

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2023-2024 #7)

Item #1: Statesman and Advanced Statesman Award Study Guides Now Available!

We want every student to earn their Statesman or Advanced Statesman Award during the 2023 Fall Leadership Conference. Study guides are now available on the official state association website: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/fall-conference/> Be sure to share this information with your students!

If you are new to SkillsUSA and would like to learn more about the Statesman or Advanced Statesman Awards please contact the State Director, charles.wallace@maryland.gov or 443-850-8686.

Item #2: Fall Leadership Conference Community Service Opportunity!

Each year, the Maryland state officer team selects a charitable organization to showcase and support as part of the Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) experience. This year's team selected "Mid-Shore Meals til Monday," a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization working to end childhood hunger on Maryland's Mid-Shore and beyond.

To help facilitate SkillsUSA Maryland support to the fullest, the officer team is asking all FLC participating chapters to bring non-perishable food items to the conference for donation. The items will also be utilized for a fun, educational activity during the Advanced Statesman session (no eating!) and then transported to the organization's headquarters in Dorchester County after the conference. All chapters supporting the food drive will receive recognition at the conference and certificates to share with your schools. Thank you in advance for helping the officer team support "Mid-Shore Meals til Monday!" Visit this website for more information: <https://midshoremealstilmonday.org/>

Examples of non-perishable food items include:

Cup of noodles

Nutella snack packs

Cracker and cheese snack packs

Juice boxes

Canned goods

Peanut butter

Granola bars

Mini snack packs

Dry pasta

Crackers (snack size)

Cookies (snack size)

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