

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2022-2023 #13)

Item #1: 2023 State Championship Update

The 50th Annual Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship” is **March 24-25, 2023**. The registration fee for contestants is **\$110.00**. All contest models, delegates, state officer candidates and advisors will be charged a reduced “non-contestant” **\$45.00** registration fee. Important: every local chapter in attendance is required to have at least one registered advisor accompanying students.

The Maritime Conference Center (MCC) is the official hotel for the 2023 State Championship. Chapters planning to stay overnight are charged a flat rate of **\$150.00 per room** (students can stay 2-4 per room / single room option is adults only). All MCC guests staying overnight will enjoy a buffet dinner and breakfast, and Saturday morning shuttle service to the Center of Applied Technology North (CATN). Important: the room fee **does not** include the registration fees for contestants or non-contestants. In addition, please make sure student delegates representing your chapter attend the Friday evening Delegate Assembly at MCC!

State Championship registration is now open! Use the SkillsUSA Conference Management System (CMS) to register chapter participants. Login via the National SkillsUSA website: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/>

The registration deadline is **Friday, February 24, 2023**.

Item #2: Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is Feb. 6-10, 2023, and you can participate by honoring your community supporters, connecting with local business and industry professionals, or making a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. We encourage you to plan activities that follow the daily schedule using the [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#).

Official 2023 SkillsUSA Week Shirts will be available soon in the SkillsUSA Store. Watch [The SkillsUSA Official Store Instagram](#) for updates and then visit [The SkillsUSA Store](#) to place your orders!

Item #3: From Game Player to Game Developer ... on a Full-Ride Scholarship

Our latest SkillsUSA Champions magazine feature story highlights Juan Cubides, a Colombian immigrant who earned a full-ride scholarship to the University of Southern California to pursue his dream of becoming a video game developer. He did that in large part through his scholarship interview, and he credits his experiences in SkillsUSA with preparing him to succeed in that pivotal moment. [Read the story on the SkillsUSA Champions Magazine Digital Hub](#).

Item #4: Framework Integration ToolKit: Essential Elements Definitions and Behaviors

The SkillsUSA Framework Integration Toolkit has everything you need to ensure career readiness in your classroom, training program and chapter. Each Essential Element under the three components of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics is defined, including the behaviors associated with that Element. By talking with your students about the Essential Elements of the Framework, they'll begin to develop a language to talk about the skills they are learning. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

Item #5: Seeking "Straight-Out-Of-High-School" Success Stories

[SkillsUSA Champions magazine](#) is looking to feature more success stories about members who embarked on successful skilled trades careers directly out of high school or had their postsecondary education paid for as a result of their association with SkillsUSA. If you know SkillsUSA graduates who fit that description, please contact us. If these students went to work for a partner met through SkillsUSA, we'd love to hear about that, too. Please send a description of your graduate to Office of Communications Associate Director [Karen Kitzel](#).

Item #6: Show Us What You Made...and What You're Made Of!

SkillsUSA is showcasing the great accomplishments our members make every day as skilled workers and leaders in the #MadeInSkillsUSA social media campaign. Share photos on social media that highlight something students made with their hands (a construction project, a graphic, a hairstyle, a culinary creation, etc.) or a personal achievement earned through SkillsUSA (landing a job or internship, delivering a speech, leading a meeting, etc.). To participate, simply post a photo with the hashtag #MadeInSkillsUSA. [Learn more here](#). For questions, contact [Hayley Uffelman](#), SkillsUSA's social media manager.

Item #7: New SkillsUSA Master Scholarship Application Now Open

SkillsUSA scholarships are available to both high school and college/postsecondary members. Students can now apply for multiple scholarships by completing a single SkillsUSA master scholarship application. Eligibility criteria for each scholarship is noted on the application so that students know which scholarships they are eligible to receive.

The SkillsUSA master scholarship is now open until April 1 and is [available here](#). For more SkillsUSA scholarship resources, including a guide on how to submit a quality application, visit the [scholarships page on the SkillsUSA website](#). If you have questions, contact [Megan Flinn](#).

Item #8: Honorary Life, Outstanding Educator and Hall of Champions Nominations Open

If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition by SkillsUSA as an Honorary Life Member, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, or for the Hall of Champions Award, please [complete the online applications here](#). The deadline is Feb. 15. If you have questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

Item #9: Overflowing with Professional Development Opportunities

Please join your fellow advisors for our SkillsUSA Professional Development offerings. Learn more on [our online training calendar](#). 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 2022-23 Professional Development Opportunities is available here](#). For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#)

On behalf of the state officer team and board of directors, wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday!



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