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# FRIDAY FLASH

## »» Seeking Musical Talent to Perform at NLSC

Do you have a musical gift to share with the SkillsUSA community? If so, apply for the new SkillsUSA Talent Program, which is being launched in conjunction with SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to showcase their musical ability during one of three high-energy arena sessions in front of more than 12,000 SkillsUSA members from across the country and/or perform for smaller audiences throughout the conference.



Students or advisors will be offered complimentary conference registration if their sole purpose of attendance is to participate in the SkillsUSA Talent Program. Applicants who are competing in the SkillsUSA Championships are eligible, but performance opportunities may be limited due to scheduling conflicts. Applicants must be current paid SkillsUSA members and supply a video file performing a song of choice that demonstrates their musical ability. Individual or group performances are welcome. [Apply here](#) by 5 p.m. ET on **Friday, April 22**. For questions, contact [Joey Baker](#).

## »» SkillsUSA Connect to My Future Conference Registration Opens Soon

Save the date for this year's virtual SkillsUSA Connect to My Future Conference to be held May 3-4. The conference is designed to allow students to explore career pathways and connect directly with employers. Three distinct student program tracks will be offered for members in middle school, high school, and college/postsecondary programs. [Check out all three tracks here](#). Registration opens March 21. There is also a [Social Media Toolkit](#) with posts and graphics you can use to promote the program. We encourage you to share [this video](#) with your classes to get them excited. For questions, contact [Melinda Lloyd](#).



## »» National Membership Deadline is 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. 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](mailto:customercare@skillsusa.org).

## »» SkillsUSA Store Champion Crewnecks

Check out the [Champion Essential Crewneck](#) from the SkillsUSA Store. From relaxed days at home to a day full of errands, our essential crewneck will be your new go-to shirt. Champions can show off their pride in SkillsUSA, and the shirt features the 1965 established date. Sleek in style, this crew is made for everyday, easy wear.



## »» SkillsUSA Framework Lesson Plans Available

SkillsUSA has created ready-to-go lesson plans for professional members to help students learn about the SkillsUSA Framework. They can be accessed by signing into [SkillsUSA Absorb](#) and clicking on the Framework Integration Toolkit.

- **Lesson Plan #1: SkillsUSA Framework Foundations Lesson Plans**  
The Framework Foundations Lesson Plans are broken into four chapters: The SkillsUSA Framework; Personal Skills; Workplace Skills and Technical Skills. In addition, there is a separate lesson plan for each Essential Element.
- **Lesson Plan #2: Framework Story Lesson Plan and Videos**  
The Framework Story Lesson Plan with 10 Framework Story videos is available. The videos are under five minutes each and provide examples for students writing their own Framework Story.

## »» Last Call to Share Your Unique Knowledge During SkillsUSA University

SkillsUSA is still 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 & 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](#).

## »» Plan Now for SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 5

On Thursday, May 5, [SkillsUSA National Signing Day](#) will celebrate high school seniors and college/postsecondary students who have chosen to pursue careers as professionals in the skilled trades. Local SkillsUSA chapters are encouraged to plan and host a signing day event by inviting business partners, school administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family and friends to honor students signing “letters of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training.



[The digital toolkit of resources](#) will help advisors plan their local chapter event. The toolkit includes an event logo, an invitation template, social media posts, a sample press release, thank-you notes, an event planning checklist and more. Registration for SkillsUSA National Signing Day opens March 21.

## »» 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](#).

## »» 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](#).

## »» SkillsUSA Scholarships Now Open for Applications

Several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of further 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 members of NTHS. The deadline for applications is **March 31 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.

- The Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Fund offers two SkillsUSA high school seniors a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline for applications is **April 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**
- Fine Homebuilding will be awarding scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields through the #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship program. The deadline for applications is **May 30 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**
- The Student Research Foundation offers a scholarship to a SkillsUSA member currently enrolled in high school who plans to continue their education in a postsecondary program. It recognizes outstanding community contribution. The deadline for applications is **July 26.**

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

### »» Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Please join your fellow advisors for SkillsUSA Professional Development sessions. Upcoming topics include previewing the Chapter Officer Election Guide and a Career Essentials Booster Session. [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](#).

### »» 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 & 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, members 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.