

Dear SkillsUSA Advisors, (SkillsUSA Maryland 2021-2022 #17)

Item #1: Online Testing Deadline Extended! - 2022 State Championship Professional Development Test

Due to cloud-based connectivity issues encountered by TFI, the online testing service, the deadline for students to complete the SkillsUSA Professional Development (PD) test has been extended to **Wednesday, March 23, 6pm, ET**. Students must complete online testing at school, proctored by the chapter advisor or school administrator.

As you know, SkillsUSA Maryland is utilizing the TFI online testing platform to administer the PD test to **all students** competing in state competitions. TFI instructions are attached to this update.

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: **ACTION ITEM**: Register Chapter Delegates!

Be sure to register your student delegates for the 49th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland State Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly is Friday evening, April 1, 2022, at the Maritime Conference Center. We need all chapters to be represented this year, 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: **ACTION ITEM**: State Championship Contest Updates

SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship competition updates are currently posted on the official state website (State Conference page), and more will be posted before April 1, 2022. Check this page daily for newly posted information: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

Also, a **revised** (3/18/22) State Championship contest locations list has been posted to the State Conference page. Please review the list to ensure your students travel to the correct contest venue.

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

Please take a few minutes to help us recognize and honor hard-working SkillsUSA chapter advisors in your region by completing the Advisor of the Year (AOY) online form. Don't worry if your nominee doesn't meet all the criteria as outlined on the application as this is a generic form designed to include National Advisor of the Year nominees: [SkillsUSA Maryland Advisor of the Year Form](#)

We'll recognize six (6) Regional AOY finalists and the Maryland AOY awardees 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: **ACTION ITEM**: State Championship Box Lunch Special Diet Request

If any registered advisors or students participating in the State Championship have special dietary restrictions that do not allow them to consume meat or gluten a salad box lunch will be provided (includes salad, chips, cookie, water bottle). To receive this special dietary box lunch option this form must be completed by **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**: [Special Diet Box Lunch Request](#)

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