

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2021-2022 #10) **Regional dates on regionals page**

Item #1: SkillsUSA Maryland Regional Conference Updates

We encourage chapter members across the state to participate in regional competitions. This is a great way to motivate students and better prepare them for state and national competition experiences. Chapter advisors should have already been contacted by their respective regional competition hosts. See list attached list for more information – “2022 Regional Competition Dates/Details.” If you have not heard from your regional host please contact them ASAP.

Item #2: Membership Reminder - Deadline is January 31

This is a reminder to submit your SkillsUSA Maryland membership information by January 31, 2022. The instructions provided by SkillsUSA are listed below. When you finish the online membership process be sure to press the “Submit” button and delete any previous year’s membership information before logging out.

For schools using block (fall/spring semester) schedules ONLY:

Chapters currently welcoming new spring semester members will have until February 15, 2022, to add new members to the 2021-22 membership rosters. Chapters using a block (semester) schedule must submit Fall semester membership information by the regular January 31 deadline.

How to Register Members Electronically

Register students and professional members quickly and easily on the SkillsUSA National website. Using online registration makes it easier to register for state or national conferences later in the year.

To register electronically, follow these steps:

1. Before you begin, obtain a purchase order number, a credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or a check number in order to pay for your membership.
2. Prepare your list of students and professional members.
3. **Login at www.skillsusa-register.org**. Type in email address and password, then go to the Membership tab. If you are a New User: Click Create Login. Select your state, select your school and answer the questions to create your password.

Membership Kit: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/membership-kit-2/>

Quick Start Guide for registering members: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MembershipReg-Quick-Start-Guide-2020.pdf>

New Chapter (school): If you are a new chapter and your school is not shown in the drop-down list of schools for your state, complete the new school form at: <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/rpts/CreateNewSchool.aspx>. (Provide advisor name, school name, address and telephone number).

Note: Once you click the *Join Now* button on the confirmation and accept to pay page an automated invoice will generate for traditional membership. Print and submit to your accounting department for payment. Total Participation Schools will not receive invoices for individual members.

Payment Requirements & Options

By submitting membership online, you are agreeing to pay SkillsUSA membership fees. The current year membership registration begins August 1, and services will begin when members are registered. You may pay for membership by using a credit card, check or purchase order.

If paying by check, send a copy of your roster with your check. If using a purchase order, enter the PO number in the Payment Option box on the Web site. If paying by VISA or MasterCard, click the link on the invoice for credit cards or the pay now link found on the screen you registered members; invoice button. No additional action is need if paying by credit card.

For assistance or questions regarding the registration process contact SkillsUSA Hotline Operators at [\(844\) 875-4557](tel:844-875-4557) or e-mail Hotline Operators at operators@skillsusa.org.

Item #3: SkillsUSA Maryland Chapter Excellence Program Challenge!

A great way to get chapter members involved and engaged is to encourage them to participate in the Chapter Excellence Program (CEP), which offers three award levels to recognize program involvement. The first two levels are acknowledged by the Maryland state association and the third level is recognized nationally. Each level is designed to give chapters a benchmark for success and future improvement, leading to stronger chapters and more involved and prepared students. The more a chapter applies the SkillsUSA Framework, the greater the chance for CEP honors. We challenge all Maryland chapters to become Models of Excellence! Visit this link to learn more: <https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/>

Item #4: Professional Development Opportunities for January to June

Please join your fellow advisors for our SkillsUSA Professional Development offerings from January through June. [Learn more by visiting the online training calendar](#) in the “downloads” section. 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](#).

Item #5: Free Educational Resources and Career Essentials Opportunity

SkillsUSA has partnered with Aerotek and The Swinerton Foundation to deliver 37 grants for high school and college/postsecondary chapters to receive grants for SkillsUSA Educational

Resources and Career Essentials access. Eligible chapters can 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, 2022 and recipients will be notified by Feb 11, 2022. [Determine eligibility and apply here.](#) For questions, contact [Brandon Monk.](#)

Item #6: Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Hotline operators and coaches are ready to answer your questions on a wide variety of topics, including, adding/engaging chapter members, strengthening an existing chapter, SkillsUSACONNECT, Chapter Excellence Program and Career Essentials. Operators are on call from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. ET, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. ET, Tuesday and Thursday. Call the hotline toll free: 844-875-4557.

Don't have time to call? Send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org or chat with them online at the membership registration site.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and State Officer Team,
Happy New Year!

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