

General Information

State Conference Purpose:

The purpose of this conference is designed to provide Kansas TSA members the opportunity to compete at career exploratory level to showcase their skill sets they have acquired throughout the year.

Facility: Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS

Kansas TSA has been at Webster since 2009; The campus has made many changes and improvements since that first conference and those changes and improvements come from the labor of volunteers and as money is available. Be aware of construction areas and supplies, if they are present, and do not mess with them.

Kansas TSA's continued usage of the center has allowed us to develop a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the management and staff of the facility. Respect or disrespect of the facilities and/or conference guidelines reflects positively or negatively on yourself, chapter, and the Kansas TSA state association. No problems are anticipated; be vigilant and report any damage and/or inappropriate behaviors to advisors for prompt remedy/resolution.

Registration:

Go to the website www.kansastsa.org and select State Conference Link or <https://www.registermychapter.com/tsa/ks>

The State Registration is Linked directly to the National database, and you should be able to use your national log-in but may need to request a new password. Update your school information as needed on the first page. Student members must be listed on the National Roster for your school before they will show up in the state registration system. Select add students, click search to view the roster and select Grade, Gender, and Status from the drop-down menus, and click submit. The system will bring you back to the Registration screen where you can edit and select events for each student. This is also where you can add any special requests specific to the student. Additional adults can be added manually to your registration by clicking the "Other Name" button. There is the option to save and finish later.

View Registration to verify all the information and when everything is correct hit Submit to TSA. Your registration is not final until you click submit to TSA and Confirm.

**There is no late nor on-site registration of students.
Deadline for registration is **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024** at midnight.**

Events identified to have a digital submission must have that portion submitted to Judge Pro by **Friday, March 8th, 2024 at midnight**

Substitutions, Drops, and other Considerations

Substitutions and Drops are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Ruth DeLange tsakansas@gmail.com or 620-366-3388 (cell) as soon as possible to ensure an efficient and equitable resolution.

Kansas TSA strongly recommends that ALL team events have at least two (2) team members in case one is unable to attend at the last minute. This will help ensure that projects are able to compete even if a complete team is not. There is the possibility of accommodating limited virtual participation, however, because virtual participation is not a standard option it would be reserved for chapters dealing with students impacted by exceptional Circumstances.

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Cost

There are several registration options available to chapters listed below. Chapters may have mixed registrations as needed and determined by the chapter advisor. Kansas TSA, while flexible, cannot significantly delay events to accommodate off campus meals nor travel of any chapters with mixed registrations. Please read carefully and ask if you have any questions.

Registration Options Overview

- #1: ON-Site- Cost per person \$150
- #2: OFF Site- Cost per person: \$135
- #3: OFF Site- Cost per person: \$50
- #4: ONE DAY- Cost per person: \$55
- #5: ONE DAY- Cost per person: \$35

Registration Option Details

#1: ON-Site- Cost per person \$150

Includes: 3 day Registration Fee, 7 on campus meals, and 2 night Onsite Lodging

On-site Lodging at Webster Conference Center provides a room, bed, and shower facilities. Towels, sheets/blankets, and pillows and will **NOT** be provided. Students and advisors will need to bring all toiletry and bedding supplies. See the Suggested Packing list and complete the Housing form. These are both posted on the Website.

#2: OFF Site Meals- Cost per person: \$135

Includes: 3 day Registration Fee, and 7 on campus meals

Off-site Lodging- Chapters choosing this option are responsible for securing lodging as needed off the Webster Conference Center campus. There are several hotels located at the next exit (#252) off I-70 with reasonable rates.

#3: OFF Site No Meals- Cost per person: \$50

Includes: 3 day Registration Fee, and NO on campus meals

Off-site Lodging-Chapters choosing this option are responsible for securing lodging as needed off the Webster Conference Center campus. There are several hotels located at the next exit (#252) off I-70 with reasonable rates.

No on campus meals- Choosing this option chapters are responsible for securing their own meals, Meal tickets will **not** be issued to individuals choosing this option.

#4: ONE DAY Meals- Cost per person: \$55

Includes: 1 day Registration Fee, and 2 on campus meals

One Day Conference- this option is most appropriate for chapters with students who may only be competing on one day of the conference. Meal tickets **WILL** be issued for individuals choosing this option.

#5: ONE DAY No Meals- Cost per person: \$35

Includes: 1 day Registration Fee, NO on campus meals

One Day Conference- this option is most appropriate for chapters/individuals who may only be competing on one day of the conference.

No on campus meals- Choosing this option chapters are responsible for securing their own meals, Meal ticket will **not** be issued to individuals choosing this option.

*There will be a salad bar available at all lunch and dinner times. This will serve as the vegetarian and special needs diets. Off campus food may be brought on campus, it cannot be in the dining hall and clean-up is the responsibility of the chapter bring in food, also there is no public cold food storage available.

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EVENTS

Read all rules and regulations in the competitive events guide and the updates and clarifications on the National website, to avoid receiving costly rules violation penalties which may be the deciding factor in a 1st 2nd or 3rd place finish. Please also read the Competitive Events Program section at the front of the events guides.

Please understand that we try our best to run events the way that they are run at the National Conference. However, because our conference is 2.5 day as opposed to the 5 days for Nationals, we have numerous events that have Kansas Quirks.

Kansas Quirks applies **ONLY** to the Kansas TSA State conference on **March 27- 29, 2024** and **SHOULD NOT** be carried over into National Competition. The Kansas Quirks help our state conference run more smoothly and are the primary reason we have them. If a Quirk exists it will be noted in the appropriate section.

Event Check-in:

Many events have a *digital submission* that is to be uploaded to Judge Pro by **March 8, 2024** *Missing this deadline will automatically disqualify the entry. Digital submissions are scored prior to the first day of the state conference and finalists posted the after the Opening General Session on Day 1.*

Displays and all physical components will be turned in on Day 1 (Wed, March 27) from 10:00AM -12:00PM and again on Day 2 (Thu, March 28) as needed. You will be allowed to set up your display and then promptly leave the room- Viewing entries will take place at a designated time.

Conflicts during the 10:00AM-12:00PM time with test taking and checking in events can be solved by students checking in with the testing supervisor, in the commons, before checking in static events, so they know to extend testing times. As a last resort, a fellow chapter members may check it in physical components for you.

Finals will be held for the Top 10 in events that have a final competition. If event numbers are smaller than 10, all entries will proceed to the final rounds. Some events may only accommodate a smaller number of finalists; The event coordinator and events manager will determine the number of finalists.

Rules Interpretation Panel will accept any written grievances this year during the conference. The form is in the back of the competitive events guide will need to be completed and turned into the state advisor.