

SkillsUSA Advisors, (SkillsUSA 2026-2027 #2) **One Attachment with This Message**

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

See the **attached** list of confirmed registrants to ensure your SkillsUSA chapter is represented at CTSO Joint Advisor Training: **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, 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 plan 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 are included! Also, advisors travelling the farthest may be eligible for a complimentary sleeping room at MCC (9/15).

**Registration closes Friday, September 4, 2026!**

**\*\*\*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 2026 Fall Leadership Conference!**

Item #2: Fall Leadership Conference Returns to Ocean City!

The SkillsUSA Maryland state officer team and board of directors are excited to welcome you and your students to the 2026 Fall Leadership Conference (FLC), returning to the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland, **November 5-6, 2026**. The registration deadline is **Friday, October 9, 2026**.

The registration fee for students, advisors and chaperones is \$175.00 per person, and hotel rooms are \$130.00 per room. Single rooms are for adults only, and students can be housed 2-4 per room. Chapter attendees should plan to arrive Thursday, November 5, by 12 noon. The FLC closing ceremony gavel sounds Friday, November 6, 2:30 pm. Three meals will be provided for all registered attendees (Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch).

You can register up to thirty-five (35) attendees (1 chaperone for every 10 students is recommended). Contact the state director if you would like to send more students to FLC - on a space-available basis.

The SkillsUSA Conference Management System (CMS) is an easy way to register you and your chapter members for the FLC. For advisors new to SkillsUSA Maryland, the CMS is the same online system used to add student and professional members.

If you have any questions or challenges with the CMS, please contact registration support: [skillsusareresults@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusareresults@gmail.com)

Item #3: SkillsUSA Mission, Framework and Program of Work

Focusing on the SkillsUSA Mission, Framework and Program of Work is the trifecta for a meaningful, inclusive and productive chapter. Every chapter is encouraged to participate in the Chapter Excellence

Program (CEP), which recognizes three award levels. Each level is designed to give chapters a benchmark for success and future improvement, leading to stronger chapters and more engaged and prepared students. The more the Framework Essential Elements are integrated into planned activities, the greater the chance for CEP honors.

SkillsUSA Maryland is very proud to celebrate two chapters achieving CEP National Models of Excellence (MOE) status, recognized among the 24 most outstanding programs in the country—SkillsUSA's highest honors awarded to chapters. See 2026 MOE chapters: <https://www.skillsusa.org/news/24-skillsusa-schools-named-national-models-of-excellence-honored-as-2026s-most-outstanding-programs/>

**Thank you for all you continue to do in support of Maryland Career and Technical Education and SkillsUSA Maryland. See you September 16 at the Maritime Conference Center!**



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