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# FRIDAY FLASH

## »» Free Access to National Officer Candidate Resources

Becoming a SkillsUSA national officer is the ultimate personal growth and student leadership experience within SkillsUSA, and the [2023-24 National Officer Program Guide and application](#) are now available. Before filling out the application, make sure you fully review the guide; it contains a wealth of information on what certifications and Career Essentials coursework candidates must complete before applying. SkillsUSA provides no-cost access to these certifications to national officer candidates, but you'll need to apply for those by **Jan. 16**. See the guide for more details. All national officer applications must be submitted by **June 1** at 6 p.m. ET.



## »» Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is **Feb. 6-10**, and you can participate by honoring your community supporters, connecting with local business and industry professionals, or making a presentation about your program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. Your chapter can plan activities using the [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#). A student designed SkillsUSA Week T-shirt is now available in the [SkillsUSA Store to outfit officers and members for your celebration](#).

## »» Register Members by March 1 Deadline

The national SkillsUSA membership deadline is **March 1**. Student members must meet both state and national deadlines to be eligible to participate in national competitions; serve as voting delegates; run for national office; participate in national programming; or apply for scholarships, awards and honors. As a benefit of membership, professional members receive [online access to a host of powerful resources](#). Learn how to access your professional membership benefits [in this Google doc](#).

## »» Get Career-Ready with the Framework Integration ToolKit

The Framework Integration Toolkit offers everything advisors need to ensure career readiness in their classroom, training program and chapter. The SkillsUSA Framework motion graphic video highlights the value of the Framework to students and explains that the Framework provides a common language so students can articulate their skills to employers. Also available is the Essential Element motion graphic video which explores each Essential Element in detail and helps students understand how the Essential Elements are practiced in daily life. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

## »» 2023 Nominations Now Open for Honorary Life Member, Outstanding Educator and Hall of Champions

If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition by SkillsUSA as an Honorary Life Member, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, or for the Hall of Champions Award, please [complete the online applications here](#). You can also learn more about each award at the link. The deadline is **Feb. 15**. If you have questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

## »» Take Up the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design

SkillsUSA is offering the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge to all dues-paying student members. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin design for the 2023 NLSC. The challenge opens on Jan. 15, entries must be received by **March 3 at 12 a.m. ET**, and winners will be announced on March 10. [Rules and submission links can be found on the SkillsUSA Website](#).

## »» Earn Recognition and Presidential Honors

At the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, you may have already met the requirements. For details on how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications must be received by **April 1** for recognition at the 2023 NLSC.

## »» Show Us What You Made ... and What You're Made Of!

SkillsUSA is still showcasing the great accomplishments our students make every day as skilled workers and leaders in the **#MadeInSkillsUSA** social media campaign. Share photos on social media that highlight something your students made with their hands (a construction project, a hairstyle, a culinary creation, etc.) or a personal achievement earned through SkillsUSA (landing an internship, delivering a speech, leading a meeting, etc.). To participate, simply post a photo with the hashtag #MadeInSkillsUSA. [Learn more here](#). For questions, contact [Hayley Uffelman](#), SkillsUSA's social media manager.



## »» Visit the SkillsUSA Store for Recognition Awards

The [SkillsUSA Store](#) helps members thank supporters, volunteers and others by offering awards for all your recognition needs. The store is offering an incentive for all awards to buy three, get one free or buy six awards and get two awards free. Be sure to order early for your spring events.



## »» Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Please join other SkillsUSA advisors for upcoming Professional Development offerings. Advisors in their first, second or third year can look forward to new advisor trainings on Jan. 27 or Feb. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Completion certificates are provided for each session. Learn more on [our online training calendar](#). Advisors can also [access this Google Doc](#) to learn how to use their professional membership benefits. [A PDF of the 2022-23 Professional Development Opportunities is available here](#). For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

## »» SkillsUSA Technical Fridays Workshops

Join us for “SkillsUSA Technical Fridays,” a series of virtual workshops led by industry experts to help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. Leave the sessions with new knowledge and skills

to implement in the classroom. On Jan. 20, from 4-5 p.m. ET, Greg Klever of Penske’s technical school and national partnership relationships will lead a “Air Disc Brakes” session that will uncover the proper tools, inspection, serviceability and troubleshooting for air disc brakes. [Learn more about the workshops here](#).



The workshop is free but space is limited. [Register here](#). If you have questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).