



IMPORTANT NATIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parents...did you know your child may not attend the national TSA conference unless you complete the TSA, Inc.

AUTHORIZATION FORM? The form may be found on the following page and at www.tsaweb.org. This very important form must be given to you by your child's chapter advisor and then completed and returned to the advisor. It is the responsibility of the chapter advisor to keep a copy of the completed form with him/her at all times and to have it available upon request by the state advisor or National TSA. Please keep a copy for your records. The form may be found at www.tsaweb.org (under National Conference).

Parents . . . did you know you can be a national judge?

More than 200 judges are needed at the national TSA conference. Being a contest judge is a great way to become involved in TSA. Consider "rolling up your sleeves" and devoting some of your valuable time, talent and skills to this very worthwhile endeavor. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the national TSA conference to help make a positive impact on TSA members nationwide through judging. Training is provided. Visit www.tsaweb.org and click on Competitive Events to see if any of the competitions match your area of expertise or interest and for information on volunteering to be a judge. Once you are ready to judge, contact Tony Raymond at Tony.Raymond@cccs.edu.

Parents...did you know there is an online store for TSA apparel?

TSA members, advisors and parents can now shop for TSA branded products online. To purchase blazers, shirts, slacks, and other official clothing, as well as other accessories such as TSA pins, patches and ties, visit www.costore.com/tsa or www.tsaweb.org and click on TSA Store.

Parents...did you know your child can purchase downloadable rules for individual middle or high school events? Visit www.tsaweb.org/Competitions for details.

Parents...did you know TSA has a partnership with the American Cancer Society?

Last year's TSA chapters around the country raised more than \$70,000 to help fund vital research, education, advocacy and patient services of the American Cancer Society. At the upcoming national conference in Denver, Colorado, TSA will once again recognize the chapters and states that raise money for the American Cancer Society. All contributions raised between July 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009 will be tallied and counted toward this goal. To find out more about the American Cancer Society, visit www.cancer.org.

Parents...did you know your child is eligible to receive leadership training through TSA? Once again this year during the national TSA conference, leadership academies, sponsored by DuPont, will be offered for middle and high school TSA members, graduating seniors, chapter and state officers and state and chapter advisors. The program is 3 ½ hours. The cost per person is \$30 (in addition to the conference registration fee) and includes training, a TSA T-shirt, a TSA Leader lapel pin, a TSA Leader conference ribbon, a certificate of participation, and a CD-Rom of leadership materials. During these fun, fast-paced academies TSA members will receive customized training in leadership, goal-setting, professionalism, teambuilding and more! They will have the opportunity to create lasting friendships with fellow TSA members from around the nation and gain valuable life skills while making great memories!

Parents...did you know all adults who attend the national TSA conference must comply with the TSA dress code? No flip-flops, halter tops, tank tops or shorts are permitted for anyone at the general sessions.

Technology Student Association, Inc. (Parent) Authorization Form - 2009

CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS

This form is required of all minors and adults who attend the national TSA conference. Copies of this completed form are to be retained and kept on file by minor's parents, chapter advisors and/or state advisors. It is the responsibility of the chapter advisor to make sure there is a completed form for each participant and to give a copy to their state advisor prior to the conference if requested by the state advisor. National TSA reserves the right to request a completed copy of this form at any time from the chapter advisor or state advisor. Do not send this form to the national TSA office.

As used below, TSA shall mean the (National) Technology Student Association, Inc. and its officers, directors, employees, assigns, and agents (including any third party designated and approved by TSA) at any time, including, without limitation, individuals or entities involved in print, publication, television, broadcast, or video media. As used below, "Participant" shall mean any individual, student, advisor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a TSA activity. The participation in any TSA program, meeting or conference (collectively, the "Event"), agrees to the following:

I hereby grant to TSA the right to photograph and/or videotape me (my child) during my participation in an Event. I further grant to TSA, forever and throughout the world, the right to use these photographs and videotapes of my likeness, voice and sounds during my participation, and to reuse or license the right to such photographs and videotapes of my participation, and my name, likeness and biography, as TSA may desire, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for TSA, without further compensation to me or any limitation whatsoever. In granting this license, I understand that TSA is not under any obligation to exercise any of their rights, licenses and privileges herein granted. Each such photograph and videotape shall be a work for hire and TSA shall be deemed the owner of any copyright and/or trademark rights therein (and all applications, registrations and renewals resulting there from). If, however, the work is deemed not to be a work made for hire by a court of competent jurisdiction, then this Consent and Release to Produce Physical Likeness ("Release") shall constitute an irrevocable assignment by the Participant of the worldwide copyright in the work to TSA. It is a TSA policy not to print a minor's picture accompanied by his/her name unless TSA has obtained specific permission from his/her parent or guardian.

The undersigned being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in an Event, hereby assumes the risks of bodily injury (including, without limitation, death) and property damage, inherent in such participation. Exception to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of TSA, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I hereby waive any claims or causes of action which I may now or forever have against TSA arising out of my participation, and I will indemnify and hold harmless TSA against any and all claims resulting from such participation.

I hereby release TSA and its respective successors, affiliates, licensees and assigns from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's and other professional fees and expenses) that I may now or ever have against TSA arising in connection with my participation in the Event and TSA's exercise of rights hereby granted, including, without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort. In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while involved in an Event, I hereby authorize TSA to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and medications I may bring as may be necessary under the circumstances, to include treatment by a physician or hospital of TSA's choice.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Venue for any legal action arising out of or in connection with this Release shall be in Fairfax County, Virginia. This release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights. A parent or guardian agrees to all of these terms on behalf of a minor.

Participant's Name and Signature _____

School _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Allergies _____ Age _____

Current Medication _____

History of heart condition, diabetes, asthma, etc. _____

Physician's name and telephone _____

Insurance company and policy number _____

Parent/Guardian's Name and signature _____

Parent's Phone (h) _____ (c) _____ Email _____