

Colorado TSA Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be Colorado Technology Student Association and may be referred to as Colorado TSA or COTSA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of this association are to:

1. Assist local chapters in the growth and development of TSA and Career and Technical Education (including Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics [STEAM]).
2. Assist local chapters in the development of leadership and citizenship in social, economic, scholastic, and civic activities.
3. Increase the knowledge and understanding of our technological society.
4. Assist career and technology education students in the making of informed and meaningful occupational choices.
5. Promote high standards for artisanship, scholarship, and safety.
6. Foster respect for the dignity of work.

ARTICLE III – EMBLEM AND COLORS

Section 1. The emblem of Colorado TSA shall consist of the National TSA logo with blue gradient shading, surrounding the emblem shall be blue white capped mountains with the word “Colorado” at the bottom. In the top right hand corner there is a red letter “C” filled in with a yellow center.

The emblem is a modern, futuristic symbol that represents the association’s commitment to technology and its impact on the future.

Section 2. The colors of Colorado TSA shall be specifically these colors: scarlet red, white, and navy blue.

1. Scarlet (red) – represents the strength and determination of the technology students and teachers to obtain their goal.
2. White – represents the high standards, morals, and beliefs we hold.
3. Blue (navy) – represents the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of our technical world.

ARTICLE IV – MOTTO AND CREED

Section 1. The motto of Colorado TSA shall be the same as that adopted by the National TSA. Therefore it shall read:

“Learning to lead in the technical world”

Section 2. The creed of Colorado TSA shall be the same as that adopted by The National TSA. Therefore it shall read:

“I believe that technology education holds an important place in my life in the technical world. I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation, and the processes of industry. Guided by my teachers, artisans from industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, community, state, and nation better places in which to live. I will accept responsibilities that are mine. I will accept the theories that are supported by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safe, more effective methods of working and living. I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals. Through the work of my hands and mind, I will express my ideas to the best of my ability. I will make it my goal to do better each day the task before me and to be steadfast in my belief in my God and my fellow Americans.”

ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Colorado TSA shall be an association of chartered local chapters within the state of Colorado.

1. Each local chapter of TSA will be responsible for all operational activities within the local chapter.
2. Each local chapter will be directly responsible to the state organization.
3. The state organization will be directly responsible to the national organization.

Section 2. The administration of Colorado TSA will be vested in the Colorado TSA Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the State Advisor, the State Officer Advisor, the program director for STEM/Arts/IT for the Colorado Community College System,, the Assistant Provost for Career and Technical Education for the Colorado Community College System, the Colorado TSA Corporate member, any members of the National TSA Board of Directors, at least one school district CTE director, the current Colorado TSA State Officer team, the current Colorado TSA Alumni Association President, the current Colorado TSA Alumni Association President-Elect, at least one representative advisor from each the high school and middle school level, one business and industry representative, and a representative from post-secondary education.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Advisor, the State Officer Team Advisor, the Program Director for STEM/Arts/IT for the Colorado Community College System, the Colorado State Parliamentarian, the elected officers of Colorado TSA (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sergeant-At-Arms) the Officers-At-Large, and any National TSA officer.

ARTICLE VI – RULES, REGULATIONS

Section 1. Such rules, regulations, and bylaws as are seen necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted as bylaws. There shall be two sets of bylaws: those that are student bylaws and can be amended by the membership; and administrative bylaws which can only be amended by the Colorado TSA Advisory Committee.

Section 2. No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution. Should a conflict arise between the administrative and student bylaws, the administrative bylaws will supercede the student bylaws.

Section 3. In all meetings, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as standard procedure.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in Colorado TSA shall be through the chartered local chapters of National TSA.

Section 2. Colorado TSA shall be chartered as a member of the National TSA, upon approval by the National TSA Board of Directors. Charter was granted in 1986.

Section 3. Classes of members which shall be recognized by Colorado TSA shall be:

1. Active, Alumni, Professional, Honorary Life Member.
 - a. Active members shall be students who are presently enrolled in or have completed a state-approved career and technical education course. An active member shall pay dues as established by the National Board of Directors of TSA, Inc. and the state and local Advisory/Executive Committees. Active members may be declared eligible to hold local, state, and/or national offices, participate in local, state, and national competitions, serve as voting delegates, and otherwise represent their associations as approved by their associations.
 - b. Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have met the requirements for and have been active members in the past. They shall be individuals who have graduated from high school and have obtained membership in the Colorado TSA Alumni Association. They shall not have the right to vote or hold office in Colorado TSA.
 - c. Professional members are those persons engaged in education, business, and industry who have an interest in the welfare of TSA and the welfare of career and technical education. Professional members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
 - d. Honorary Life Members may be individuals who have made or are making significant contributions to the advancement of TSA and or, technology education. They shall be approved, and given recognition by the state advisory/executive board(s), and shall be exempt from annual dues.

Section 4. The membership year shall be August 1 to July 31.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

Section 1. Voting procedures for the annual business meeting or any special meeting requiring business to be accomplished will adhere to the following voting procedures:

1. All registered members in good standing at the conference will have one vote.
2. Voting shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1. A Colorado TSA State Conference will be held during the second semester of each academic year. This conference shall serve as the official annual meeting of the Colorado TSA.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall empower the State Advisor to designate the time and place of the annual meeting and to call special meetings as deemed necessary.

Two-thirds of the Executive Committee must be present to establish a quorum. The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Advisor, the State Officer Team Advisor, the Program Director for STEM/Arts/IT for the Colorado Community College System, the Colorado State Parliamentarian, the elected officers of Colorado TSA (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sergeant-At-Arms), the Officers-At-Large, and any Colorado TSA member serving as a National TSA officer.

Section 3. The Advisory Committee shall consist of:

1. The State Advisor
2. The State Officer Advisor
3. The Program Director for STEM/Arts/IT for the Colorado Community College System
4. The Assistant Provost for Career and Technical Education for the Colorado Community College System
5. The Colorado TSA Corporate member
6. Any members of the National TSA Board of Directors
7. Any National TSA officers
8. At least one school district CTE director
9. The current Colorado TSA State Officer team
10. The current Colorado TSA Alumni Association President
11. The current Colorado TSA Alumni Association President-Elect
12. At least one representative advisor from the high school level
13. At least one representative advisor from the middle school level
14. At least one representative from post-secondary education
15. At least one business and industry representative
16. Other members may be included, not to exceed 25 total members.

The State Advisor shall serve as the chairperson for this committee and will not have voting rights except in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE X – STATE OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Colorado TSA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Reporter, and two Officers-at-Large. In a year that Colorado puts forth a national officer candidate, that individual will have all of the rights and responsibilities of a state officer and will serve in one of the Officer-at-Large positions.

Section 2. All officers of the Colorado TSA must be active members in good standing with their local chapters.

Section 3. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sergeant-At-Arms shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual Colorado TSA State Conference. The Officer(s)-At-Large will be appointed following the state conference.

Section 4. Officers elected at the Colorado TSA State Conference will be installed into office during the annual meeting of Colorado TSA. These officers will hold office until the close of the next annual meeting.

Section 5. Colorado TSA members who are elected as National TSA Officers will remain as a member of the Executive Committee with all the rights and privileges of a state officer.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy on the state officer team after the election has occurred, the Executive Committee will appoint qualified candidates as necessary to fill the officer team.