BECOMING A TEAMS COLLEGIATE HOST
TEAMS-AT-A-GLANCE

+ TEAMS is an annual competition that gives middle school and high school students the opportunity to discover their potential for engineering
+ Student teams work collaboratively to solve real-world engineering challenges
+ State level competitions occur each year during February and March at various universities, community colleges and schools across the country
+ Students compete in teams of four to eight students at the middle school, 9/10, or 11/12 level
TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA)

+ TEAMS is administered by TSA, a national non-profit education organization for middle and high school students engaged in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

+ TEAMS participants are not required to be members of TSA, but may choose to form a TSA chapter

+ TSA partners with a variety of educational organizations to help develop and promote TEAMS competitions
**TEAMS COMPETITION FORMAT**

1. **Design/Build**: Teams complete a hands-on design challenge using designated materials (brought by teams; hosts are encouraged to supply some materials).

2. **Multiple Choice**: Teams apply math and science knowledge to engineering scenarios to answer rigorous questions.

3. **Essay**: Students submit an essay prior to the competition date (not administered by host).
TEAMS COMPETITION FORMAT

+ TEAMS competitions occur at the state level during February and March
+ Competitions are held at universities and schools around the country
+ Host sites provide “day of” recognition and rankings for their site
+ State rankings are posted online in April
+ Best in State teams receive a school banner and medallions for students
WHAT TEAMS COMPETITIONS PROVIDE

For students

+ Exposure to real-world engineering problems and the opportunity to solve them
+ A chance to work collaboratively with other students
+ A challenging and rigorous competition
+ An opportunity to apply math and science to engineering design
+ An introduction to your campus and what it offers
WHAT TEAMS COMPETITIONS PROVIDE

For the university host

+ Top STEM students visit your campus for the competition, giving you the chance to combine the competition with a campus visit and recruit many top students

+ Ideal community outreach to local schools highlighting STEM

+ Complimentary exhibit space at the National TSA Conference held at the end of June with approximately 8,000 middle and high school student attendees
  + This includes a complementary exhibition table at a four hour “Meet-and-Greet” event during the conference

+ Two complimentary conference registrations for those manning your table

+ An opportunity to help judge the TEAMS national competition
COLLEGIATE HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary host responsibility is to serve as coordinator of the event

+ This allows you to be able to tailor the day to align with your outreach and pre-college engineering education goals

TSA provides

+ On-line registration processing, tracking, and electronic notification
+ Pre-event planning, support and other material available electronically via a site host account
+ Pre-packaged competition materials
+ Marketing materials
+ Customizable participation certificates
Other host responsibilities include

+ Serving as the main point-of-contact for the event
+ Selecting the date and conducting the competition between February and March
+ Reserving appropriately sized facilities (one large room or several smaller rooms)
+ Developing an extensive outreach campaign to promote and market the event
+ Contacting schools and groups and inviting them to participate
+ Maintaining registration information via your online TEAMS account
+ Communicating regularly with registered schools and groups
+ Securing and coordinating volunteers
+ Scoring, verifying and entering scores online
+ Announcing competition day rankings and presenting awards
+ Returning competition materials as instructed by TSA
Once you decide to become a collegiate host university:

1. Complete and return the TEAMS host application found on the TEAMS website.

2. Review the TEAMS Host Guide for in-depth information about hosting procedures.

3. Start planning your TEAMS competition day, including inviting local schools and groups and setting the day’s schedule.
NEXT STEPS TO BECOME A HOST UNIVERSITY

Upon deciding to become a collegiate host university for a TEAMS competition, you will have access to the TEAMS host guide with more information on:

- Planning strategies (including a budget guide)
- Tips on using volunteers
- Registration
- A sample schedule
- A planning checklist
- Managing post-competition event scoring
IMPORTANT DATES

+ **August-September**: Update your online host account
+ **September**: Online registration opens
+ **October**: Competition web scenarios released online
+ **December–January**: Order competition awards and give-away items
+ **February 5–March 8**: Competition window
+ **April**: State rankings posted
+ **June 27–July 1**: National TEAMS competitions scheduled to be held during the national TSA conference in Nashville, TN.
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