

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2/3/23

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Twenty-seven days and counting to our first State Competitions! Thank you, we surpassed our National membership this year. And we also have more state competitors than last year. I appreciate all the hard work that you have done with your Chapters. If you haven't started your Quality Chapter Application, please do so soon. You have until Wednesday March 1st to submit the application. We need students to run for State Officers, so please encourage your students to fill out an application. We can take two students per school. Thank you to all advisors for answering our call for more enrollment in the automotive contests and diesel contests, as your help greatly improved these numbers. We now have thirty-four competitors for Mercedes and nine competitors for Lincoln Tech. Thank You!

I'd like to give you some exciting information. I am visiting The American Dream Mall in East Rutherford, New Jersey. They reached out to me and asked if we would be interested in hosting some of our competitions there in the future. I will visit them on Monday Feb 6th, and I will keep you posted on what they have to offer.

Also, please try to pay your invoices in a timely manner. We need the funds to keep fueling our events!

Again thank you, I can't stress this enough, for all of your hard work in bringing NJ SkillsUSA back to where it once was. We are on our way...

Important Deadlines

- Monday, Feb.06: Contest Registration Closes. Competitor Replacements Only.
- Wednesday, Mar. 01: Advisor/Chaperone Statement of Assurances Due
- Found at www.nj-skillsusa.org under DOWNLOADABLE FORMS in the ADVISOR tab.
- Wednesday, Mar. 01: Deadline for Chapter Excellence Application
- Wednesday, May 03: State Officer Applications Due

Competitor Replacement Procedure

- Replacement student must be listed on your national membership roster
- Create a student account for them on the NJ registration system
- Email us: Contest, Name of Student to drop, Name of Student to add

Send Photos of You Celebrating SkillsUSA Week

Email photos and a short note to explain how your students are celebrating SkillsUSA Week.

Contest Information

Keep checking the NJ SKillsUSA website CONTEST UPDATES page. Info is added as it comes in. Call our office if you have any questions.

News from the National Office

Ready for SkillsUSA Week?

SkillsUSA Week almost here! From Feb. 6-10, your chapter can participate in many ways. Plan 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 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 SkillsUSA T-shirts, planning a fun chapter activity or posting SkillsUSA Framework stories on social media with the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.

The [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#) helps chapters plan for each day of SkillsUSA Week. Be sure to invite the media to cover or attend your events. The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) has an editable letter template to promote your activities to the local media that you can personalize with details about your school, training programs and activities. [Share your 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. Thanks for being an advocate for SkillsUSA and career and technical education!

Are You a “Maker and Fixer?” Snap-on Wants to Spotlight and Reward You

SkillsUSA industry partner Snap-on is shining a spotlight on the [Makers and Fixers](#) who keep the world moving. They seek stories about skilled people who work with their hands in the essential industries that focus on transportation — in the air, in the automotive shops or on the roads and rails. Future, past or present Makers and Fixers are invited to share their personal stories or nominate someone they admire. To share your story, visit the [Share Your Story](#) page, tell them about yourself and upload some photos of you working on a project. Follow on Instagram [@MakersandFixers](#) to see if your story is shared. All eligible stories are entered into a drawing, and two stories are picked each month to win a prize valued up to \$600. If you don't win, don't worry! Your entry in the giveaway gets carried over each month. Visit the [official rules](#) for more information.

Ready to Rock with the “FutureTechs Rock Awards”

The TechForce Foundation has opened nominations for the fifth annual “FutureTechs Rock Awards,” celebrating outstanding students enrolled in transportation technician educational programs. Prizes valued at nearly \$700 will be awarded to 10 student technicians. Nominations are open until Feb. 10. [Learn more here.](#)

