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»» Happy SkillsUSA Week!

Cheers to a great SkillsUSA Week 2022! This week, chapters across the country engaged in experiences that honored their community supporters, connected with local business and industry professionals and shared SkillsUSA with their administrators. We encourage you to [share your SkillsUSA Week stories, photos or links with the SkillsUSA headquarters](#) and we just may feature your chapter on the [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) or on our social media. Thanks for being an advocate for SkillsUSA and career and technical education.



A reminder that the [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) has two templates for you to use to promote your activities from SkillsUSA Week and during Career and Technical Education Month. One is for your U.S. senators and representatives and your local government officials, and the other is for your local media. The letter templates are editable, so personalize your message with details about your school, training programs and activities.

»» National Membership Deadline is Approaching

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, professional members receive [online access to a host of powerful resources](#). Learn how to access your professional membership benefits [in this Google doc](#). If you need assistance, call the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team toll free at 844-875-4557. Phones are open 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 email the team at customercare@skillsusa.org.

»» State Leadership and Skills Conference Support Resources

The State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) provides an opportunity for students to showcase their hands-on skills and leadership abilities, a chance to network with business and industry partners and

opportunities to engage in leadership development. Preparing for the SLSC can feel overwhelming, but the following resources are there to support you through the process:

- [SLSC Packing List](#): SkillsUSA has prepared a packing list, which covers clothing, technology and additional items list.
- [Technical Standards and Local Career Competition Guides](#): The national contests offered at your state’s SLSC are governed by a set of rules referred to as the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. To access the standards, log on to your [SkillsUSA Absorb](#) account, navigate to “Professional Membership Benefits Package,” and click on the “2021-2022 Technical Standards” curriculum.
- [SkillsUSA Customer Care Team](#): The customer care team can assist you with the SLSC registration process, help you navigate to the Technical Standards and help you find important information on your state’s website.

»» SkillsUSA Store Featured Product

Check out the [Champion Laptop Backpack](#) from the SkillsUSA Store. This heather-grey laptop backpack features a main zippered compartment with padded laptop sleeve, interior zip pocket, front zippered pocket with organizational compartment and adjustable shoulder straps. It fits most 15-inch laptops. Show off your SkillsUSA pride with this backpack for champions!



»» Nominations for Honorary Life and Outstanding Career and Technical Educators

SkillsUSA is still seeking nominations for SkillsUSA Honorary Life Member and Outstanding Career and Technical Educator awards. If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition at our national conference in June, please [complete the online applications here](#). The deadline is **Feb. 15**. For questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

»» New SkillsUSA National-Level Recognition Award

The new “SkillsUSA Hall of Champions Award” recognizes individuals who have dedicated themselves at the national level to helping youth develop and embody the components of the SkillsUSA Framework. Candidates may be nominated by a state SkillsUSA director, current or past SkillsUSA board member, SkillsUSA headquarters staff member, SkillsUSA chapter, stakeholder, alumni, or other leaders in the organization. The nomination form must be accompanied by up to five letters of support demonstrating the nominee’s impact on youth development within the SkillsUSA Framework. [Complete the application here](#) no later than **April 1**.

»» Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Please join your fellow advisors for our upcoming SkillsUSA Professional Development sessions. Upcoming topics include previewing the guides and our best practices series for SkillsUSA Championships coaching and hosting a local career competition. [See the training calendar here](#). Completion certificates are provided for each session. [Use this Google Doc](#) to learn how to access

your professional membership benefits online. [A PDF of the 2021-22 Professional Development Opportunities is available here.](#) For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

»» Love and Logic Session: Setting Limits in Your Classroom

Join us on **March 1** from 3:30-5 p.m. ET for a “Love and Logic” session designed to help you learn how to use enforceable statements to set limits in your classroom. The cost to attend the session is \$10.

[Register here.](#) For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

»» Facilitating Edible Art Expertise on “SkillsUSA Technical Fridays”

Join us for “SkillsUSA Technical Fridays,” SkillsUSA’s industry-led workshops that help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. On **Feb. 18** from 4-5 p.m. ET, the presenter is Amanda Potts, a professor of Hotel Restaurant Management and



Culinary Arts at Central Arizona College. Pott’s session will focus on Garde Manger and the art of watermelon carving. Grab a watermelon, paring knife, some scotch tape and get ready to carve. She will also demonstrate techniques for carving a rose, safety and sanitation and storing to prolong the life of your finished edible art. Professional development certificates are available for attending. The cost to attend the session is \$10. [Register here.](#)

»» Share Your Unique Knowledge and Skills During SkillsUSA University

SkillsUSA is seeking presenters for the 2022 SkillsUSA University. Are you an expert in your career cluster? Do you have a skill you would like to share with teachers and students attending the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta? Sessions will take place on June 21, 22 and 23. [Submit the request for presentation proposal here by Feb. 27.](#) For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

»» Focus Students on Safety

CareerSafe’s annual National Youth Safety Video Contest challenges students to create a two-minute video demonstrating workplace safety. Send submissions to CareerSafe by **March 1**. The winning students will receive a SkillsUSA prize pack and a scholarship of up to \$2,500, and the winning school will receive a prize of up to \$5,000. For more information and to submit your entry, [visit the CareerSafe website.](#)

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

SkillsUSA is once again offering the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge for all dues-paying student members. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin design for NLSC. Entries must be received by **March 15 at 12 a.m. ET**, and the winners will be announced on **March 21**. [Rules and submission links can be found on the SkillsUSA website.](#)

»» Engage Your Chapter in SkillsUSA’s Student2Student Program

SkillsUSA has launched a refreshed Student2Student program for the 2021-22 school year. The program connects chapters with younger students in elementary or middle school to facilitate SkillsUSA’s “Jump

into STEM!” curriculum at their school. Learn more about the program, as well as how your chapter can gain national recognition by participating, [on our website](#). Entries must be submitted by **April 1**.

»» Earn Presidential Recognition for Service

At the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference, SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service and volunteer activities through the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members, advisors or alumni can submit a record of their service hours to SkillsUSA, which is a certifying organization. This presidential honor recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers who are answering a national call to serve others through their current activities or lifetime efforts. [Details on qualifying hours and requirements for submission are available here](#). Applications must be received by **April 1** for recognition at the 2022 national conference.

»» SkillsUSA Scholarships Now Open for Applications

Several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen fields. Help spread the word about these opportunities:



- The new Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members enrolled in HVACR or general construction programs who plan to study HVACR at the college/postsecondary level in the 2022-23 or 2023-24 school year. The deadline for applications is **March 1**.
- The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) will award four \$1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members who are also members of NTHS. The deadline for applications is **March 31 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.
- The Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Fund, SkillsUSA and the McMinn County Vocational Center SkillsUSA Alumni Association are offering two high school seniors who are members of SkillsUSA a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline for applications is **April 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.

[Applications and more scholarship information are available here.](#)