



# Technology Student Association and the American Cancer Society Youth Partner Fact Sheet

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization for middle and high school students with a strong interest in technology. Through its program of technology-related events, it seeks to inspire its student members to prepare for career and life in a technology-driven economy and culture.

## About the Technology Student Association

TSA members are supported by teachers, parents, and business leaders who promote a technologically educated society. Currently, TSA serves more than 150,000 students in 2,000 schools in 48 states.

## Mission

The Technology Student Association fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events, and related programs.

## Membership

Perhaps the most important benefit of TSA membership is the inspiration and enthusiasm that students gain from receiving recognition for applying their knowledge.

Demonstrating skills in a forum beyond school walls motivates students, especially when there is a large, like-minded audience of peers who support them. Other benefits include opportunities to:

- Enhance technological literacy and leadership skills
- Work on complex activities from start to finish
- Compete on local, state, and national levels
- Develop leadership skills
- Meet and work with business and industry leaders
- Attend organized meetings
- Network with students and teachers with similar interests from all over the United States
- Contribute time and effort to a national service project
- Receive national membership services, including the online TSA newsletter *School Scene*
- Receive recognition through the TSA's achievement and scholarship programs
- Have a voice in a national organization that is helping to shape the future of technology education

## The TSA and the American Cancer Society

These two groups have been in partnership since 2003 through the TSA/American Cancer Society Spirit of Service Awards program. Over the years, TSA chapters across the country have adopted many fundraising initiatives to provide money for cancer education, advocacy, and research.

One of the most effective ways TSA chapters have participated is through their chapter's community Relay For Life.

Each year at the site of the National TSA Conference, schools, chapters, and states across the country are recognized for the money raised during the school year through the TSA/American Cancer Society Spirit of Service Awards program.

Since TSA held its first Relay Rally at the 26th national conference site, TSA members have raised \$209,747. This school year, TSA chapters across the country can again participate in the Spirit of Service Awards program and can be recognized at the following fundraising levels at the 31st National TSA Conference in Denver, Colorado:

- Platinum Award: \$500 - \$999
- Diamond Award: \$1,000 - \$1,999
- Purple Award: \$2,000 and above

In addition to recognizing chapters that achieve these award levels at the upcoming National TSA Conference, TSA will also recognize the chapters that raise the most money, the state whose chapters raise the most money collectively, and the top three states that raise the most money per member. TSA members who participate in Relay can go to [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) for the fundraising form chapters need to record the money raised.

- A fact sheet will be distributed to TSA chapters informing them of the partnership and how to find their local Relay through [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org).
- Teams should report their Relay team fundraising totals via the online form on [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) by the deadline noted on the page. For information about where to send fundraising dollars, please visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).
- Send TSA team stories and photos to Division youth leads.

## How to Work with the TSA

- Please ensure that TSA teams include TSA in their team name (example: TSA Cancer Crushers) and complete the affiliation information online or on the scannable form.
- To locate a TSA chapter, please visit [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) or call 1-703-860-9000.
- Fundraising ideas for TSA Relay teams are posted on the TSA's Web site.
- Recognize TSA participation at community Relays.



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