Wisconsin Career & Technical Education
Through Career & Technical Student Organizations

What is a CTSO?
A CTSO is a quality component of career and technical education programs that support and enhance related school-based and work-based learning. They provide value to students through various opportunities that allow them to showcase their skills and knowledge. CTSOs are found in middle, junior and senior high schools throughout Wisconsin.

Elements of CTSOs
Wisconsin has six state and nationally recognized CTSOs that are intra-curricular (connected directly to the classroom through curriculum, activities, and community resources) in nature. All CTSOs include leadership development elements as well as competitive events in related technical skills and leadership.

CTSO Competitive Events
The competitive events program directly supports the student organization’s mission. CTSOs evaluation process involves students in both a written component such as an exam or report and an interactive component with an industry professional serving as a judge. The CTSOs competitive events directly contribute to every student being college and career ready when they graduate from high school.

Wisconsin CTSO members have the opportunity to experience the competitive events program at a variety of different levels.

- District or regional competitions range from 50-800 students and are located throughout Wisconsin
- State Competitions range from 500-2,000+ members have the opportunity to compete, network and broaden their professional interests
- National Competitions range from 5,000-15,000+ students, advisors, businesspersons and alumni gather for several days of competitions, leadership training and career academies

CTSO Leadership
Academic engagement, civic engagement, self-efficacy, and employment skills are evident in students who are actively involved in CTSOs. In addition, these students are more highly motivated throughout their years in high school. This is considered value-added and does lead to a more meaningful high school experience.
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An Association of Marketing Students
An Association of Technology and Engineering Students
An Association of Business Students
An Association of Health Science Students
An Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Students
An Association of Agricultural Education Students

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HOSA
46 Chapters
1,376 Members

FBLA
208 Chapters
7,513 Members

SkillsUSA
118 Chapters
2,205 Members

FFA
253 Chapters
19,190 Members

FCCLA
95 Chapters
1,795 Members

DECA
102 Chapters
9,549 Members

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