

## **TEXAS ASSOCIATE DIVISION OPPORTUNITIES**

Students who are identified as Special Populations have the option to be registered as a member of the Associate division. This division provides the opportunity for these students to participate in events and competitions in a smaller group setting to provide for a greater chance of success. Advisors may have a Secondary and Associate chapter at the same time. For more information about setting up an Associate chapter, contact the State Advisor.

### **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

The term “Special Population”: includes students with handicaps, educationally and economically disadvantaged individuals (including foster children), individuals of limited English proficiency, and individuals who participate in programs designed to eliminate sex bias.

If students are not designated as “Special Populations” on your class attendance roster, you need to check with your counselor on Special Populations designation.

Student Identification of Special Populations is as follows:

1. Individuals with disabilities
2. Individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including foster children
3. Individuals preparing for non-traditional fields
4. Single parents, including single pregnant women
5. Displaced homemakers
6. Individuals with limited English proficiency.

For further information or clarification on Special Populations identification, you may contact your Local Education Agency.

**\*\*NOTE:** Students in any division or level with IEP, 504 or other accommodations or special needs can request assistance and BPA will modify or accommodate as needed. For example, large print, small group, readers, transcribers, etc. BPA works to give all students the opportunity to be successful.