

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2/9/24

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Hope you all had a great week!

NJ Skills Numbers as of 2/8/24:

Total competitors: 1,834 Last year's total: 1,803

Total Membership: 6,596 Last year's total membership: 7,629

These are as of 12:05 pm Thursday.

NJ SkillsUSA Competition Clothing Requirements

Competitors should refer to the contest update posted on the NJ SkillsUSA website

www.nj-skillsusa.org to check if individual contest clothing is indicated.

- When there is no clothing requirement noted, competitors should refer to the national technical standards for each event.
- For the state level competition, where Official SkillsUSA khaki work shirt and pants or scrubs are indicated, students may dress in any color matching work shirt and pants.
- For contests listing an Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt, students may dress in a plain white polo shirt.
- Where Official SkillsUSA Attire is indicated, students may dress professionally in dress slacks/skirts, a button-up collared dress shirt/blouse, dress shoes and socks. No sneakers or open-toe shoes.

Invoices

NJ Skills invoices due by March 15th, although we do gladly accept early payments :)

Baking & Pastry Arts PPT

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:83ec5eba-3521-3ca9-8abe-6e5f6bb32f2a>

Lunches by Location

Please get your lunch orders in for the Carpenter Center and Hunterdon Polytech. You can pay the day of, or request an invoice from Kings Bedminster which has \$11.00 box lunches.

Carpenter's Center Order Form: <https://forms.gle/bBbNudVp3Rcs6u9g8>

Hunterdon Polytech Order Form: <https://forms.gle/EGY1L5QZTNxd3K5V7>

GCIT: You must bring lunch.

Camden Sicklerville Menu:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R2wa36jiNBMi8UhxKNf8J3ISk-Kk8Oh9SHgwrDIhR0/edit> You can contact Anthony Cappelgio at 609-820-0693 or acampeggio@ccts.net. You can request to be billed or pay the day of the competition.

SCVTS: \$7.50 box lunch. You can pay the day of, request to be invoiced or bring your own lunch.

Payne Tech: Options will be published in next week's Friday Flash.

Mercedes Benz: Lunch will be provided.

Have a great weekend!

Ralph Starace

News from the National Office

Happy SkillsUSA Week!

Cheers to a great 2024 SkillsUSA Week! In the past few days, chapters across the country engaged in experiences that honored their community supporters, connected with local business and industry professionals and shared SkillsUSA with their administrators. Our national officers have been busy, too, making visits to partners, advocating in D.C. and more! (Pictured at right is National High School President Oviya Senthil with Aerotek's David "DJ" Jordan during a visit to Aerotek's headquarters.)

We encourage you to [share your SkillsUSA Week stories, photos or links](#) with the SkillsUSA headquarters and we just may feature your chapter on the SkillsUSA Champions digital hub or on our social media. In the meantime, check out the photos we've already received on our [SkillsUSA Flickr page](#). Thanks for being an advocate for SkillsUSA and career and technical education, and look for a "SkillsUSA Week 2024 Recap" soon.

The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) has an editable template for you to use to send stories directly to your local media. Personalize your message with details about your school, training programs and SkillsUSA Week activities.

SkillsUSA Advisor and Student Feedback Needed

SkillsUSA is eager to hear advisor and student feedback to assess their needs and preferences at the local level. We have prepared a [brief survey for advisors](#), and your opinions are instrumental in shaping the future initiatives of SkillsUSA to ensure that we provide the best possible support for our members.

SkillsUSA has also prepared a [brief survey for your students](#). Given the importance of representing the diverse perspectives of our members across different states, we kindly request your assistance in distributing this survey to your student members if your local policies allow. Student input will significantly contribute to our understanding of regional variations and enhance the overall effectiveness of our initiatives.

The surveys should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential, and the information collected will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing our organization's offerings. We appreciate your commitment to SkillsUSA and look forward to hearing your feedback.

Register Members by March 1 to Claim Eligibility

The national SkillsUSA membership deadline is March 1. Student members must meet both state and national membership deadlines to be eligible for national competitions; serve as voting delegates; run for national office; or apply for national scholarships, awards and honors. Check out the [complete listing of state dues and deadlines](#) and learn how to join as a professional member and access your professional membership benefits in this [video tutorial](#).

SkillsUSA Advisor Action Tip

It's competition season! Here are some best-practice tips to help you assist your student competitors:

Make sure you [access the SkillsUSA Technical Standards](#) and share them with your students.

Cross-check the Technical Standards with your own state competition updates (these can be found on your state website or via your state update emails).

Access the [SkillsUSA Store](#) to find competition apparel, supplies and more!

Seeking Musical Talent to Perform National Anthem at NLSC

Do you have a musical gift to share with the SkillsUSA community? If so, apply to perform the national anthem at the opening session of SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference this June.

The chosen performer will be offered complimentary conference registration if their sole purpose of attendance is to perform the national anthem. [Apply here](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 2.