

# Liam Chelkowski

## Candidate for Treasurer

Hey there Florida TSA! I am so happy that you stopped by to look at my website pages! For ease, this first page will be about me and my second page will be about my platform.

### My TSA story:

I am a sophomore at Seminole High School (SHS) and the current Chapter Treasurer. I generally consider myself to be very ambitious and I work diligently towards the goals I set for myself. I am engaged in many extracurriculars, both inside and outside of school, but TSA is my top priority. I believe everything you have seen in relation to my campaign, whether that is my speech, outline, Instagram stories, or even this page, show how committed I am to TSA. My commitment to TSA starts within my own community. I understand all the amazing opportunities that TSA offers students, and for that reason, the SHS Chapter Secretary and I are many months into the process of founding a TSA chapter at our former middle school. I have realized that I want to help those outside of my immediate community and that is the reason I am running for State Treasurer—to use my passion to help all of you.

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While I encourage you to check out the Instagram stories I have made to learn more about me and my qualifications, I want to give you a more personal story about myself on this page. For as long as I can remember, I've always known I wanted my career to be something in the STEM field. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade I wanted to be an astronaut (I know it's cliché, but I really did). In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, after joining a robotics club, I decided I was going to become a computer scientist. I changed course again in early 6<sup>th</sup> grade when I thought I wanted to become a veterinarian. Not until I had my appendix removed in the summer going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade did I realize I wanted to become a surgeon, and still do to this day. The challenge, the stressful environment, helping others, and seeing myself make a direct, tangible difference in someone's life—I knew this is how I wanted to spend the rest of my life. The point of this story is not to tell you the timeline of what my career choice looked like; it is meant to tell you that the same things that draw me to surgery draw me to want to serve you. Being a state officer is a large responsibility, which at times can make it challenging. Because it is challenging it can often be stressful, but my largest hope in becoming a state officer is to make a positive, direct, and tangible difference in the experience of members throughout the state of Florida.

While I hope you read my platform ideas below, I hope you also check out my Instagram stories and my outline at [tinyurl.com/FOCUSTsa](https://tinyurl.com/FOCUSTsa). A more detailed proposal of my ideas is visible there.

Have a question? Reach out: [focustsa2021@gmail.com](mailto:focustsa2021@gmail.com)

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## My platform:

If I serve as your next State Treasurer, I have three main FOCUSes I would like to implement: 1) a fundraising guide, 2) a forum of communication for all chapter treasurers, and 3) a direct line of contact between myself and all treasurers state-wide. I outline all three of these ideas in detail in my full plan, which is accessible at [tinyurl.com/FOCUSTsa](https://tinyurl.com/FOCUSTsa).

### 1) A fundraising guide:

If approved, my fundraising guide would be accessible on the FLTSA website. This would grant all chapters access to fundraising help. This guide would include information regarding tips & tricks to fundraising, how and why you should obtain sponsorships, and a large Q&A section. While I would create a lot of the initial draft, I would hopefully be able to reach out to some treasurers throughout the state and obtain feedback and suggestions on how to make the guide better. My hope of the fundraising guide is to increase revenue for TSA chapters, minimize State and National Conference fees, and increase American Cancer Society donations. My outline details specific examples of what each respective sub-section would look like, I hope you check it out!

### 2) Forum of Communication:

In basic terms, a forum of communication represents a method of interaction, sort of like a text chat or conference call. The forum will allow treasurers the opportunity to ask questions and discuss fundraising experiences.

### 3) Direct Line of Contact:

While having a place for all treasurers to interact would be amazing, I believe having a way to contact me regarding state conference fees or any other treasurer-related question would be beneficial. While it is up for the Board to decide what is best, any method of communication works well for me.

I hope you enjoyed reading! Make sure to **Vote Chelk for Fundraising Help!**

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