

State Officer Expectations

Each year, the State Officer Elections take place during the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Prior to the elections, prospective candidates and advisors are invited to attend the March State Officer Meeting. This will be an opportunity to talk with the current State Officers and ask questions. In addition, the candidates take part in a short, informal interview by the elections committee. During this time, the elections committee will inform the students of the expectations of being a state officer.

Candidates seeking office are required to submit a completed *Officer Candidate Intent Form*, and the requirements for becoming a candidate are listed on the form. The Form is due no later than **April 1**. Advisors of the candidate and their parent/guardian are required to sign off on the form. An administrator must sign off on the *Officer Candidate Intent Form* to insure that state officer expectations are clearly understood.

Candidates that meet the requirements then attend the Opening Ceremonies of the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships, where they receive a briefing prior to their speeches. Candidates are then given the chance to campaign, i.e., interact with the delegates and answer any questions they might have. The official voting delegates then listen to all the candidates' campaign speeches. The delegates then vote to elect ten (10) candidates to serve as State Officers. The newly elected State Officer Team will be announced during the Closing Ceremony of the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships.

Being a state officer can be a very rewarding experience. You will learn a lot about yourself, make many new and long lasting friendships and have fun, too. If you are considering running for a state office, be sure you are doing it for the right reasons. While there are great social benefits, possibilities to travel and it looks good on a resume, holding an office means you agree to take on certain responsibilities and you agree to represent the organization on a state level.

The following is a brief list of expectations:

1. Respect the opinions of other state officers.
2. Represent NJ SkillsUSA with conduct that will bring repute to yourself and the organization.
3. Respond in a timely manner to requests from state officials.
4. Attend monthly state officer meetings and remain present for the entire meeting.
5. Maintain a 2.5 (C+) GPA.

Failure to abide by these expectations will cause an officer to be subject to a probationary period during which his/her qualifications will be reviewed. Further neglect of office will be cause for dismissal.