

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA Maryland 2025-2026 #18)

Item #1: 2026 State Championship Medalists Now Available!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the SkillsUSA Maryland 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Championship! We appreciate the ongoing support of Carroll County Public Schools, Career and Technology Center, Westminster High School, Public Safety Training Center, and Local 486 for providing venues and support for 70 state competitions.

The SkillsUSA State Championship represents the importance of career-connected learning in Maryland, allowing our students to apply academic knowledge, demonstrate industry-recognized skills, and engage in career-based leadership. This incredible applied-learning experience would not be possible without your support and the support of over 250 business, industry and education volunteers who donate time, materials, equipment, and expertise in planning and facilitating the competitions. Our students are very fortunate to have a “volunteer army” of committed professionals supporting Maryland CTE, ensuring that our students are ready for the workforce and the world of work.

The **2026 State Medalist list** is now available: <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/scores>

If you are new to this process – at the landing page, select “**Medalists**” to access the top three finishers in every competition. Scroll the drop-down menu to “**MD - 2026 Maryland State Leadership and Skills Conference.**” Individual and team scores will be added soon!

Item #2: **ACTION ITEM!** 2026 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) - Time to Register!

Students earning gold medals at the 2026 State Championship are eligible to represent Maryland at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia, **June 1-6, 2026**. 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 on Monday morning or afternoon, **June 1, 2026**, and departing anytime on Saturday, **June 6, 2026**.

The conference registration fee is **\$340.00** and 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.

Advisors will be using the SkillsUSA online system to register you and your students – the same online system used for the 2026 State Championship. Follow this web link to login and get started: <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/> Contact SkillsUSA Maryland Conference Manager, if you need additional online registration assistance: [skillsusareresults@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusareresults@gmail.com)

**Online registration is now open and, due to the early date of the National Conference, will close on Friday, April 24, 2026.**

**ACTION ITEM!** Contact State Director **ASAP** if any state gold medal winners are unable to attend the national conference so the opportunity can be extended to state silver medalists. Please do not wait to share this information as the participating chapter will need time to make travel plans. **Thank you for your prompt attention and response to this time-sensitive request!**

### Item #3: 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 **\$246.00 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 and hotel information will be released soon.



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