Career and Technical Student Organizations

Why belong?
These organizations can be a fun way to practice the knowledge and skills you develop in career and technical education classes. They help you develop the kinds of skills employers expect from their employees.

- Technical skills – the ability to perform the tasks needed to create and/or deliver the product or service your employer provides.
- People skills – the leadership, teamwork, communication and decision-making skills necessary to function as part of a team.

What are the other benefits?
- Learn teamwork and leadership
- Hone your skills
- Participate in competitive events around the state and nation
- Be part of a group that “gets things done” and makes a difference in the community
- Meet students
- Make contact with business, industry and community leaders who can become role models, mentors and even employers.

List of Organizations

BPA – Business Professionals of American  [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org)
DECA – An association of secondary marketing students [www.deca.org](http://www.deca.org)
FCCLA – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org)
FFA – An association of Agriscience and Natural Resources students [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)
FBLA/PBL – Future Business Leaders of America [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org)
FPSA – Florida Public Service Association. Talk to the program adviser at your school for details.
HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)
SkillsUSA - An association of secondary and postsecondary students preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.  [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org)
TSA – Technology Student Association [www.floridatsa.com](http://www.floridatsa.com)