

SkillsUSA is showing everyone how vital career and technical education is to America's future.

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work



ANNUAL EVENTS

Fall Leadership Training Conference October 22-24, 2015 Alexandria, MN

FLTC- provides an opportunity for students to learn leadership skills, meet industry leaders, and other students from all over the state.

This conference is without a doubt, the best leadership training available for ALL members and advisors. The purpose is to train potential local and state officers but everyone is encouraged to attend.

Delegate Conference November 24, 2015 North Mankato, MN

This conference is an educational experience that allows our student members to elect a slate of State Officers at both the high school and college/ postsecondary levels. It also provides additional leadership training for all student delegates.

SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, April 1-3, 2016 Bloomington, MN

Attended by more than 2,000 students, teachers, parents and industry representatives, the state conference and SkillsUSA Championships includes 80 contests, a technical education trade show, a career fair, and much more.

SkillsUSA heads to Louisville, Ky., June 20-24, 2016, for the 52nd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. More than 16,000 people — including students, teachers and business partners — are expected to participate in the weeklong event.

SkillsUSA is a national student organization serving students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to help its members become world-class workers and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA complements technical skill training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, the organization has served more than 11.6 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators. SkillsUSA is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and state departments of education and is cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the technical curriculum.

Our Membership

SkillsUSA has approximately 15,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations, and serves more than 300,000 members annually. More than 16,000 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA. Our members are known in their schools and communities as leaders and skilled professionals in training.

An Applied Method of Learning

SkillsUSA is an applied method of learning where students practice skills and build self-confidence while helping their schools and communities. SkillsUSA provides experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. The program emphasizes high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education and pride. These are qualities employers value and look for when hiring or promoting workers.

School-based Programs

SkillsUSA offers materials and programs to help students develop as individuals, employees and citizens. The **Professional Development Program (PDP)** teaches 84 workplace skill competencies in a series of hands-on self-paced lessons (textbook or online format). SkillsUSA's award-winning **Student2Student Mentoring** gives high school students a chance to mentor younger students in the area of career development. The **President's Volunteer Service Award** is offered in recognition of sustained service. Recipients receive a lapel pin, certificate or congratulatory letter from the president of the United States. Candidates must document hours served. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation offers **Lowe's School Grants** that support chapter improvement, community service and CareerSafe online safety training. The **Work Force Ready System** program provides assessments for career and technical education that are supported by industry, education and policy leaders. There are assessments available in 47 technical areas plus a soft skills assessment.

Our Partners

Nationally, SkillsUSA enjoys support from more than 1,000 corporations, businesses, associations and labor unions. These sponsors support SkillsUSA financially and with in-kind contributions because they believe in our mission. Our Youth Development Foundation is SkillsUSA's philanthropic arm. The foundation seeks to involve representatives of business, industry, organized labor, alumni and others in the active financial and volunteer support of SkillsUSA programs and activities.

SkillsUSA benefits students by:

- Teaching teamwork and leadership
- Reinforcing employability skills
- Offering a national contest program
- Providing ways to serve the local community
- Offering \$1 million in scholarships annually
- Helping students meet potential employers

SkillsUSA benefits teachers by:

- Enhancing the technical curriculum
- Helping improve class attitudes
- Giving students a way to test their skills
- Providing avenues for local industry support
- Career Readiness Curriculum (CRC) can help ensure that you prepare your students for work place success.
- Helping showcase training programs
- Gaining greater administrator support
- Providing opportunities to network

SkillsUSA benefits schools by:

- Showcasing the school to the community
- Helping instructors meet educational standards
- Improving the quality of training programs
- Providing opportunities for recognition
- Helping to produce more qualified graduates
- Helping with recruitment and enrollments

SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- Ensuring that programs meet industry needs
- Providing opportunities for employment
- Helping to promote specific industries

National Program of Work:

SkillsUSA activities are learning experiences because they're directed by students. The SkillsUSA program of work includes:

- Professional development
- Community service
- Employment
- SkillsUSA Championships
- Public relations
- Social activities
- Ways and means
- Championships

For more information on

SkillsUSA membership information, call: 800-355-8422. For information on becoming a Minnesota business partner, call: 763-560-1932.

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SkillsUSA Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships brings together industry and labor representatives, educators and the public to watch students compete in leadership and hands-on skill events for a full day. The SkillsUSA Championships begin at the local level with contests in classrooms nationwide.



Winners advance through district, regional and state competition, and only the best make it to the national event. Student's benefit no matter how they place in their contests. They test their skills, frequently make job contacts, and have a chance of recognition. State and national winners receive gold, silver and bronze medallions, scholarships, tools and other awards. The SkillsUSA Championships event requires more than 787,482 square feet of floor space, with nearly 6,000 competitors in 98 different events. Business and industry contributes more than \$36 million in equipment, supplies and personnel to support the SkillsUSA Championships, which is considered the largest single-day commitment of corporate volunteerism in America. Every other year, a select few are chosen to compete on an international level in the World Skills Competition.

SkillsUSA Championships Events

The official regulations for the following events are published in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. New contests are added each year.

Leadership Development Contests

Action Skills
American Spirit
Chapter Business Procedure
Chapter Display
Community Service
Employment Application Process
Extemporaneous Speaking
Job Interview
Job Skill Demo A
Job Skill Demo Open
Occupational Health & Safety
Opening & Closing Ceremonies
Outstanding Chapter
Pin Design
Prepared Speech
Promotional Bulletin Board
Quiz Bowl
T-shirt Design

Occupationally Related Contests

Career Pathway Showcase
Customer Service
Engineering Technology/Design
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR
Health Knowledge Bowl
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Medical Math
Medical Terminology
Principals of Engineering/Technology
Related Technical Math

DEMO CONTESTS

Community Action Project (demo)
Humanoid Robotics (demo)
Graphic Imaging Sublimation (demo)
Interactive Application and Game Develop.
Mobile Electronics Installation (demo)

STATE ONLY CONTESTS

Construction Blueprint Reading
Trade Math
Tool & Equipment I.D.
Machine Blueprint Reading
Mechanics Dexterity
Precision Machining Technology
Safety-written test
Snowmobile Service Technology

Skilled and Technical Sciences Contests

3-D Visualization & Animation
Advertising Design
Architectural Drafting
Audio/Radio Production
Automated Manufacturing Technology
Automotive Refinishing Technology
Automotive Service Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Basic Health Care (high school only)
Broadcast News Production
Building Maintenance
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
CNC Milling Specialist (Technology)
CNC Technician
CNC Turning Specialist (Technology)
Collision Repair Technology
Commercial Baking
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Crime Scene Investigation
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Dental Assisting
Diesel Equipment Technology
Electronics Technology
Esthetics
Firefighting
Graphic Communications
HVAC
Industrial Motor Control
Information Technology Service (CMT)
Internetworking
Major Appliance Technology
Marine Service Technology
Masonry
Mechatronics
Medical Assisting
Motorcycle Service technology
Nail Care
Nurse Assisting
Photography
Plumbing
Power Equipment Technology
Practical Nursing
Preschool Teaching Assistant
Residential Systems Install & Maintenance
Restaurant Service
Residential Wiring

Robotics & Automation Technology
Screen Printing Technology
Sheet Metal
Sustainability Solutions (demo)
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production
Web Design
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture