

Item #1: **ACTION ITEM!** Additional Rooms at Atlanta Marriott Marquis!

Chapters with students, advisors and chaperones participating in the SkillsUSA NLSC have already reserved rooms at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. However, if there are additional family or friends of competing students who would like to stay at the hotel assigned to the SkillsUSA Maryland delegation, there are rooms available on a first-come-first-served basis. Discounted hotel rates will be honored until **May 4**. Here's the

link: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/221019746?gtid=c3af11adb433f705fbca4fdd10e78b5>

Item #2: Online Testing Window Opens for National Competitors (NOCTI Platform)

National competitors will receive materials portal emails on **May 4** and the testing window is **May 5-28**. If students encounter challenges, please contact SkillsUSA Customer Care for assistance with gaining access to the competitor materials portal and/or NOCTI online tests: [Customer Care](#)

Item #3: Competition-related Webinars Available - Check the List!

Check this link to see what national competitions have scheduled webinars in May: [Weekly Round-Up Webinar List](#)

Item #4: National Competitors Review Tech Standards and Contest Updates!

Competitors are responsible for reviewing the **current SkillsUSA Technical Standards** for their specific competition and checking the Competition Updates and "**Competition-Specific Updates**" section on the SkillsUSA website to ensure that all their competition-specific national pre-conference online submissions are completed. Visit this link for more information: [Competition-Specific Updates](#)

Item #5: **ACTION ITEM!** – Students in Construction Competitions!

Check "Competition-Specific Updates" for NCCER number form. The form is used to capture the student's NCCER account number – NCCER number is **required** to assign competition knowledge tests. If student does not have an NCCER number, a number can be created.

NCCER Number Form must be completed by **April 30!**

## Item #6: SkillsUSA PD Test, Resumes and Competition-Specific Submissions

All competitors must take the SkillsUSA Professional Development (PD) **online test** and must **upload resumes**.

Competition-specific submissions (binders, portfolios, letters, etc.) - Submitting digital materials—such as scanned copies of a binder or portfolio—gives the technical committee more time to evaluate scorable components of the competition in advance. If a competitor/team fails to upload an online submission in the required format, this can result in loss of points for the applicable submission. Competitors are still required to bring the physical “copy” for onsite presentation to the judges for final scoring validation.

- Scan a Multiple Page Document in Order, see technical standards for format and page order details
- Combine the Scanned Pages into One File
- Double-Check the Final File
- Submissions uploaded to the **Competitor Materials Portal** and must be saved as individual PDF file types using the file name format of “Your Last Name\_Your First Name\_DocumentType.”
- Smith\_Amanda\_Resume
- Smith\_Amanda\_Binder
- Smith\_Amanda\_SafetyCert
- Smith\_Amanda\_Portfolio
- Smith\_Amanda\_Accommodation

## Item #7: Tips on Uploading Materials

### **Do Submit:**

- Individual PDF file types
- Follow correct naming format (*see technical standards*)

### **Notes:**

- Uploads cannot be deleted
- Students can upload new revision with the same name
- If multiple copies of a required item are submitted judges will review the latest upload provided
- Team members will need to individually complete all required uploads, i.e., submission of a binder, if applicable.

### **Do Not Submit:**

- Link to resume that opens as a Google Doc (or other cloud-based application)

- Link to cloud-based folder of binder/portfolio documentation
- Submitting **documents** in **any format** other than PDF

#### Item #8: FAQ Regarding NLSC Competitor Schedules

**Question:** “Can competitors miss the orientation and/or debriefing?”

**Answer:** “We only have flexibility due to **unforeseen travel issues**. We welcome our national competitors to participate in as much of their competition as scheduled.

The student(s) will need to check in with their technical committee chair upon arrival in Atlanta to determine what can be done and to cover what was missed, if applicable. The technical chair will make the determination on whether there will be a point deduction or other penalties from missing a requirement of the competition.”

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