

SkillsUSA Theme

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2008-09 year is

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work Leadership in Transition

This is the theme for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests.



The topic to be addressed by contestants in these events is how the theme **SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Leadership in Transition** relates to our national program of work and how the SkillsUSA program fosters personal and professional development and prepares students for the next phase of their lives. Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:

- SkillsUSA helps students to develop their knowledge and technical skills and also an attitude of sincere enthusiasm and passion in their educational path, in their career and in their relationships
- SkillsUSA members are better prepared for lifelong learning and for transition into the workforce or into higher education
- Being in SkillsUSA is a learning experience and a growing experience.
- SkillsUSA members are engaged in their communities and aware of transitions in local, state and national leadership, especially during this presidential election year.
- Our ongoing slogan is **SkillsUSA: Champions at Work**. We want our members to feel like champions and stand up for quality work, both in school and on the job
- SkillsUSA motivates students to be the best they can be in their technical skill development and personal/ professional development.
- SkillsUSA provides an opportunity for students to put into practice teamwork skills, creativity and project management.
- SkillsUSA increases productivity by cultivating a highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce to meet 21st century needs.
- SkillsUSA is the national organization for public high school and college/postsecondary technical students enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service profession instructional programs including allied health occupations.
- SkillsUSA represents more than 300,000 students in 130 different occupational areas.