

## 2012 Leadership Pre Conference

Leadership Training Conference will take place as part of the 2012 National Conference in Arlington, VA. Delegates will arrive and check in at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City and at TSA's Conference Registration Desk on Tuesday, April 17th. That evening, delegates have the chance to attend a meet and greet or make dinner arrangements with other leaders. The Leadership Conference takes place all-day Wednesday with a Trip to the Hill Prep Dinner in the evening, followed by the TSA's annual Trip to the Hill on Thursday. During the Conference, presentations on fundraising, public relations, volunteerism, educational issues, and more are presented by peers, national staff, and others.

On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, our leaders join up with participants of the 2012 Youth Ambassador Leadership Training Conference and other TSA government relations volunteers, as we board busses to Capitol Hill for a Congressional Briefing on Tourette Syndrome and educational meetings with our elected leaders in Congress.

Please note that only one representative per chapter (or affiliated support group leader per state without a chapter) may attend at the expense of the national TSA. This should be the representative's first Leadership Conference! TSA will cover:

- Reimbursement of the lowest possible coach airfare (or mileage) to and from the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA.
- Hotel stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel for the nights of Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18, 2012
- Leadership Conference meals and breaks (Wednesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Thursday breakfast and lunch.

(Please note: registration fees for the 2012 Biennial Conference (April 19 – 22) and/or additional lodging at the Hyatt are not covered by TSA.)

We ask our chapter boards and support group steering committees to help develop the next generation of TSA leaders by designating a delegate to the Leadership Conference who has never before attended. Consider sending a board member with the potential to become an officer, or a volunteer who you think could become a valuable board member.

Of course, we also want to see old friends there, so please consider sending additional representatives to the Leadership Conference at the chapter's and/or the individual's expense. A \$250 registration fee covers all Leadership Conference meals as well as transportation for the Trip to the Hill. Travel and Hotel are also at the additional attendee's expense – hotel cost is \$199 a night plus tax, and rooms must be reserved by the attendee (contact the Hyatt at 703-418-1234 and mention that you will be with the TSA Conference to get the reduced rate).

***Chapter chairs, please note: The Field Services office MUST know who will be attending as your representative at national TSA expense NO LATER than Friday, January 13th, 2012. You must have received a written or E-mailed confirmation from Field Services before booking this trip. Expenses booked without prior confirmation will not be reimbursed.***

To register for the 2012 National Conference, please visit [www.tsa-usa.org](http://www.tsa-usa.org). Delegates to the Leadership Conference must be members of TSA. Please visit <http://tsa-usa.org/give/give2.html#membership> to become a member.