

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA Maryland 2023-2024 #20)

Item #1: 2024 State Championship Medalist List Now Available!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the SkillsUSA Maryland 51<sup>st</sup> Annual State Championship! Please join me in thanking Carroll County Public Schools and the Career and Technology Center for supporting the 2024 conference. Special thank-you to Principal Tom Riddle, his administrative team and staff for their hard work and hospitality, and for hosting 36 competitions at the CTC.

This annual conference could not happen without the support and dedication of hundreds of business, industry and education partners who volunteer and donate time, materials, equipment, and expertise in planning and facilitating scores of CTE program-aligned, applied learning competitions – 66 contests at eight venues this year! We are very fortunate to have a “volunteer army” of committed volunteers supporting Maryland CTE students and programs, ensuring that our students are ready for the workforce and the world of work.

The 2024 state medalist list ("Medalists") is now available. Individual contestant scores will be released later: <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/scores>

Item #2: 2024 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) Information

Students earning gold medals at the 2024 State Championship are eligible to represent Maryland at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia, **June 24-29, 2024**. The SkillsUSA “Team Maryland” delegation will be returning to the beautiful Atlanta Marriott Marquis, [265 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303](#).

The NLSC is a five-day / five-night conference experience, arriving Monday morning or afternoon, June 24, 2024, and departing anytime Saturday, June 29, 2024.

The **2024 NLSC registration fee for Maryland participants is \$325.00 per person**. This fee includes both the National SkillsUSA conference registration cost and Maryland-specific extras including, T-shirt, trading pins, conference gifts, Monday evening *Welcome Dinner and Orientation* (7 pm) and Friday evening *Maryland Awards Reception/Refreshments* (immediately following National Awards Ceremony). The fee **does not** include housing or air and ground transportation to and from the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA.

Use the online system to register you and your students – the same online system used for the 2024 State Championship. Follow this web link to login and get started: <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/> Contact Dennis Peaton, SkillsUSA Maryland Conference Manager, if you need additional online registration assistance. [dennis.peaton@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.peaton@gmail.com)

**Online registration is now open and closes Friday, May 3, 2024, 11:59 p.m.**

**ACTION ITEM!** Contact State Director **ASAP** if any state gold medal winners are not planning to attend the national conference so the opportunity can be extended to state silver medalists. Thank you for your prompt attention and response to this time sensitive request!

**Item #3: ACTION ITEM! Online Technical Tests for State Gold Medalists!**

Please encourage students advancing to national competitions to take the online technical tests aligned to some (not all) of their respective contests. Tests are located on the same testing platform used for the SkillsUSA PD test. Technical test scores will not affect or alter state contest scores in any way. Remind students that test questions might be the same or similar to national competition tests!

**Item #4: NLSC Hotel Registration – Atlanta Marriott Marquis**

To ensure accurate rooming/roommate selection and billing for advisors and students attending the national conference, advisors will **assign and pay** for rooms for their own chapter delegations. NLSC room rates at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis are **\$235.00 per room/per night**. Students should be assigned to double-double rooms, **2-4 per room**. Adults only in single rooms.

Prioritize booking rooms for registered students, advisors and instructors. Once all Maryland delegation members have secured rooms any remaining rooms will be released to friends and family members. Don't wait until the last minute to book your rooms!

More NLSC information coming soon!



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