

TSA Today



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Tips and Tricks for Debating Technological Issues

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I am involved in my high school debate club and love every minute of it. This year, my partner and I won our debate district championship so we are headed to the state debate competition this month in Austin, Texas for the third time in our career. The topic we will debate is the balance of privacy rights and security with government surveillance.



As a debater, I have some tips for you if you plan to compete in TSA's Debating Technological Issues competitive event. First of all, research is critical. Be sure you are fully informed on the topic, ready to counter any arguments with facts, and have an understanding of the "ins and outs" of the topic.

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Junior Solar Sprint Registration

If you are competing in the Junior Solar Sprint competition at your state conference or at the national conference, you will need to register via the online [AEOP registration tool](#). This registration is separate from TSA conference registration. All advisors with students competing in JSS at the state or national level and all students competing in JSS at the state or national level must complete this registration. Students will need a parent/guardian's digital signature.



Competition Reminder

With state conferences occurring now and the national conference around the corner, it is important to remember the information below concerning events

requiring documentation:

All entries that require documentation materials (comprising a "portfolio") must be secured in a clear front report cover, like the one found [here](#).

For more information on this and other competition updates, please visit the [TSA website](#).



2016 Student Scholarships

TSA is offering two \$2,500 scholarships.

The [William P. Elrod Scholarship](#) honors the memory of a founding father of TSA, Mr. William P. Elrod. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who are active members of an affiliated TSA chapter and to alumni currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or career/technical school.

The [Future STEM Teacher Scholarship](#) is designed to assist high school graduates in pursuing a career in the field of K-12 STEM education.

The deadline to apply for the William P. Elrod Scholarship and the Future STEM Teacher Scholarship is **Monday, May 2, 2016**.

Johnson & Wales University also offers a [scholarship](#) to TSA members who are applying to their university.

For more information on student scholarships, please visit the [TSA website](#).

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Remember to use the hashtag #TheTSAWay on social media during state conferences to promote your chapter and state! National TSA is active on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



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