



FRIDAY FLASH

»» Ready for SkillsUSA Week?

SkillsUSA Week will be happening **Feb. 6-10**, and you can participate in many ways: Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals, or make a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. Celebrate the week by planning activities that follow the daily schedule for chapters nationwide.



- **Monday, Feb. 6, Recognition Day.** Recognize and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a difference to your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 7, Give Back Day.** Rally around your school community and focus on ways for your chapter to give back.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8, Partner Day.** Invite local business and industry leaders to connect with members, highlighting the importance of the career-readiness skills in the SkillsUSA Framework.
- **Thursday, Feb. 9, Advocacy Day.** Amplify CTE in your community by conducting a local public relations activity, such as presenting to school board members, administrators or community leaders.
- **Friday, Feb. 10, SkillsUSA Day.** Celebrate by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA T-shirt, planning a fun chapter activity or posting SkillsUSA Framework stories on social media using the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.

The [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#) helps chapters plan for each day of SkillsUSA Week.

»» Register Members by March 1

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. [The complete listing of state dues and deadlines is available here](#) and our [Membership Quick Start Guide](#) will walk you through the joining process.

»» Need Assistance with SkillsUSA?

Call the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team if you need help in starting a new chapter, registering members, engaging students, or learning how to strengthen an existing chapter. If you have questions or need assistance, call toll free: 844-875-4557 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. ET, Tuesday and Thursday. You can also send an email to customercare@skillsusa.org.

»» 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. 27**, from 4-5 p.m. ET, Dan Banach will lead an “Autodesk Fusion 360” session with an overview of Fusion 360, including tips to get started as well as sketching, part and assembly modeling and how to create setup for additive and subtractive manufacturing. He is a nationally recognized instructor, speaker at Autodesk University and author of 25 books on 3D mechanical design software. [Learn more about the workshops here.](#)

There is space available for this workshop. [Register here.](#) If you have questions, contact [Karolina Belen.](#)

»» Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Please join us for upcoming Professional Development offerings. SkillsUSA advisors in their first, second or third year can look forward to a new advisor training on **Feb. 10** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On **Feb. 28** from 2-4 p.m., we will offer a Career Essentials Implementation Training for teachers who purchased the courses and are implementing them this year. 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](#).

»» Create a Business Partner Pipeline with the Framework Integration Toolkit

The Framework Integration Toolkit has everything you need to ensure career readiness within your classroom, training program and chapter. Getting connected with business and industry partners is made easier with the Business Partner Outreach and Preparation Guide. The 24-page guide assists with business partner outreach and includes resources for preparation, student activities and exercises and evaluation for measuring student growth. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

»» The SkillsUSA Store — Featured Sale

Calling all advisors! Recognize competitors in your local career competitions with the [Sub-State Medallions](#), which are \$1 off until Jan. 31. Available sub-state awards include gold, silver, bronze and participant medallions. There are two options: a tri-color ribbon lapel pin or a medal on a neck ribbon.



»» Honor Excellence With Nominations for National Awards

If you would like to nominate an adult SkillsUSA leader 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 registered and paid 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](#).

»» New SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Now Open

SkillsUSA students can now apply for multiple scholarships by completing just one SkillsUSA scholarship application. Most scholarships are available to both high school and college/postsecondary members. Eligibility criteria for each scholarship is noted on the application so that students know which ones they are eligible to receive. The SkillsUSA master scholarship application is open until **April 1** and is [available here](#). The following scholarships are included under this application:



- AHRI Clifford T Rees Scholarship
- Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship
- Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship
- #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship
- Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship
- Marsha Daves Scholarship
- NTHS Scholarship

SkillsUSA students can also [apply for the Sharon Melton Myers Scholarship](#) until **April 1** or the [Student Research Foundation \(SRF\) Community Contribution Scholarship](#) until **July 26**. For scholarship resources and tips on how to submit a quality application, visit the [scholarships page on the website](#). If you have questions, contact [Megan Flinn](#).