

NJ SkillsUSA Friday Flash 12/9/22

Message From the State Director:

Awesome, awesome, awesome! I would like to thank the NJPSA for all of their hard work in making our conference a reality. Mrs. Joan Blaetz and Ms. Emily Heiden did a fantastic job with our students in their workshops, and made it an enjoyable experience for them. Janet Watson did an excellent job recording moments from and posting the event on our various social media platforms. Thank you to my A-Team, Sheila Rick and Courtney Nemerofsky for ensuring that everything ran smoothly once our guests arrived, and for helping to keep me focused. I want to extend a very special thank you to our student participants. I lost count of the times that the venue coordinators commended us for how well-mannered they were! Thank you to Mr. Peter Carey and Sheila Rick for their fine presentations to our advisors. Last but not least, a sincere thanks to all of our advisors. SkillsUSA would not exist or be the prestigious organization that it is without your hard work and dedication. I said at our first meeting that we have to work together as a team, and wow, what an amazing team I have. I want to thank you all!

Contest Updates

New contest updates are now being posted on our website. Please check back frequently to find the ones relevant to you.

NJ SkillsUSA Championships Registration Fees

Registration Fees for the following Carpentry Cluster events is \$120 per person or \$115 if registered before the Jan. 15 early bird deadline, due to increases in material costs:

- Basic Construction
- Carpentry
- Cabinetmaking
- Finish Carpentry
- Design/Build Plywood Challenge
- Team Works

Registration for all others is \$95 per person (\$90 if registered before Jan. 15)

Pastry Arts & Culinary Instructors Workshop

Advisors, please forward the attached flyer to your Baking and Culinary instructors. Wegmans' Food Markets is once again hosting an advisor workshop to review the details needed to prepare your students for this year's NJ SkillsUSA Culinary Cluster events. There is no charge but RSVP is required.

News From Your National Office

(Please take advantage of some of these great opportunities for you and your students!)

Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week!

Start planning now for SkillsUSA Week. The annual celebration is Feb. 6-10, 2023, 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. We encourage you to follow the daily schedule of events for local chapters nationwide.

- **Monday, Feb. 6, Recognition Day.** Recognize and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a meaningful impact on your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 7, Give Back Day.** Rally around your school or community by focusing 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 career-readiness skills and 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 and community leaders.
- **Friday, Feb. 10, SkillsUSA Day.** Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA T-shirt, hold a celebration activity or by post SkillsUSA Framework stories on social media using the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.

Honorary Life and Outstanding Educator Nominations Open

If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition by SkillsUSA as an Honorary Life Member or Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, please [complete the online applications here](#). The deadline is **Feb. 15**. If you have questions, contact Laura Rauch.

AmazonSmile Purchases Benefit SkillsUSA

Support SkillsUSA as your charity of choice while shopping through Amazon this holiday season. To order your purchases through AmazonSmile, search for “SkillsUSA Inc.” or [visit this link](#). AmazonSmile donates a percentage of all purchases made through this link directly to SkillsUSA.

Show Us What You Made ... and What You're Made Of!

SkillsUSA wants to showcase the great accomplishments our members make every day as skilled workers and leaders, and that's what the **#MadeInSkillsUSA** social media campaign is all about. We're asking members to share photos on social media that highlight their accomplishments. The photos can represent something students made with their hands (a construction project, a graphic, a hairstyle, a culinary creation, etc.) or a personal achievement earned through SkillsUSA (landing a job or internship, delivering a speech, leading a meeting, etc.). To participate, simply post a photo with the hashtag #MadeInSkillsUSA. [Learn more here](#). For questions, contact Hayley Uffelmann, SkillsUSA's social media manager.

New SkillsUSA Master Scholarship Application Now Open

SkillsUSA scholarships are available to both high school and college/postsecondary student members. Students can now apply for multiple scholarships by completing a single SkillsUSA master scholarship application. Eligibility criteria for each scholarship is noted on the application so that students know which scholarships they may be eligible to receive.

The SkillsUSA master scholarship is now open until April 1 and is [available here](#). For more SkillsUSA scholarship resources, including a guide on how to submit a quality application, visit the [scholarships page on the SkillsUSA website](#). If you have questions, contact Megan Flinn.

Earn Recognition for Service Through Presidential Honors

At the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service and volunteer activities through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members, advisors or alumni must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, you may already meet the requirements. For details and how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications must be received by **April 1** for recognition at the 2023 NLSC.

The SkillsUSA Store – New Arrivals

Deck the Halls with SkillsUSA [New Arrivals](#). With more than 45 new products, you're sure to find something for everyone on your list. [The SkillsUSA Store](#) offers free shipping on every purchase and has something for everyone including your chapter officers, advisors, administrators and other SkillsUSA supporters.