conference Guide](#).

This year, **new & exciting events** have been added to maximize the competitive event experience. These events include: an awesome new conference kickoff, a conference meet & greet, a Q&A regarding the State Officer Program, a conference Video Game Night, and a Conference Closing video that you will not want to miss. We can't wait to connect with our members and advisors through these programs and much more.

In addition, we are excited to announce the theme of this year's regional conferences! **Soar to New Heights** reminds us all that we are limitless in potential; and we can go as far as we wish as long as we have the courage to try, and the willingness to fail. We hope that you and your members are as excited about conference season in 2021 as we are. Don't forget to connect with the State Officer Team on social media (@tennesseetsa) to connect with the theme and it's meaning in an even stronger way.

Regional conference tentative schedules can be found on the respective [conference](#) page. The 2020-21 TSA Themes and Problems can be found [here](#). Please keep up to date with [competitive events updates](#) as they are released. As updates are posted, we will also notify members and advisors via social media (@tennesseetsa). **Don't forget that regional conference [registration](#) closes December 15!** You **must** be an affiliated member in order to register.

Regional Conference Dates



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- [West TN](#) - January 21-23
- [Middle TN](#) - January 28-30
- [East TN](#) - February 11-13

Any questions regarding Regional Conferences should be directed to your respective regional coordinator.

- [West TN](#) Regional Coordinator - [Taylyn Hill](#)
- [Middle TN](#) Regional Coordinator - [Noah Kelley](#)
- [East TN](#) Regional Coordinator - [Elizabeth Bulay](#)

Make an Impact with Your Holiday Shopping

When you shop through [Amazon Smile](#), Amazon Smile will donate to TN Technology Student Association, at no cost to you. This year's funds will be used for the purchase of future conference expenses, creating new resources for students and advisors, and the development of additional TSA branded materials. We greatly appreciate your support, and encourage you to share this opportunity with family and friends!

Upcoming Chapter Affiliation Deadline

2020-21 TSA affiliation is available via the [national TSA website](#). Participation in TSA competitions allows TSA members to apply technology and engineering skills in challenging and innovative ways. Working individually or as a team, student members are motivated by the inspiration and enthusiasm gained from being recognized for the successful application of those skills. Tennessee TSA requires all conference attendees to be affiliated members of TSA, so to be able to compete at 2021 Regional Conferences, chapters must affiliate to be able to complete the chapter registration and affiliation process. **National TSA's priority affiliation deadline is November 20, however chapters have until December 15 to ensure they are affiliated.** For detailed instructions on how to affiliate, click [here](#).

Want help promoting TSA to your students, administrators, or potential partners? Check out this [promotional video](#) created by National TSA for your use.

2021-2022 State Officer Candidate Applications



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[State Officer Candidate Applications](#) are live on the TN TSA website. The Tennessee TSA State Officer program offers student members the opportunity to build leadership skills, travel, and represent the organization at the local, state and national levels. Applications are due **January 31, 2020**.

Questions regarding serving as a State Officer, the State Officer Candidate program, and Officer Candidate responsibilities at the 2021 State Leadership Conference can be directed toward the State Officer Team via social media (@tennesseetsa) on all platforms. Questions can also be sent to the TN TSA State Officer Coach, [Keith Stubblebine](#).

Awards & Scholarships

Each year, TN TSA provides opportunities for outstanding advisors, students, and chapters to be recognized. We hope that you consider nominating an exceptional candidate(s) for the following categories:

- [Advisor of the Year](#) - The Advisor of the Year Award recognizes two advisors that go above and beyond for their chapter, community, and state.
- [Chapter Excellence Award](#) - The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes two chapters for their success in membership growth, competitive events, and competitive excellence.
- [Distinguished Student Award](#) - The Distinguished Student Award recognizes two students for their service, competitive excellence, and passion for TNTSA.

Award nominations are due **March 1, 2021**.

TN TSA also provides three distinct student scholarships each year. The scholarships offered are:

- **Dr. Bob Hanson Scholarship** - The Dr. Bob Hanson Scholarship is named for one of the founders of Tennessee TSA, Dr. Robert Hanson, Retired Technology Education Professor from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.



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This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving student who has been accepted to a college or university.

- **Dr. Tom D'Apolito Scholarship** - Dr. Tom D'Apolito Scholarship is named after the TN TSA Technology Engineering Education Program Consultant and longtime National Corporate Member, Dr. Tom D'Apolito. This scholarship is given to a student who is majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics or to a student who's pursuing higher education.
- **Dustin Heavilon Engineering Scholarship** - Dustin Heavilon Scholarship is named after a former TN TSA member who died in a plane crash in high school. Dustin had a passion for engineering, so this scholarship is given to an individual who plans to pursue a degree in engineering and has been accepted to a college or university.

[Scholarship applications](#) are due **March 1, 2021**. Questions regarding Awards & Scholarships should be directed to [Keith Stubblebine](#).

Alumni Involvement

TN TSA loves our alumni! The association would be nothing if it wasn't for the passion, input and involvement of so many exceptional student members. Although students ultimately graduate and move on to new educational pursuits, we don't want them to cease involvement with their association. Their continued partnership will only strengthen TN TSA. If you know any current TSA alumni that are looking to remain involved with TSA, earn volunteer hours, or simply would like to hear about potential engagement opportunities, we would love for them to reconnect with us here. The [form](#) takes less than a minute to complete!

<http://www.tntsa.org/alumni.html>

Any questions about alumni involvement? Contact [Keith Stubblebine](#).

Important Links

[2020-21 TN TSA Affiliation](#)

[2020-21 TN TSA Calendar](#)

[2020-21 TN TSA Competition Information](#)

[Conference Information](#)



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[Advisor Resource Center](#)
[Staff Contact Information](#)

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- Nov. 20: National TSA Priority Membership Affiliation Deadline
- Nov. 20: Regional Conference Registration Opens
- Dec. 15: Membership Deadline to Compete at Regional Conferences
- Dec. 15: Regional Conference Registration Deadline
- Jan. 5: Regional Conferences Payment Deadline
- Jan. 21-23: West TN Regional Conference
- Jan. 28-30: Middle TN Regional Conference
- Jan. 31: State Officer Candidate Application Deadline
- Feb. 11-13: East TN Regional Conference
- Mar. 1: Scholarship and Awards Deadline