

# SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Conference

## Student Eligibility Requirements:

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Students must be properly registered in a Utah State Board of Education recognized and approved public school, charter school or on-line school during the current academic year. Students that graduate or complete their program of study during the current academic year or graduate early are eligible to participate if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Student contestants in technical skills competitions must be enrolled in a coherent sequence of courses or a career major that prepares the student for further education and/or employment related to technology, trades or industry, including the health industry during the current academic school year, in a directly related USBE recognized CTE program of study at their school/institution.

Students must be a properly registered, submitted, and paid member of SkillsUSA in a properly chartered SkillsUSA Utah school chapter during the current academic year. Membership registration, submission, and dues payment must be completed before the published mandatory deadlines. (Membership registration completion/submission: February 15, 2022, Membership dues payment: March 1, 2022)

Students must be active SkillsUSA members properly registered, submitted and paid as a member in the proper "division": Middle School, High School or College-Postsecondary, whose membership dues payments have been postmarked by midnight of March 1.

Students must be active SkillsUSA members properly registered as a contestant, in the proper "division": Middle School, High School or College-Postsecondary, by the final conference registration deadline of February 28, 2022, and whose state conference registration fees have been postmarked "paid" by midnight of March 11, 2022.

Student participants that are not registered, submitted, and paid (both membership and conference registration) prior to the published deadlines will not be allowed to compete at the SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Conference.

Each state contest provides for individual entries unless the rules of the contest specify that it is a team competition. Schools may enter one high-school, one middle-school (where contests are stated to accept a middle school) or one college/postsecondary student/team in each competition, unless otherwise stated in the specific contest rules.

Utah Technical colleges that serve both college and high school division students are allowed to enter both a college division student/team and a high school division student/team in each competition. Students must avoid "duplicate" membership registrations, such as a membership registration at both a local high school and a tech center or technical college.

High-school contestants are students enrolled in a coherent sequence of courses or a career major that prepares the student for further education and/or employment related to technology, trades or industry, including the health industry. Further, a high-school contestant must be earning credit toward a high-school diploma/certificate or its equivalent during the school year immediately preceding the SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Conference.

College/postsecondary contestants are students enrolled in a coherent series of courses or a career major that prepares them for further education and/or employment related to technology, trades or industry, including the health industry. College/postsecondary contestants must be earning credit toward a postsecondary degree/certificate during the school year immediately preceding the SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Conference.

Middle-school members must be or have been enrolled in a middle-school exploratory course that prepares for future study in a career and technical education pathway.

An individual who has not completed the requirements for, nor received a high-school-level diploma must compete as a high-school contestant even though they may be taking advanced placement or college/postsecondary courses.

Individual/team contestants may enter only one SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Championships contest annually.

In team events, substitutions may be made if a team member (or members) must withdraw from the state competition. *A full team must be registered.* All “substitute” contestants must be active SkillsUSA members properly registered, submitted and paid as a member in the proper “division,” whose membership dues have been postmarked by midnight of March 1. It is *strongly recommended* that school advisors properly register multiple “alternate/substitute” student members to serve as substitutes if needed to avoid a team disqualification.

Teams that have fewer attend than the full number registered may be subject to penalties. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the number of no-shows as well as the reason for having less than the required number (e.g., team of three and one no-show, minus one-third of the total points).

Participants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in each contest description.

Each student participant must submit a complete, accurate, unique, and verifiable student email address in the state conference registration system. This student email address will be used for all communication and is required to access the state conference hub for the mandatory online professional development test and the individual contest online written assessment, when required.

Each advisor participant must submit a complete, accurate, unique, and verifiable advisor email address in the state conference registration system. This advisor email address will be used for all state conference related communication.

All student and advisor participants are required to submit properly completed, signed, and dated documents to the contest management team prior to the start of the SkillsUSA Utah Leadership and Skills Conference. These documents include, but are not limited to: Accident Liability Waiver, Photo and Sound Release, Pandemic Agreement, Assumption of Risk, etc. These documents will be published on the SkillsUSA Utah state website at [utahskillsusa.org](http://utahskillsusa.org).