



Hey Tennessee TSA! My name is Katherine Wheeler, and I have been given the privilege of serving you on the 2011-2012 TNTSA state officer team! Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity to better TSA. I'm extremely excited about what our team will accomplish in the coming year, and I hope to get to know all of you this year, so it can be one of the best ever!

I am 16 years old and live in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where I will be a junior at Oak Ridge High School. Although I enjoy most school subjects, my favorites would have to be English and History, which are fascinating to me. I love to support our school as a representative to the Student Council, and I try to attend as many Oak Ridge Wildcat football games as I can.

Outside of TSA, I have various interests, including music, literature, and karate. I play the cello in my school orchestra and take lessons, and I love to listen to just about any kind of music. My favorite band changes just about every week; I currently am into Starfield. I'm also learning how to play guitar. To quote Thomas Jefferson, "I cannot live without books," and I also read the newspaper daily and newsmagazines as often as I can. I really like classic literature, and am a huge Harry Potter fan. Additionally, I couldn't live without my family, my friends, my faith and church community - and Facebook. I started taking karate in 6th grade, and I've loved it ever since; I hope to test for a green belt in the next few months.

I began TSA as a 6th grader who joined looking for something to do with her friends, but through TSA and the many opportunities it brings, I have become much more. I make every effort to continue learning and growing in TSA, and my favorite competitive events, Essays on Technology and Chapter Team, have helped me to do just that. I enjoy these events not only for the competitive experience, but also for their ability to help me hone my skills and learn more about topics that interest me.

I'm really excited for this coming year in TSA. Each member of our state officer team brings unique experiences and traits that will help us improve Tennessee TSA. I know I can't wait to serve you as an ambassador for our amazing organization.

Good luck with your TSA year, school year, and all of your experiences that will commence soon! I can't wait for our year of making Tennessee TSA more extraordinary!

Best wishes,

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