

LEAP LEGACY CHAPTER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is the LEAP Legacy Chapter?

LEAP Legacy Chapter is a comprehensive leadership recognition program offered to middle and high school chapters as an optional national TSA activity that includes a competition component. Chapters (in a team of three to ten members) demonstrate – and are evaluated on – their involvement in LEAP activities related to The Student Leadership Challenge-Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader (SLC-Five Practices)*, and their achievements in the core philosophy of Be. Know. Do. Semifinalist chapters compete as participants in the TSA Meet and Greet event at the annual national TSA conference.

Q. Does the LEAP Legacy Chapter replace existing state and national leadership recognition programs?

During the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 school years, states can continue to offer existing national TSA recognition programs (Bronze/Silver/Gold Achievement, TSA Honor Society, or Chapter Excellence), and also offer the LEAP Legacy Chapter program. States that have a custom leadership recognition program, such as Oklahoma TSA's "Leadership Degree Program," may continue to offer their custom leadership program indefinitely in addition to the LEAP Legacy Chapter.

The TSA Gold/Silver/Bronze Achievement and the TSA Chapter Excellence programs will end with the 2018 national TSA conference. The TSA Technology Honor Society will be revised and will still be available for individual participation.

Q. How does the LEAP Legacy Chapter Recognition Program work?

Many of the leadership activities that chapters currently undertake as part of state-based or national recognition leadership programs will fulfill the LEAP Legacy Chapter recognition program requirements. To participate, middle schools and high schools will submit a LEAP Legacy Chapter portfolio to national TSA. The portfolio should follow the LEAP Legacy Chapter Recognition Program Guidelines.

Q. How are LEAP Legacy Chapters evaluated?

Portfolio submissions will be evaluated by judges assembled by national TSA. Based on minimum qualifying scores, one middle school and one high school per state will be selected as semifinalists. Ten middle school chapters and ten high school chapters will be selected to advance as national semifinalists and will be notified of their standing by May 1st. Portfolios that do not meet the minimum qualifying score will not advance to the semifinalist round, even if there are no viable portfolios from an individual state. Portfolio submissions are due March 30th.

National semifinalists are expected to attend the national TSA conference at their own expense to participate in the TSA Meet and Greet, where they will have the opportunity to present their

achievements to conference attendees. LEAP Legacy Chapter national semifinalists will be judged anonymously at the Meet and Greet and ten finalists and their rank will be determined.

Q. What do LEAP Legacy Chapter winners receive?

First through third place middle and high school chapters will receive \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, respectively. First through third place chapter winners also will receive trophies on stage at the conference Awards Ceremony. See the Guidelines for detailed information about awards and recognition.

Q. Are there resources for chapters participating in LEAP Legacy Chapter?

TSA members are encouraged to use the free Student Leadership Challenge (SLC)* sample resources found on the TSA website when participating in the LEAP Legacy Chapter recognition program. These free resources are applicable to all LEAP activities. Complete Student Leadership Challenge publications are available for purchase, but not required for participation in any aspect of LEAP. Access to the SLC sample resources is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Members are advised to log in only once and save and/or print the SLC resources. When the maximum number of TSA users has been reached, access to the SLC resources will be terminated. Important LEAP Legacy Chapter materials are accessible via the links below:

Q. Where can the LEAP Legacy Chapter program guidelines, templates and samples be found?

All related guidelines forms and templates can be accessed via the national TSA website at <http://www.tsaweb.org/LEAP-legacy-chapter>

**Kouzes, James and Posner, Barry. The Student Leadership Challenge - Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader. San Francisco: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2008*