

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

BPA has 43,000 members in over 2,300 chapters in 23 states. BPA is a co-curricular organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards.

The Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP) prepares students to succeed and assesses real-world business skills and problem solving abilities in finance, management, IT and computer applications. It is BPA's showcase program and facilitates students demonstrating their career skills at regional, state and national conferences in 72 competitive events.

Some of BPA's other major programs include the National Leadership Academy, Officer Elections and scholarships. The Torch Awards Program and BPA Cares Program recognize students and chapters, respectively, for their leadership and service to their chapter and community.

The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

The vision statement of Business Professionals of America is as follows:

At Business Professionals of America, we are committed to developing the best possible career and technical education organization for students in the United States. The measure of our success will be the perception that alumni of Business Professionals of America are highly competent and skilled workforce professionals who enable business and industry to maintain the economic vitality and high quality of life associated with our celebrated United States of America

How is BPA Organized?

Each BPA Charter State has its own governing body and a State Advisor who directs State programs and conferences. National Business Professionals of America is built from the partnership of these State organizations working together. The national organization benefits members by producing the Workplace Skills Assessment Program, national conferences, national programs, and representing/uniting the organization. Each BPA chapter (unless it's an independent chapter) is part of a State BPA organization as well the national BPA organization.

BPA further organizes its members into divisions. A member is eligible for one of BPA's five divisions according to the following guidelines:

- College / Post-secondary: For post-secondary (one-year, two-year, baccalaureate, or post-baccalaureate) students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, business education and career or related education programs.
- High School / Secondary: For high school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs. Associate Member Designation is for high school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs for special populations.
- Middle Level: For middle school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs.

- Alumni: For former active members of any student division.
- Professional: A professional member may be a person associated with BPA. (Such members may include teachers, teacher-coordinators, teacher-educators and supervisors, employers and/or training station sponsors of business education, friends of Business Professionals of America, corporate sponsors, and others appointed by the governing educational body willing to contribute to Business Professionals of America's growth and development).