

# Starting a Chapter



## FIND AN ADVISOR

A TSA advisor is a teacher at the school who preferably teaches a STEM subject, but any teacher dedicated to advancing their students' career and technical education and inspiring them to become leaders would make a great advisor. Make sure potential advisors know their responsibilities in running a chapter, including traveling to conferences.

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## OBTAIN PERMISSION

Obtain permission from the school to start a club. Each school's policy for this is different, but your new advisor can help in the process. Emphasize the positive impact it will have on students and prepare a list or rough number of how many students are interested in the club.



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## AFFILIATE YOUR CHAPTER

This is the advisor's job! Florida TSA has two ways to affiliate a chapter. The first is to attend the New Advisor Training Workshop, and the second is to affiliate directly with National and Florida TSA through the National TSA site. More detailed information can be found [here](#).



## RECRUIT MEMBERS

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Recruiting members is a very important part of running a successful TSA chapter! Ideas for recruitment and promotion can be found in the Chapter Resources section on the Florida TSA website. This is a process that advisors, chapter officers, and individual chapter members should contribute to; a promotion strategy even as simple as word-of-mouth can go a long way!



## BLAST OFF! TIME TO COMPETE

Throughout the TSA season, students get the opportunity to attend various conferences. During the Leadership Conference in October, student leaders learn how to run successful chapters. Throughout the year, members prepare competitive events for the State and National Conferences in February and June, respectively.