
TO: Local Directors of Career and Technical Education
Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Chapter Advisors

FROM: Richard W. Kincaid
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SUBJECT: 2026 Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Advisor Training

The Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Division of College and Career Pathways is pleased to offer the [Career and Technical Student Organization \(CTSO\)](#) Joint Advisor Training (JAT) on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**. This one-day professional development conference will be held at the Maritime Conference Center, located at 692 Maritime Blvd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There is no registration fee to attend; however, all attendees must register. Please click [Maryland CTSO JAT Registration](#) to complete the online registration form by **September 4, 2026**.

Please note that **the LEA CTE Director must approve registrations for their respective CTSO advisors**. MSDE has reserved 50 sleeping rooms the evening of September 15, 2026, for advisors commuting more than 50 miles one-way from the meeting location. If you meet the 51-mile minimum, those travelling the furthest will be given priority for lodging and participants will be notified regarding room availability. If you request a room, please indicate so on the registration form. As a reminder: the LEA is responsible for covering participants' travel mileage and dinner expenses. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on September 16.

CTSO JAT is designed for new and experienced chapter advisors representing Educators Rising, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National FFA Organization, and SkillsUSA and will focus on CTSO alignment to [Career-Connected Learning](#), program alignment to CTSOs, effective chapter management, and the benefits of participating in competitions. A special session will be available for new advisors. Please check with your supervisor to see if attending the training will allow you to earn [Professional Development Points](#), which can be used to renew your license.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Charles Wallace, Coordinator of CTE Student Organizations, at 410-767-8872 or charles.wallace@maryland.gov. Thank you for your continued support of Maryland's CTSOs.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Kincaid

cc: Charles Wallace, Coordinator, CTE Student Organization
Tiffany DeJesus, Director of Operations, Accountability and Strategy