

2026 Kansas TSA Officer Candidates



President Candidates

Shi'Yera Lyles **2026-2027 grade: 8th**

“I joined TSA to be more involved in my school and also to have a more in-depth understanding of technology.”

Annabella Speer **2026-2027 grade: 12th**

“I was introduced to TSA at my 7th-grade Back-to-School Night. It sounded like a dream come true, for I had wanted to be an engineer since elementary school but had rarely been given the opportunity to truly try it. TSA gave me this real-world knowledge about engineering, and I am completely sure it is what I want to do with my life now.

If you met me before I joined TSA, you would have met an entirely different person. I was afraid of the thought of talking to someone new, let alone giving speeches to the entirety of our state chapter. TSA is entirely to thank for this change, so I hope to continue to serve as Kansas State President. I want this organization to continue to grow and help people the way it has helped me.”

Officer Team Candidates

Michael DeLange **2026-2027 grade: 12th**

“I have had the opportunity to be a state officer during the 2025-2026 school year. I have learned a lot in my role as state Sergeant at Arms and want to give another year of service to TSA.”

Nathan Gomes **2026-2027 grade: 10th**

“I joined TSA because I felt a certain motivation towards many people, I know did TSA and I felt compelled. I have learned so much and I want to learn more and get better at public speaking because I eventually want to run for National Office.”

Joshua Kirkland **2026-2027 grade: 12th**

“I joined TSA because I was interested in STEM and some of my friends convinced me to join. After 5 years of TSA, I've led my chapter for four (middle and high), and we as officers can consistently keep veteran members as well as get new ones. I want the members to enjoy learning about STEM and meeting like-minded people around them and help them prepare for their career by teaching/demonstrating professional and leadership skills.”

Lillith Lee **2026-2027 grade: 12th**

“I joined TSA because my friends said they thought I'd enjoy it. I want to be an officer because I want to continue helping the members of Kansas TSA. I want all future and current members to feel welcome and [I want] to be someone they can come to if they need help. I also enjoy being a state officer currently and would like to continue being a state officer and helping the other state officers.”

Lillyanne Speer **2026-2027 grade: 10th**

“I originally joined TSA in 6th grade after seeing and hearing from my sister about all the fun things that members have the opportunity to do. I have had the chance to try a number of events in my 4 years in TSA, and I look forward to continuing my journey. I would like to run for the officer pool because I have enjoyed my past two years serving as a representative. If I am elected, this would be my third year serving on the State Officer Team. Through my time on the officer team, I enjoyed planning Winter Leadership and the team bonding throughout Citizenship Day. Being on the officer team to me is a mix of leadership building and a fun way to connect and bond with my fellow officers. I believe that I would be a good fit for the officer team because I enjoy leading, collaborating with others, and learning new skills.”