



## 2020-2021 Tennessee TSA Advisor Updates February 15, 2021

Hello!

### 2021 TN TSA State Leadership Conference Registration Opens Now!

Registration for the [43rd Annual Tennessee TSA State Leadership Conference](#) opens **now!** The Tennessee TSA SLC will be held virtually **April 14-17, 2021**.

Conference pre-submission events will be due April 5, and students will compete in live events from April 14-16! The Tennessee TSA Awards Presentation video will be released on April 17.

We are excited to announce that while this conference may look and feel different, we have been hard at work bringing to life one of the greatest conference experiences in our organization's history. Featuring synchronous general sessions, workshops and competitions, as well as asynchronous informational videos, general sessions videos, and more, this conference is sure to be a memorable once-in-a-lifetime experience. All of the information that you need regarding SLC can be found in our [Conference Guide!](#)

To these ends, our [SLC webpage](#) will be **interactive and intuitive** throughout the conference. From the kickoff of SLC through the Awards Presentation, everything will be communicated on the website. Advisors will not have to worry about channelling information to students - and you will have access to plenty of resources from the moment you register! Registration will open **Feb. 15**, and we encourage you to take a look at the [Conference Guide](#) as soon as you can to make sure your students are ready to go!

We also encourage you to review the [2020-2021 TSA Themes and Problems](#) and the [2020-2021 TN TSA Competitive Events Updates](#) for additional information. If you have questions about competitive events please contact your regional coordinator:

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

**Crushing Conferences - A Virtual Conference Help Desk**



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The State Staff and State Officer Teams are here to help you! We will be hosting a virtual help desk to answer your questions regarding conference planning, registration, competitive events or any other questions you may have! Crushing Conferences will kickoff next week and will be weekly until April 14. Advisors will be able to request the login information in the Advisor Resource Center.

Questions regarding *Crushing Conferences* can be directed to [Keith Stubblebine](#).

### 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 in order to compete at the 2021 State Leadership Conference.** 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.

### 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.
- [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**.



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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. 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>



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

### Take Advantage of 21st Century Skills for TSA

[21st Century Leadership](#) training materials developed and customized for TSA by Kent Julian, nationally known youth motivational speaker, are available to all affiliated chapters. These videos, quizzes, and downloadable journals with content geared toward middle and high school chapter members emphasize the importance of developing leadership skills as a TSA member. Topics include teamwork, problem solving and dependability. The current resources are accessible to chapter advisors via the TSA membership system and on the TSA [Student Member Site](#).

Helping your chapter members affiliate is easy!

1. Register and affiliate your chapter via the [TSA membership system](#).
2. Upload your student roster and set up the temporary student member password.
3. Provide the instructions found on the advisor site and temporary member password to chapter members.

Contact National TSA Membership Manager, [Suzy Orr](#), if you need assistance.

### Important Links

[2020-21 TN TSA Affiliation](#)

[2020-21 TN TSA Calendar](#)

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

[Conference Information](#)

[Advisor Resource Center](#)

[Staff Contact Information](#)

## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- Feb. 15: SLC Registration Opens



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- **Mar. 1: Scholarship and Awards Deadline**
- **Mar. 5: Membership Affiliation Deadline to Compete at SLC**
- **Mar. 15: SLC Registration Closes**
- **Mar. 31: SLC Payment Deadline**
- **Apr. 5: SLC Pre-Conference Submissions Due**
- **Apr. 5: State Officer Candidate Social Media Campaigns Open**
- **Apr. 14-17: 43rd Annual TN TSA State Leadership Conference**

Thanks,  
Keith Stubblebine