

Kansas TSA Officer Candidates

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Prompt: Briefly explain why you joined TSA and why you want to be an officer

President Candidates

Jayce Quirin

"I joined TSA because it was a new club at my school and it seemed like something I would be interested in. I want to be an officer because I've enjoyed being a State Officer the past 3 year and I feel it has truly bettered my life."

Arya Vilandai

"I've always been interested in STEM. As a kid I took apart old computers and phones and played with electronics kits. Now I've been able to represent my school at TSA Nationals. TSA has always been a place where I connection with other science and Technology oriented folk, including other girls. I want to become an officer to advocate for other girls interested in STEM like myself and help lift up EVERYONE (who is) passionate about science and technology."

Vice President Candidate

Lane Lamping

"It was only maybe my third time in my middle school's auditorium that I'd first heard of TSA. At first, I wondered why my school had an airport security club. Then, however, the mention of engineering and technology caught my attention. Back then, all I knew was that I loved Legos & computers, so STEM seemed pretty interesting. Thus, I chose to check out the club.

The moment I walked in Mrs. Jobe's door next Tuesday evening, I knew it was the right place for me. From the sight of students building a solar-powered car to the gentle whirring of the computers in the corner, I could tell. However, even better than the feel, was the people. I believe there is no more powerful force than the support of like-minded peers. The experiences and the people of TSA have helped shape me into who I am today, and I am grateful for everything this organization has given me.

That's why I am running for reelection to state office. I want to continue supporting this organization and its members. I believe I can help provide guidance and resources for other students to prosper the same as I have. I want to help TSA expand its reach, inspire more students to explore the wonders of STEM, and give back to this organization that has given so much to me."

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Officer Team Candidates

Erick Jons

"I joined TSA because I want to be an engineer. I want to be a State Officer because I want to be more involved in the organization and become a better leader"

Ohemaa Sarpong

"I joined TSA because I am very interested STEM and felt like this club lined up with my interests. I want to be an officer again in the 2023-2024 school year because I had a great experience this year. I was lined up with many opportunities to develop my leadership skills, organize events, and collaborate with other leaders, I really learned a lot and would like to continue learning and serving TSA this way next year."

Annabella Speer

"I first learned about TSA during my 7th grade back-to-school night. This was the first time I met Mrs. Jobe, my chapter advisor, because she was going to be one of my teachers. There, she was advertising for TSA, and it sounded like everything I had ever wanted in a club. I have wanted to be a robotics engineer since second grade, but I had not had many opportunities to learn much about engineering or robotics during elementary school, so TSA sounded like a dream come true.

In my second year of TSA, I ran to be our chapter president, and won the election. I saw this as an opportunity to lessen my fear of public speaking and help increase my leadership skills. I believe that being a state officer could help improve my skills and lessen my fears even more because I will not know everybody. Additionally, I would try my best to make a difference and help to continue to grow the TSA chapters in Kansas."