

Dear SkillsUSA Advisors, (SkillsUSA Maryland 2021-2022 #16)

Item #1: 2022 State Championship Professional Development Test

SkillsUSA Maryland will be utilizing the TFI online testing platform to administer the Professional Development test to **all students** competing in state competitions. TFI instructions are attached to this update.

Online testing will be available **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – Tuesday, March 22, 2021, 9am-6pm, ET**. Students must complete online testing at school, proctored by the chapter advisor or school administrator.

Be sure to encourage your students to study before taking the SkillsUSA PD test, see study guide and sample (actual) test questions: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

Item #2 : State Championship Delegate Assembly – Chapter Delegate Registration

Please register your student delegates for the 49th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland State Delegate Assembly. We need each chapter to be represented, here's the registration link: [2022 State Delegate Registration Form](#)

Delegate information and instructions are available on the state website, State Conference page: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

Item #3: State Championship Contest Updates

SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship conference and competition information/updates will be posted on the official state website (State Conference page). Check this page daily for newly posted information: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

Item #4: SkillsUSA Maryland Advisor of the Year Nominations!

Each year, dedicated chapter advisors across the state work tirelessly in support of students, colleagues and their communities. Please take a few minutes to help us recognize and honor these SkillsUSA Champions by completing the Advisor of the Year (AOY) online form: [SkillsUSA Maryland Advisor of the Year Form](#)

We'll recognize six (6) Regional AOY finalists and the Maryland AOY awardee at the 2022 State Championship Awards Ceremony. Please nominate a worthy colleague (or yourself!). Deadline to complete the application is **Friday, March 25, 2022**.

Item #5: **REMINDER!** SkillsUSA Maryland Address for State Championship Registration Checks/Payments

Please send all SkillsUSA Maryland-related registration and payment checks to the SkillsUSA Maryland General/Financial Secretary at this new address:

SkillsUSA Maryland
C/O April Powell, General/Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 92
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Item #6: 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.](#)

Item #7: 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 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.](#)

Item #8: 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](#).

Item #9: 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.

Item #10: 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.

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