



FRIDAY FLASH

»» Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is Feb. 7-11, 2022, 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. We encourage you to celebrate by planning activities that follow the daily schedule of events using the [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#). SkillsUSA is offering chapter grants valued at \$200 each to purchase supplies for your SkillsUSA Week activities. A request for a chapter grant must be submitted by **Jan. 1**. Chapter grants will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and 10 are available. [The chapter grant application is here.](#)



»» Educational Resources and Career Essentials Grants Now Available

SkillsUSA has partnered with Aerotek and The Swinerton Foundation to deliver 37 grants for high school and college/postsecondary chapters to receive SkillsUSA Educational Resources and Career Essentials access. Each chapter will receive a \$3,000 or \$4,500 grant, which will provide SkillsUSA Educational Resources that focus on integration of the SkillsUSA Framework in the classroom and chapter. Applications for a chapter grant must be submitted by Jan. 21, and recipients will be notified by Feb 11. [Determine eligibility and apply here.](#) For questions, contact [Brandon Monk](#).

»» AmazonSmile Purchases Benefit SkillsUSA

Support SkillsUSA as your charity of choice while shopping through Amazon this holiday season. To order your purchases through AmazonSmile, search for “SkillsUSA Inc.” or [visit this link](#). AmazonSmile donates a percentage of all purchases made through this link directly to SkillsUSA.

»» Give Your Chapter a National Spotlight

SkillsUSA is on the lookout for potential student or advisor feature story ideas as well as local community service project stories to publish on the [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#). If you know of an outstanding member who could be profiled, or if your chapter has completed a project for your community, please email information and photos to editors [Jane Short](#) and [Hayley Uffelman](#), and one of them will reach out

to you. You can also [submit your details through this online form](#). This is a great assignment for a local chapter reporter. All story leads are appreciated!

»» Honorary Life and Outstanding Educator Nominations Open

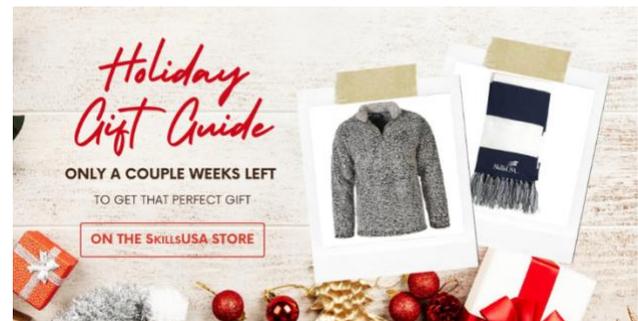
If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition by SkillsUSA as an Honorary Life Member or Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, please [complete the online applications here](#). The deadline is **Feb. 15**. For questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

»» Focus Students on Safety

CareerSafe's annual National Youth Safety Video Contest challenges students to create a two-minute video demonstrating workplace safety. All submissions should be sent 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 here](#).

»» SkillsUSA Store Holiday Gift Guide

The best way to spread holiday cheer is by giving the gift of SkillsUSA! You can never go wrong with a cozy sweater or warm scarf for your favorite advisor, administrator or officers. If that is not your style, SkillsUSA offers technology gifts, jewelry, wallets and more for those perfect gifts! Shop now on [The SkillsUSA Store!](#)



»» Overflowing with Professional Development Opportunities

Please join your fellow advisors for our SkillsUSA Professional Development offerings. Learn more on [our online training calendar](#). 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](#).

»» SkillsUSA Scholarships Now Open for Applications

Applications for 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 Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship is open to current SkillsUSA state officers who are high school seniors or college/postsecondary students with another year of school. The deadline for applications is **Feb. 1**.
- The new #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 Student Research Foundation Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members who are currently enrolled in high school and plan to continue their education in a postsecondary institution or program. It recognizes outstanding community contributions. The deadline for applications is **July 26**.

[Additional information and the applications for these scholarships are available here.](#)

»» Earn Presidential Recognition for Service to Others

At the 2022 national 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 Leadership and Skills Conference.