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***February is CTE month and this month is SkillsUSA Week.
Please encourage students to participate in the daily theme:***

Monday: Appreciation Day

Tuesday: Advocacy Day

Wednesday: Member Outreach Day

Thursday: SkillsUSA Service Day

Friday: SkillsUSA Day

***It is with great pleasure that I announce that we have
EXCEEDED last years membership totals.***

Membership History Data

Mail all dues payments, both state and national dues, to the national office:

SkillsUSA 14001 SkillsUSA Way Leesburg, VA 2017

***SLSC registration site is now OPEN and will close on
March 16, 2020.***

Cost is \$95.00 which includes polo, lunch on the day the student competes, insurance, state conference pin, and Friday dinner for voting delegates.

NO REFUNDS will be issued AFTER April 1st.

All substitution and changes to registration MUST be made in writing on or before

April 10th.

NO CHANGES, EXCEPT FOR DROPS, WILL BE MADE AFTER APRIL 10th OR DURING REGISTRATION!

One advisor per ten students must be registered.

Scorecards/National Updates www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/

Automotive Service Technology Information **2020 Automotive Service Technology Information** Also available on the website.

Welding Fabrication prints along with Culinary and Commercial Baking recipes will be uploaded before February 29th, 2020.

STATE OFFICER PACKETS DUE MARCH 6, 2020

The 2020 goal is to have at least 1 applicant from every chapter apply to lead our organization in the 2020-2021 school year.

All student responsibilities and obligatory dates are included in the packet.

Please remember that the state officer's CTE center is responsible for all transportation to state officer events.

SkillsUSA WV is proud to announce the WV Esport State Championship!

Location: United Technical Center, Route 3, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Phone:

- (304) 326-7580

Date:

- 3/13/2020 (1:00pm to 8:00pm)
- 3/14/2020 (9:00am to 4:00pm)

Meals Provided:

- 3/13/2020 Dinner
- 3/14/2020 Lunch

Equipment Provided:

- 20 Gaming Laptops
- 20 Gaming Keyboard, mouse, and headphones

Equipment that you can bring:

- computer, monitor, and gaming chair
- computer accessories

- Nintendo Switch (Middle School)

Signup

- High School (League of Legends):

<https://battlefy.com/wvde-cte/wvde-cte/5c4e1eb59d48f70861f5f245/info?infoTab=details>

- Middle School: (Super Mash Bros):

<https://battlefy.com/wvde-cte/skillsusa-wv-state-champ-middle-school/5e1ca3a87d2c352120ba0a65/info?infoTab=details>

Questions Email or call Tim Elliott:

- tbellicot@k12.wv.us
- 304-558-3703

Please visit the SkillsUSA West Virginia website at <https://skillsusawv.org/state-conference> for a list of contests and agenda. Presently, these documents are in draft form and serve as a guide only. All information will be updated and finalized documents WILL NOT change after April 1. REMINDER: STATE ONLY CONTESTS DO NOT ADVANCE TO NATIONALS.

A very special THANK YOU to all the chapters who submitted SkillsUSA WV job bids. ESCAR Construction Company and Mountaineer Welding will build our new SLSC stage pieces. Due to the great response of national anthem videos, the winner will be contacted later this week

If you would like to volunteer during the conference, please message Melissa Wilkinson at mwilkinson@k12.wv.us. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates

March 6- State Officer Application Deadline

March 16 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**

March 23- Advisor of the Year, Chapter of Excellence Application, Honorary Member Applications, DUE

Advisor of the year form will be sent when available by the national office. New

process for 2020: Only chapters of excellence recipients in 2019 are eligible to submit a nomination. Those 3 schools are PCTC, MTEC, and RJTC. (Application is now available)

April 17-18 SLSC, Fairmont WV

Changes for 2020. Contests will be held on Friday and Saturday. Making this change will give more time to input scores and time to offer additional contests.

