

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash, Jan. 27, 2023

Message From the Desk of the State Director

Thank you for your attendance at yesterday's advisor meeting. I was very happy to see that so many advisors stayed after to talk with each other about our upcoming SkillsUSA competitions and events. If there is any school that would like to host and/or sponsor our future fall and winter advisor meetings, please reach out to me to discuss.

The state officer application is on line under the STUDENTS tab. We would like to have a large slate of officers running this year. Please encourage your local chapter officers to pursue a spot on the State officer team.

Also don't forget to sign up for a 2023-24 SkillsUSA day at your School. Two schools have already requested dates for next Fall.

Thank you advisors and staff for all your hard work and dedication to our NJ SkillsUSA program. It is greatly appreciated from this office

Cyber Security Competition Details

Saturday March 11th

Hunterdon Polytech Bartles Campus- Room 105

8 Bartles Corner Road, Flemington NJ 08822

School Phone: 908 788 1119

The state contest details will be posted next week in the Contest Updates section of our website.

Contest Updates

Encourage your students and instructors to frequently check our website for state contest details.

Go to www.nj-skillsusa.org, click on *State Championships*, then *State Only Contests* and *Contest Updates*. Contact our office if you need additional contest information.

(Insiders Tip: Click on the word *Contest* in blue and the list will reformat in ABC order making it easier to find contest info.)

Restaurant Services Updates

A third update has been posted for Restaurant Services listing the "Menu" items that the students will be offering to their customers during the April 01 competition.

State Officer Elections: May 25 during the Kick-Off to Atlanta

The 2023-24 State Officer Application is posted in the Student Tab of our website.

Need to Motivate Your Students to Compete?

Our national office has prepared a YouTube video recapping last year's National SkillsUSA Conference in Atlanta. Consider showing it to your students to create some interest in competing in our state championships with the possibility of representing NJ in Atlanta this June.

https://youtu.be/nJfO_10cDT4

Get Ready for SkillsUSA Week?

SkillsUSA Week will be happening Feb. 6-10, and you can participate in many ways: Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals, or make a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. Celebrate the week by planning activities that follow the daily schedule for chapters nationwide.

- Monday, Feb. 6, Recognition Day. Recognize and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a difference to your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, Give Back Day. Rally around your school community and focus on ways for your chapter to give back.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, Partner Day. Invite local business and industry leaders to connect with members, highlighting the importance of the career-readiness skills in the SkillsUSA Framework.
- Thursday, Feb. 9, Advocacy Day. Amplify CTE in your community by conducting a local public relations activity, such as presenting to school board members, administrators or community leaders.
- Friday, Feb. 10, SkillsUSA Day. Celebrate by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA T-shirt, planning a fun chapter activity or posting SkillsUSA Framework stories on social media using the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.

The [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#) helps chapters plan for each day of SkillsUSA Week.

Create a Business Partner Pipeline with the Framework Integration Toolkit

The Framework Integration Toolkit has everything you need to ensure career readiness within your classroom, training program and chapter. Getting connected with business and industry partners is made easier with the Business Partner Outreach and Preparation Guide. The 24-page guide assists with business partner outreach and includes resources for preparation, student activities and exercises and evaluation for measuring student growth. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

New SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Now Open

SkillsUSA students can now apply for multiple scholarships by completing just one SkillsUSA scholarship application. Most scholarships are available to both high school and college/postsecondary members. Eligibility criteria for each scholarship is noted on the application so that students know which ones they are eligible to receive. The SkillsUSA master scholarship application is open until April 1 and is [available here](#). The following scholarships are included under this application:

- AHRI Clifford T Rees Scholarship
- Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship
- Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship
- #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship
- Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship
- Marsha Daves Scholarship
- NTHS Scholarship

SkillsUSA students can also [apply for the Sharon Melton Myers Scholarship](#) until April 1 or the [Student Research Foundation \(SRF\) Community Contribution Scholarship](#) until July 26. For scholarship resources and tips on how to submit a quality application, visit the [scholarships page on the website](#). If you have questions, contact [Megan Flinn](#).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJfO_10cDT4&authuser=0