

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 12/8/23

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Good morning! I Hope you all had a great week.

Yesterday we had an officer meeting at Cure Arena in Trenton! Check out the video on the NJ SkillsUSA Website. We also had advisors and guests attending to take a tour of the arena and we had a tremendous lunch supplied by the arena. Everyone in attendance was in awe of the arena and the excitement it will bring to our students and guests.

Advisor Announcements

Advisors please remember membership and registrations. We are now over 4000 members. Thanks for making that possible. Let's keep going. Remember There are NO LIMITS to what we can accomplish as a team!

Check out your contest updates on our website, under NJ Championships. We will be posting the remaining updates as we receive them from our cluster coordinators.

I know how busy everyone is this month, but please remember The CEP and Advisor of the Year programs, as well as nominating people for our Hall of Fame.

Our Officer Team is doing a statewide community service program for TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) we will collect food and other items see to be delivered to the Cure arena on the day of the Awards Ceremony the school with the most supplies (pound total) will win two free SkillsUSA Blazers. See the list attached to this email for more information.

Have a great weekend!

Ralph Starace

Troubleshooting With Sheila!

Getting Ready for Contest Registration

- Step 1: Enroll your competitors as members of SkillsUSA by logging into your national membership account at www.skillsusa.org by December 15.
- Step 2: Download the Registration Booklet from the NJ Champions tab of the NJ SkillsUSA website at www.nj-skillsusa.org. Use this as a guide to organize which event each student will participate in and start using the booklet to get ready for contest registration.

*Once you have completed the first 2 steps, you are up to date with the process so far.

- Step 3: Shortly after Dec. 15, look for an email announcing that the state registration site is open. (The student names that you list as your national members will appear in your account this year. You will not enter their names again. If you list them as members in Step 1 on the national site, they are eligible to compete and will be downloaded into our registration system..)
- Step 4: Once we have entered your student names into the registration system, the process for assigning them to a contest will be the same as years past.

FYI

Instructions for returning advisors will be provided to serve as a review for you.

Complete instructions for new advisors will also be provided to introduce you to the registration process.

Refer any contest registration questions to Sheila Rick: srick@scvts.net

News from the National Office *(Check out some of these new and exciting opportunities for your students!)*

Keep Voting and Help SkillsUSA Win!

It's not too late to help SkillsUSA serve more members by earning a substantial financial gift from the LKQ Community Foundation. SkillsUSA has been nominated as one of 10 nonprofits competing for a share of \$1,000,000 being donated by the LKQ Foundation this holiday season. (LKQ Corporation is the largest nationwide provider of aftermarket collision replacement products.) The nonprofits with the most votes receive the largest donation amounts. Please share the voting link with students, supporters and your school and social network to showcase our SkillsUSA pride! [Vote daily through Friday, Dec. 8.](#)

Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week!

It's not too early to begin planning your chapter activities for SkillsUSA Week, which will be celebrated Feb. 5-9, 2024, at SkillsUSA schools nationwide. Each day of the week is represented by suggested activities, including Recognition Day, Give-Back Day, Partner Day, Advocacy Day and SkillsUSA Day to wrap up the week. For all the details, [see the website](#), and a SkillsUSA Week chapter guide will be posted on the webpage soon. Start planning now, especially for any partner visits or presentations to be scheduled outside of the school day.

Thank You for Helping SkillsUSA Prevail on #GivingTuesday

On Nov. 28 for #GivingTuesday, SkillsUSA asked our supporters to champion the trades and support a dream by helping to establish the new SkillsUSA Prevail Student Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will support high school juniors, seniors and college/postsecondary students in any pathway. An award from the fund can remove barriers that prevent our members from completing their education or attaining their career goals. Thanks to your generosity, a total of \$13,040 has been raised to date. However, it isn't too late to donate and have it count as we strive to reach our \$15,000 goal. Help us grow this fund by donating now to become a founding donor of the [Prevail Scholarship Fund](#).

Update on the SkillsUSA Nov. 15 Membership Incentive

Advisors who met the criteria to get the 2023 SkillsUSA membership incentive received an email from SkillsUSA on Dec. 4. This email included a promo code and a form to complete by Dec. 12 to receive the free resource. To qualify for this year's membership incentive, SkillsUSA advisors needed to register 15 student members (along with one or more professionals) per training program by Nov. 15. If you have questions or did not receive the email, call the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557.

Holiday Schedule for Career Essentials and Educational Resources Stores

The Career Essentials and the Educational Resource stores will be closed during the SkillsUSA holiday break. Both stores will close on Friday, December 15, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2. Be sure to place all orders for resources prior to 5 p.m. ET on December 15 to ensure shipment during the holiday. **Any orders placed after 5 p.m. ET on December 15 will ship out the week of January 2.** If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Marcia Strickland.