

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 3/8/24

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Good Morning hope you had an enjoyable week.

Very Very important, advisors if you don't send me in T shirt sizes i will not have your shirts ready for you to pick up at your competition sites . Please send copy of your state invoice with the sizes please total up sizes for example 23 sm 15 med 60 large do not send in sizes on the Friday Flash send directly with the invoice to either Courtney or Myself.

This weekend we will be at Hunterdon Poly for our Cyber Security good luck to all schools competing,.see you there Saturday 8:30, in case you need help my cell is 973 803 6350

Keep checking updates, you never know, there's always something new
Have a great weekend
Ralph Starace

News from the National Office (Scholarships and Grant Opportunities!)

Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes Grants Available

In partnership with The Hershey Company and [Hershey's Heartwarming Project](#), YSA is looking for the best ideas from young people about how they can support their community through acts of awareness, direct service, advocacy and philanthropy for Youth Service Month & Global Youth Service Day 2024. Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes Grants of \$250 and \$500 will be awarded to young people between the ages of 5 and 25 in the U.S. and Canada to turn their ideas into action! Projects may address any issue or community need that is important to the youth project leaders and their peers, and all proposed projects should engage a diverse group of youth volunteers from different backgrounds while providing opportunities for volunteers to create meaningful connections. [Learn more about the program and share your idea by March 10.](#)

SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Deadlines

Exploring and applying for SkillsUSA scholarships has become a seamless process. SkillsUSA student members can discover eligibility criteria, scholarship amounts, and submit applications in one location: [SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Hub](#). The available scholarships are listed below, as well as their close date. Please encourage your SkillsUSA student members to apply and take advantage of these incredible scholarships!

Closes April 15:

Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship

The AHRI Clifford "Ted" Rees Memorial Scholarship

The Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship

The Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship

The Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship

The Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship

The National Technical Honor Society Scholarship

Closes May 6:

2024 Robert Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship: Leverage

Opens March 23 - Closes May 22:

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

SkillsUSA is proud to announce, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, a scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA high school members. Applicants can receive up to \$1,500 to attend the 2024 National Leadership & Skills Conference.

Closes May 31:

The Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship

For scholarship resources and tips on how to submit a quality application, visit the [SkillsUSA Scholarships and Grants webpage](#). If you have questions, contact Jordan Sewell.

College Gable Grants from Lowe's

The Lowe's Foundation has launched Gable Grants: a commitment to preparing the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Through the Gable Grants program, the Lowe's Foundation will provide \$50 million over the next four years to community and technical colleges and community-based nonprofit organizations. Those funds will help prepare 50,000 job-ready skilled tradespeople to build a stronger infrastructure that supports communities for the long

term. Lowe's is looking for community and technical colleges working to increase the number of young and diverse people in the workforce, especially from underrepresented and rural communities. [Lowe's is currently accepting unrestricted grant applications from community and technical colleges through March 31.](#)

Press Release Template for State Conference Participants

New on the [SkillsUSA Advocacy site](#) is a press release template for state conference participants and their advisors to share competition results with your hometown media. Parents, instructors, students or anyone can send these emails. Please spread the word about SkillsUSA in your community. Share this advocacy resource link at your school and at your state conferences. For questions, email Jane Short.

Official SkillsUSA Competition Apparel

With SkillsUSA competition season in full swing, there is no better time to visit the [SkillsUSA store](#) and set yourself up for success! Shop for competition attire, the SkillsUSA blazer, the official SkillsUSA white polo, safety goggles and everything in between.