



Building a Better CTSO: Building an Equitable Environment
October 15th, 2020 3:00-4:15 pm *via Zoom*
Hosted by the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are an essential part of the Career and Technical Education Programs in Minnesota. The Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations wants to ensure our CTSOs have the tools necessary to be successful in these challenging times. The MFSO annual workshop will focus on creating an equitable and safe environment for all students.

Eva Scates-Winston will be leading the workshop and moderating the discussion. Eva is a Minnesota State CTE Equity Specialist. *“In partnership with the staff at the Minnesota Department of Education, I provide professional development, technical assistance and grants to the Minnesota Perkins Consortia to support local efforts to serve special populations. State leadership work includes building relationships with internal and external partners that serve diverse populations through various joint initiatives and collaborative projects.”* And as a Board Member of the MFSO, Eva is familiar with the unique challenges CTSOs face.

Workshop Description:

The role of CTSOs is not only co-curricular but can function as a foundation for safe and trusting relationships, navigating processes and gaining confidence to accept leadership. However, those same structures can be unintentionally biased, complexities of relationships can have hidden or direct micromessages and uncomfortable environments leave students feeling unwelcome or excluded. This opening session explores some of the nuances of building equitable relationships and supportive environments and potentially what we can do to mitigate. This session will also provide an open forum for discussion, action steps and to debrief.

For the first time the MFSO will be using a virtual format! This workshop is intended to be the first session in a series focused on equity and access in the classroom. It will be approximately 75 minutes, with more information on the series provided at the event.

We are pleased to be able to provide this workshop to CTSO Staff, Board Members and Advisors free of charge. Registration is required as there is a limited number of spaces, **please register by October 1.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please email Emily Saed at emily.saed@state.mn.us the following information:

Name, Phone Number, Email Address, and Career and Technical Student Organization Affiliation

Please answer the following questions with your registration email:

Have you attended a diversity and/or equity workshop in the past?

If you answered yes, when and what was the topic?

What are you hoping to learn?

Do you plan on pursuing any self-guided learning opportunities?

Do you plan on attending a follow-up discussion session?