

## **New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 3/3/23**

### **Message from the Desk of the State Director**

Good morning. We completed our first competitions at the Atlantic City Boat Show for Marine Services and it was a success. The competitors did a fine job. Our host, Yamaha, did a great job running the contest. Gene Knorr, the Cluster Coordinator, deserves a big thank you for all of his efforts in putting this competition together.

### **Contest Updates**

Advisors please, please check out the contest updates. We have been receiving many, many phone calls from instructors in regards to contest updates. Advisors it is your responsibility to pass on this information to your instructors. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### **Thank you!**

I'd like to thank all schools for getting their invoices paid in a timely manner. Thank you to all advisors with students competing this coming week and good luck in the competitions at Cumberland and Hunterdon PolyTech.

### **Clothing Requirements**

Please be sure to observe the Technical Standards clothing requirements for each of your student competitors. Please contact us if you have any questions.

### **The Monday Memo is Coming**

In addition to the Friday Flash, starting March 6, we will be sending you the "Monday Memo." This email will contain reminders and important details for that upcoming week's competitions. Be on the lookout for it on Mondays starting March 6.

### **News from the National Office**

***(Amazing Scholarship Opportunities for your students!)***

#### **Up to 50k in Grants for Global Youth Service Day**

Youth Service America (YSA) is searching for heartwarming young heroes with creative ideas to foster meaningful connections, promote inclusion and teach empathy. With support from Hershey's Heartwarming Project, YSA will award up to \$50,000 in grants for youth-led service projects and community-building activities during Global Youth Service Day (April 28-30). With \$100, \$250 and \$500 grant options, youth ages 5-25 are eligible to apply for "miniature-size" family-and-friends projects, "standard size" group/class/club projects, or "king-size" community-wide projects. [Learn more and apply here](#) by March 5.

### **Clifford H. “Ted” Rees Jr. Scholarship Open for Entries**

SkillsUSA members studying HVACR at the 11th grade, 12th grade, or college/postsecondary level are encouraged to apply for the Clifford H. “Ted” Rees Jr. Scholarship, offered in partnership between the Scholarship Foundation, [AHRI](#) and [SkillsUSA](#). Four scholarship awards of \$2,500 each will be awarded in the spring of 2023 to the best qualified applicants through an online application process. The \$2,500 scholarship awards are paid directly to the selected recipient’s postsecondary institution to be applied to the tuition bill. [SkillsUSA members may apply online](#) by March 31 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Advisors, students, and parents are encouraged to visit [scholarships.skillsusa.org](https://scholarships.skillsusa.org) to learn about additional scholarship opportunities available to SkillsUSA members. For questions, email Megan Flinn.