



Thank You for making our 2021 SLSC a
SUCCESS for ALL students in WV!!!

- I will disperse 2021 NLSC information next week.
- 2021 SLSC Opening Awards Ceremony
video link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/skillsusa-wv-2021-slsc-395715>
- 2021 SLSC Closing Awards Ceremony
video link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/skillsusa-wv-2021-slsc-awards-233763>
- For years advisors have wanted detailed scorecards. 2021 SLSC detailed scorecards are available. I believe this will assist gold medalists to become better prepared for nationals as well as preparing students for future WV SLSC. My goal is to elevate our state delegation on the national level.
- Students and advisors should NEVER

reach out to a judge directly. Any questions and concerns should be sent to mwilkinson@k12.wv.us

- Please remember that the scores are the judges interpretation. During an in person SLSC, if you have a concern there will be a grievance process to follow.
- You may access scores and rankings at <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/scores> You choose 2021 WV SLSC, you'll need the competitors contestant number and the birthday you entered at time of membership.
- All Live Interview contests are detailed, written test scores and rankings may be viewed also. Team event scores will display the average.

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- 2020-2021 SkillsUSA Theme: SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed
 - 2020-2021 Esthetics Competition theme is “Carnival.”

Important 2020-2021 SkillsUSA WV Dates



National News



Spotlight on the “Explore” Track of the Connect to My Future Conference
Ready for something that is turnkey, engages students, meets program standards and offers students the ability to easily explore careers? “Explore” is the answer! The Explore track of the Connect to My Future conference takes place on Wednesday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (ET) and is the first SkillsUSA career experience designed specifically for middle school students. Students will engage in a live, moderated discussion with an industry professional to learn more about in-demand careers and build upon occupational identities. The cost of the conference is only \$25 per SkillsUSA school thanks to the support of lead sponsors Toyota, Magna, NCCER and other partnering companies. Check out all the information and watch a video to learn more by [visiting Explore](#).

Register five students to be entered into a **weekly drawing** for a **\$50 Lowe’s gift card**! There will be five winners weekly. **All students** that are **completers** of the Explore track will **receive a T-shirt and certificate!** Students will be considered completers by participating in all conference activities culminating in a career exploration plan. Submission of the career exploration plan will be tracked by SkillsUSA staff. **Teachers** who register 10 students will **receive a T-shirt**. Those who sign up 50 students will also receive a Member Handbook, and teachers who sign up 100 or more students will receive both, plus a bundle of educational resources.

Registration is open until Friday, April 16. A one-time chapter registration fee of \$25 covers all students at your school. A [Registration Guide](#) is available to assist in the process. [Register for the conference here](#).

You can also reach out to our Customer Care Team at customercare@skillsusa.org or by phone at 844-875-4557.

Want to know more?

Join the Connect to My Future national advisor information meeting:

- Thursday, April 8, 3:30 to 4 p.m. ET via [Zoom](#).
- Thursday, April 8, 6:30 to 7 p.m. ET via [Zoom](#).

President’s Volunteer Service Award Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) has been extended, and all entries will now need to be postmarked by April 7. (*Entries postmarked after April 7 will not be considered.*) Applications must be mailed to:

Megan Flinn
SkillsUSA
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176

For information on the PVSA and how to apply, [visit the PVSA page on our website](#). If you have questions, contact Megan Flinn at 703-737-0622 or by email at mflinn@skillsusa.org.

Plan Now for the Return of SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 4

On Tuesday, 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. Local SkillsUSA chapters are encouraged to host a signing day event by inviting business partners, school administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family and friends to honor students signing “letters of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training.

An electronic toolkit of resources is available to advisors at SkillsUSA CONNECT to assist them with planning their local chapter event. The toolkit includes items such as an event logo, an event invitation template, social media posts, a sample press release, thank-you notes and an event planning checklist. To learn more, log in to your account at SkillsUSA CONNECT or [visit the Signing Day page on our website](#). Please [register here](#) before **April 16**.

Apply for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence Applications are now open for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. The program recognizes outstanding skilled trades teachers and programs in public high schools in the U.S. The prize, launched in 2017, recognizes outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and the teachers who inspire students to learn skills to prepare for life after graduation. [Read how the prize impacted one instructor's program here.](#) In 2021, Harbor Freight will award more than \$1 million in prizes overall to 18 teachers and their programs. In 2020, the prize recognized seven SkillsUSA instructors as winners. Applications must be received by **May 21**. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

Keep Up with Scholarships

[Scholarship opportunities are an important benefit of SkillsUSA membership. Students must be active, dues-paid SkillsUSA members to be eligible for a scholarship through SkillsUSA or its partners. Current opportunities are listed below. Find full information and applications for each on our scholarships page.](#)

- **Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship**

\$500 scholarship to a graduating SkillsUSA student in memory of Sharon Melton Myers.

Deadline: April 15.

- **#KeepCraftAlive Scholarship**

For SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students who will continue their education or certification in construction-related fields. *Deadline: May 30.*

- **Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship**

Two \$2,500 scholarships in 2021 to support active SkillsUSA members who plan to further their education in architecture (or a related field). *Deadline: June 1.*

- **Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship**

Merit-based scholarships to high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education to pursue a career in energy construction (oil and gas pipelines, gas distribution, solar, and wind). *Deadline: June 1.*

- **Rees Scholarship**

Eight \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA high school juniors, seniors or college/postsecondary students in enrolled in a HVACR or a general construction program and who will be pursuing college/postsecondary career training in the HVACR industry. *Deadline: Aug. 1.*