

## **New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2/17/23**

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

Our numbers are 1809 competitors and 7218 National Members, so I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all! We could not have done this without your continued hard work and dedication in strengthening our NJ SkillsUSA program. Remember that we are looking for State Officers, so please encourage your local chapter officers to run for a position on our State Team. Also, ensure that they are aware of the requirements. Please continue to check contest updates for any changes in your contests. Have a great weekend!

### **Student Resumes and Advisor Documents**

Please remember your student resumes, and to send us your Advisor/Chaperone Statements of Assurances.

### **National Youth Safety Video Scholarship Contest**

*(Please check out this amazing opportunity which is open to all SkillsUSA members! Submission is online through the national office!)*

Show us your safety! The CareerSafe National Youth Safety Video Scholarship Contest officially opens Fall 2022. Submissions will be accepted through March 1st, 2023. In this annual contest, students are asked to create a short video demonstrating workplace safety concepts. Although safety is no laughing matter, we encourage you to get creative, be engaging, and yes—maybe even make us laugh! The top three entries will receive a scholarship prize for group members, as well as a cash prize for their schools.

Link: <https://www.careersafeonline.com/for-education/scholarships/video-contest>

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

#### **Share Your SkillsUSA Week Stories!**

From Feb. 6-10, chapters across the country engaged in experiences that honored their community supporters, connected with local business and industry professionals, advocated for CTE with legislative representatives and shared SkillsUSA with their administrators. [See how the SkillsUSA national officers and Executive Director Chelle Travis spent SkillsUSA Week!](#)

There is still time 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.

The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) has a template to help you promote your activities to the media. Finally, if your chapter conducted advocacy visits during the week, [use this form](#) to let us know! Thanks for being SkillsUSA champions every day — every week — of the year!

### **Plan Now for SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 4**

On May 4, [SkillsUSA National Signing Day](#) will celebrate high school seniors and college/postsecondary students who have chosen to pursue careers as professionals in the skilled trades. SkillsUSA chapters are encouraged to host a signing day event and invite business partners, school administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family and friends to honor graduating seniors as they sign “letters of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training. Registration opens March 13, early bird registration ends April 3 and registration closes April 21.

- Early Bird registration before April 3 provides eligibility for the following:
- Students can apply to receive a \$1,000 scholarship (25 to be awarded).
- Signing Day supply bundles valued at \$500 each will be awarded to 10 schools (schools must register five or more students to be eligible).
- First 500 registrants receive Signing Day baseball caps.
- First 250 advisors who register five or more students receive a \$50 Lowe’s gift card.
- Ten step-and-repeat banners with the SkillsUSA logo, the Signing Day logo and the school’s name will be given away (schools must register five or more students to be eligible).
- 50 chapters who register five or more students will receive a “National Signing Day Welcome” poster, 35 certificates and sleeves and a vinyl Signing Day podium sign.
- Signing Day grants of \$250 will be awarded to 50 schools to enhance their Signing Day experience (schools must register five or more students to be eligible).

A digital Signing Day toolkit to help plan your event and details on how to apply for the incentives will be posted on the [Signing Day](#) webpage soon.