

## **FL TSA 2022 State Conference FAQs**

### **Who can participate in the FL TSA State Conference?**

Any affiliated FL TSA chapter members can register for the state conference and pay associated conference fees as outlined in the conference package and registration software.

### **Will Florida TSA offer an onsite state conference in 2022?**

Yes, events will be held at a DoubleTree Universal Orlando Resort. All students and guests must be registered and paid to attend all portions of the conference and general sessions including the awards session Saturday night. Registration deadlines are posted on the conference registration portal. There is no onsite registration permitted.

### **Which events have an early submission deadline?**

Website and video game events will maintain their early submission deadlines similar to prior years. See conference package for specific deadlines. These two events are submitted earlier than other events with project submissions.

### **How will events with projects be submitted?**

Most events with projects will need to be submitted by Wednesday night of the state conference. (Keep in mind website and video game have earlier deadlines.) Some events will be submitted on JudgePro and some will be physically turned in. A breakdown of events will be listed in the conference program that will be available for viewing as a PDF file online. No late submissions can be accepted. Events with online submissions may be submitted early.

### **How will events with exams be administered?**

An online exam system will open at designated times on Monday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> for all students to take their exams. Check conference program for exam times. No makeup exams allowed. Online exams are a COVID precaution to eliminate handling test booklets and answer sheets. Exam formats will be evaluated each year.

### **How will events with interviews be conducted?**

Interviews will be held in person at DoubleTree Universal Orlando. Masks are recommended.

### **How will schedule conflicts be handled?**

FL TSA posts a conference matrix in November each year so schools can avoid schedule conflicts of overlapping events. Volunteer judges and coordinators are not able to accommodate any participation outside of posted time blocks so schools need to ensure conflicts are avoided. This is the same policy that has been in effect for in person conferences. Each student may compete in up to 6 competitions that don't have time conflicts.

### **How are state officer applications submitted?**

In the registration system, a state officer candidate must select "FL TSA State Officer Applicant" in the event selection menu. This will allow the student to upload their application in PDF format between when registration closes and the submission deadline. FL TSA is trying to avoid hard copy paperwork submissions this year due to COVID. All components need to be uploaded in PDF files.

### **How are honor society applications submitted?**

In the registration system, an honor society candidate must select “FL TSA Technology Honor Society” in the event selection menu. This will allow the student to upload their application in PDF format between when registration closes and the submission deadline. FL TSA is trying to avoid hard copy paperwork submissions this year due to COVID. All components need to be uploaded in PDF files.

### **How are high school senior scholarship applications submitted?**

In the registration system, a scholarship applicant must select “FL TSA Scholarship Submission” in the event selection menu. This will allow the student to upload their application in PDF format between when registration closes and the submission deadline. FL TSA is trying to avoid hard copy paperwork submissions this year due to COVID. All components need to be uploaded in PDF files.

### **How are middle school award applications submitted?**

In the registration system, a middle school award applicant must select “FL TSA Middle School Award Applicant” in the event selection menu. This will allow the student to upload their application in PDF format between when registration closes and the submission deadline. FL TSA is trying to avoid hard copy paperwork submissions this year due to COVID. All components need to be uploaded in PDF files.

### **Do officer applications or award applications count toward a student’s 6 event total?**

No, these additional opportunities are not part of the event total to be consistent with past years. The registration software is set to not count these toward the 6 event limit.

### **How does a student know if their team advances to the semi-final round of a competitive event with multiple components?**

Postings will go up on a designated wall at DoubleTree Universal Orlando as Semi-Final results become available. The number of Semi-Finalists may vary between events. Students are responsible for checking postings and attending their next round of the competition. Up to 10 finalists will be recognized at the awards program.

### **Will there be general sessions?**

There will be an Opening Session, Business Session, and a final Awards Session. Masks are highly encouraged for these sessions. Any additional protocol required by the host county or hotel property will be enforced.

### **How will officer elections be conducted?**

Each chapter may send up to two voting delegates to be seated at the time stated in the conference program. Each delegate will be able to cast one vote to represent their chapter. Elections will be in accordance with FL TSA bylaws.

**Are chapter volunteer commitments still required this year?**

Yes, each chapter that participates is required to provide at least one volunteer to conference manager Aubrey Hudson to be assigned as an event coordinator. If all coordinator spots are filled then a volunteer will be assigned as a judge. The chapter participation fee of \$250 per chapter will be waived and show up as a credit on a chapter invoice once a volunteer is identified and scheduled.

**Will conference pins be distributed?**

Yes, each participant and advisor registered in the conference system will receive a conference themed pin designed by Florida TSA's state officers. Pins will be included in chapter registration packages.

**Where are participant ID numbers located?**

Advisors will see all student ID numbers in the conference registration system as students are entered and submitted. The full ID number needs to be used for individual events. The first 4 digits is the team ID number for team events. This is the same as prior years.

**Will finalists still receive pins?**

Yes, up to 10 finalists per event will be recognized and receive a finalist pin. Team event pin totals will be based on registration numbers in the conference system. Pins will be presented live at the Awards Session.

**What awards will winners receive in each competitive event?**

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive recognition as in past years. One trophy per place in each event will be awarded on stage. Teams will receive one trophy for a team event.

**What events count toward the Outstanding School Trophy?**

Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place finishes for all events that are in the CEG (Competitive Events Guide). Pilot events do not count toward the Outstanding School Award. VEX, TEAMS, and other competitions held in conjunction with TSA are not tabulated in the Outstanding School Award total. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Middle School and High School trophies will be awarded.