

Item #1: ACTION ITEM! CTSO Joint Advisor Training Registration Closes Friday!

See **attached list** of confirmed attendees to ensure that your SkillsUSA chapter is represented at CTSO Joint Advisor Training, **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Maritime Conference Center (MCC), 692 Maritime Blvd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. Be sure to check-in with your CTE central office.

If you are planning to start a new chapter this year, Joint Advisor Training is the best way to begin the chapter development process! New advisors are welcome and seasoned advisors are invited to bring an active (or prospective) co-advisor!

There is no registration fee to attend and breakfast, lunch and the opportunity to earn six (6) professional development points is included! Also, advisors travelling the farthest may be eligible for a complementary sleeping room at MCC (9/8). [MD CTSO JAT Registration Link](#)

Registration closes Friday, August 29, 2025!

*****We want your chapter represented! Every SkillsUSA attendee will receive a gift, and chance to win some great raffle prizes. Also, your chapter must be represented if you plan to participate in the Fall Leadership Conference!**

Item #2: 2025-2026 Lead Advisor Contact List

Please review the “Lead Advisor Contact 2025-2026” **attached document** to confirm that your chapter representative(s) information is accurate and current. An up-to-date advisor list will ensure that all participating chapters receive important updates throughout the year. Send any changes/edits to the State Director. Thanks for your prompt attention to this request!

Item #3: SkillsUSA Membership Registration Open for 2025-2026 School Year

The SkillsUSA registration site is officially open for the 2025-26 school year! Advisors are encouraged to join early to receive all mailings and emails. Professional members receive [many benefits](#) when they submit membership with a valid email address, including the SkillsUSA Framework Integration Toolkit, Program of Work Toolkit, SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards, E-Courses and opportunities for professional development.

Time to begin registering students, teachers, and administrators (i.e. professional membership) for the new membership year! National/state dues for professional members are \$28 and \$16 for students. Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the importance of joining a professional organization and the opportunities that membership will provide. Check-out 2025-2026 membership resources to learn more about the benefits of becoming a student or professional member:

<https://www.skillsusa.org/join/>

<https://www.skillsusa.org/resources/member-resources/>

State dues and deadlines

If you or any chapter advisors need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, Customer Care Team representatives are ready to answer questions about starting a new chapter, ways to engage chapter members or strategies to strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday (ET). To reach the hotline, call 844-875-4557. You can also chat online on the membership registration site. <https://www.skillsusa.org/customer-care/>

Item #4: SkillsUSA Mission and Framework

As you introduce SkillsUSA to new students, teachers, administrators and business and industry partners please be sure to begin with the SkillsUSA Mission and Framework. The Mission and Framework clearly outline the benefits of SkillsUSA chapter participation in support of personal, workplace and technical skill development. The 2025-2026 chapter membership kit frequently references the Framework and Chapter Excellence Program (CEP). Visit the following link to learn more about the SkillsUSA Framework and to share informative videos with your students: <https://www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/>

Thank you for all you continue to do in support of Maryland Career and Technical Education and SkillsUSA Maryland. See you September 9 at the Maritime Conference Center!



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