TSA Achievement Awards
BRONZE, SILVER, and GOLD

The TSA Achievement Program (bronze, silver, and gold awards) is designed to motivate and recognize student members for high effort in a school's technology education program. The TSA Achievement program is

- ✓ *an opportunity* for every TSA member to strive and receive recognition for accomplishments.

- ✓ *designed* to encourage excellence in the areas of leadership development, understanding technology, school/community service, and career/personal planning.

- ✓ *planned* so the highest awards represent outstanding individual performance.

The Technology Student Association Achievement Program provides opportunities for TSA members to attain the highest ideals and goals of TSA. This noncompetitive, self-initiated program encourages students to develop appropriate attitudes and increase their knowledge and skills through involvement in technology education programs and activities.
The basic goals of the Achievement Program are to

1. *inspire TSA members* to attain the high goals and ideals of TSA.

2. *promote active participation* at the school, community, state, and national levels.

3. *provide opportunities* that assist students in making informed and meaningful career and educational choices.

4. *develop leadership* and team participation abilities.

5. *recognize participation* in technology education programs and TSA.

LEVELS

The TSA Achievement Program is composed of three levels of achievement: bronze, silver, and gold. Everyone begins at the bronze level. When a member completes the required activities at the bronze level, s/he is eligible for the appropriate award and for work toward the silver level. Eventually, s/he may work for points toward the gold level.

National TSA recommends working on the Achievement Program over a two-year period of time. The student strives to achieve the Bronze and Silver Awards in one school year, and the Gold Award during the following school year. This time frame is suggested in order to give the appropriate amount of time and effort to the projects/steps that are required to achieve each level and to maximize the learning experience.

RULES FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

1. In order to participate in the TSA Achievement Program, a student must be an active member in an affiliated, local TSA chapter.

2. The student may choose from the activities listed under the four achievement categories of leadership development, understanding technology, school/community service, and career/personal planning.
3. Each activity must be recorded on an activity resume (see Appendix A) and initialed by the local chapter vice-president.
4. When a minimum of twenty points has been accumulated in each category, and an additional twenty points from any or all of the categories, the student is eligible to submit the activity resume to the chapter advisor. A total of one hundred points is required to attain each level of achievement.
5. Following recommendation by the chapter vice-president, the chapter advisor verifies successful completion of the activities by signing the activity resume.
Resumes for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards should be sent to and retained by state advisors. Resumes for these awards should not be sent to National TSA.
6. Points are cumulative from one award level to the next. The points earned for the Bronze Award count for the Silver Award, and the points earned for the Bronze and Silver Awards count toward the Gold Award. All points earned, beginning with the Bronze Award, must be listed on the activity resume each time the resume is submitted for a new level.
7. Points may not be claimed for activities prior to TSA membership.
8. Each activity may be claimed only once, unless otherwise indicated.
10. The local chapter vice-president verifies an activity only after the activity has been completed; the appropriate level. local advisor verifies the activity resume once all activities are completed for the a
11. Activities must be dated and include the code number and a specific description.
12. The local vice-president retains a copy of each activity resume for chapter records and submits a copy to the TSA state advisor.
13. The TSA state advisor verifies a student's TSA membership and retains a copy of the activity resume for state files. Activity resumes are not submitted to national TSA.

AWARD PINS
Award pins are provided to qualifying GA TSA Members after completed and signed forms have been received by the Executive Director. Pins will be presented at the State Conference.

Pins for the Gold Award are awarded at the National TSA conference each year. The Executive Director will forward those member names to National TSA.

AWARDS PRESENTATION
Bronze Awards are presented at the local chapter or district level at special awards assemblies, awards banquets, special TSA banquets, etc. Silver Awards are presented at a special presentation session at state conferences. (Silver Award recipients unable to attend their state conference, may receive their awards at the local level.) Gold Awards are presented at the national TSA conference during one of the general sessions. (Gold Award recipients unable to attend the national TSA conference may receive their awards by contacting National TSA)

FEES
GA TSA provides both Bronze and Silver Achievement Pins. However, when submitting an Achievement Program activity resume for a Gold Award to the state advisor, **each student must include a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials** (award pin) and processing. State advisors forward this fee and the list of Gold Award recipients to national TSA.

OVERVIEW and REQUIRED FORMS – Go to:
http://www.tsaweb.org/Student-Achievement-Awards