Note: No exceptions will be made for late entries. Please plan early and according to the above deadlines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If you know former students, alumni, who would like to assist with the State Conference in April, please forward the link below and/or post to your social media account.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw5jrHQVoDd3ANkmat0M0-Pq9lf5cbhUiWx8lrK1NqNekEYg/viewform>

NEW FOR 2020 SLSC

State Officer Candidates

Two minute speeches and elections will take place during a delegate session prior to Opening Ceremony (5 pm - 6 pm on Friday, April 17th). Candidates WILL NOT be required to give speeches at Opening Session but will be introduced during the Opening Ceremony.

Delegate Voting

Each chapter's assigned delegates will be expected to attend the delegate session on Friday. The number of delegate/votes each chapter receives will be published by school after membership/dues deadline expires. NO VOTING will take place on Saturday afternoon of the conference.

Contests

Contests will take place on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Please download the tentative contest schedule at <https://skillsusawv.org/state-conference>



SkillsUSA National Information



SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen field. Help spread the word so SkillsUSA students can take full advantage of these opportunities:

- SkillsUSA in conjunction with the **National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)** will award four \$1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members who are also members of NTHS. Two will go to college/postsecondary winners and two will go to high school division winners. Awards will be

made directly to an accredited educational institution with an active NTHS chapter. Recipients may only receive one NTHS/SkillsUSA scholarship per lifetime. Deadline for applications is April 1. For more information and to apply: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/national-technical-honor-society/

- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/>. Deadline is **April 15**.

For additional scholarship information, continually check the website at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

SkillsUSA Help Is a Phone Call Away

If you or any chapter advisors need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, hotline operators are ready to help you register, answer questions about starting a new chapter, or provide ideas on how to engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday (Eastern time). To reach the hotline, call 844-875-4557 or email operators@skillsusa.org. You can also chat online on the membership registration site.

Bylaw Amendment Deadline Approaching

Current SkillsUSA members can submit proposed bylaw amendments for middle school, high school or college/postsecondary divisions. Bylaw amendment motions must be submitted in writing to Kim Hegedus at khegedus@skillsusa.org by Feb. 3 by 5 p.m. EST.

SkillsUSA's National Executive Council and board of directors will review all submissions at the March 11-12, 2020 board of directors meeting. All motions will then be distributed to state SkillsUSA directors by April 20, which is at least 60 days prior to the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). Motions will then be presented for vote at the official business meeting of the House of Delegates during the 2020 NLSC.

Bylaw amendments are governed by Article XII of the high school and college/postsecondary bylaws and Article X of the middle school bylaws. For more information and to view the bylaws, go to: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/delegate-sessions/

The motion form is located here: www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Bylaw-Amendment-Form.docx If you have questions, contact Kim Hegedus at 317-544-8750 or khegedus@skillsusa.org.

Sign Up for SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 8

SkillsUSA National Signing Day will be held on Friday, May 8 to celebrate high school seniors and college/postsecondary students who have chosen to pursue a career as a professional in the skilled trades. This year, students who plan to participate must register themselves online. Registration opens on Feb. 24. The deadline to register will be April 24.

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

An electronic toolkit of resources will be provided to assist advisors with planning their local chapter event. The toolkit will include event logo, an invitation template, sample social media posts, a sample press release, thank you notes and an event planning checklist. A SkillsUSA National Signing Day table runner will be shipped to chapters that register by Friday, April 24. Additional SkillsUSA National Signing Day merchandise will be available to purchase for easy event planning.

Watch for more information as plans develop. Additional details will be available here: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-signing-day/. If you have questions, contact Kim Hegedus at khegedus@skillsusa.org or 317-544-8750.

Nominations Open for Honorary Life Membership, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator

Nominations are open for SkillsUSA's national Honorary Life Membership and Outstanding Career and Technical Educator. Nominations must be submitted online, and the deadline is **Feb. 15**.

- Honorary Life Membership: skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/honorary-life/
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator: skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/outstanding-educator-nomination/

If you have questions, please contact Laura Rauch at lrauch@skillsusa.org or 703-737-0619.

