



**I'M READY**

It is time to get excited and ready for the upcoming 2020 SLSC! Please visit the SkillsUSA West Virginia website at [www.skillsusawv.org](http://www.skillsusawv.org) for a list of contests and agenda. Presently, these documents are in draft form and serve as a guide only, please check the SkillsUSA WV website frequently. All information will be updated and finalized documents WILL NOT change after April 1, 2020. Registration is presently scheduled to open February 1, 2020.

State only contest standards are available on the website.

All competitors must have membership uploaded by midnight January 31.

Check your chapter status: [Current Membership](#)

Congratulations to Nicholas County Career Center for being the 1st chapter to submit a Chapter of Excellence (CEP) application. We have seven additional chapters working on the CEP applications. I have attached a copy of a 2019 Gold and Silver WV CEP Application to serve as a guidebook for level 2.

### **2019 WV Chapter of Excellence Application**

Thank you to everyone who voted on the SLSC shirt. Our SkillsUSA WV registered contestants will receive a red SkillsUSA West Virginia polo as part of the registration cost.

SkillsUSA WV is seeking a member to sing the National Anthem, at our 2020 SkillsUSA WV State Conference. Please submit video audition or interest to [mwilkinson@k12.wv.us](mailto:mwilkinson@k12.wv.us)

2 Simulated Workplace bids are currently available: SkillsUSA WV is in need of (2) victory stands and (2) medal stands for the 2020 SLSC stage.

Full Job Bids: (2)-Victory Stands (2)-Medal Stands

Updated 2020 SLSC forms are located at <https://skillsusawv.org/conferences>  
*(Check website weekly for updates: Information is being updated and changed daily.)*

2020-2021 West Virginia State Officer packet: [2020-2021 State Officer Packet](#)

Each chapter may submit (2) secondary and (1) post secondary applications.

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## *Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates*

January 31- Dues **Deadline**

Mail payments for state/national dues to:

SkillsUSA

14001 SkillsUSA Way

Leesburg, VA 20176

March 20 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**

**\*\*NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1**

**\*\*ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES TO REGISTRATION AFTER APRIL 10**

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. We will be having contests split between BOTH days. Making the change will give more time for score input 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/conferences>.

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# SkillsUSA National Information



### **Advocacy Tools for SkillsUSA Week**

Are you meeting with school administrators, school board members, community leaders and elected officials during SkillsUSA Week or CTE Month? Our SkillsUSA Advocacy resource bundle has everything you need to communicate key messages. This bundle features the SkillsUSA Advocacy Brochure with key statistics about our organization and CTE. Once you share messages and your personal experiences, leave these leaders with a SkillsUSA Framework Pin to remind them of SkillsUSA's mission to improve the quality of America's workforce by preparing career ready students with SkillsUSA Framework skills. After your events, have students express their gratitude by sending a thank you card.

For \$48.72, the Advocacy Day resource bundle includes 12 each of the following items:

- SkillsUSA Framework Folder
- SkillsUSA Advocacy Brochure
- SkillsUSA Framework Pin & Card
- SkillsUSA Thank You Card

Order today for your events! Call 800-321-8422 to order or go to: [www.skillsusa.org/shop](http://www.skillsusa.org/shop) For more SkillsUSA Week resources, go to: <https://www.skillsusa.org/store/advocacy-bundle-details.html>

### **SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Open**

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 more SkillsUSA students can take advantage of these opportunities:

- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship: [skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-marsha-daves-memorial-scholarship/](https://skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-marsha-daves-memorial-scholarship/) All applicants this year must be from **SkillsUSA Region 3**, and the deadline is **Feb. 1**.
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship: [skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/](https://skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/) Deadline is **April 15**.

Additional scholarships may be announced soon, so check the website for updates:

[www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/](https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/).

## Career Essentials Certified Teacher

Are you using or planning to use *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences* courses and their associated assessments? If so, consider joining one of the upcoming virtual opportunities for Career Essentials Certified Teacher training.

SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher training is designed for teachers who are currently using the Experiences courses or who are planning to purchase them. Contextual information about the SkillsUSA Framework and basic resource information is assumed to be known by individuals participating in this training. If additional contextual information is needed for trainees prior to participating, our trainers will work with you as needed. Virtual training sessions require a minimum of five registrants, and a maximum of 20 will be accepted for any one given date.

To register for a training opportunity, go [here](#).

## Mark Your Calendar for SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 8, 2020

Our second annual SkillsUSA National Signing Day will be held on May 8 to acknowledge and honor high school seniors and college/postsecondary students who have chosen to pursue a career as a professional in the skilled trades.

Kick-off events will be hosted in five cities throughout the day. Local SkillsUSA chapters are encouraged to host their own events for school administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family and friends to recognize their students who are signing “letters of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training. Registration information for the event will be shared in early 2020.

## Craftsman Internships for Students

[#NewportNewsShipbuilding](#) in Virginia is hiring summer interns in the skilled trades! This is a paid internship for students currently attending a trade school or pursuing an associate degree. Basic qualifications include:

- Must be at least 18 years old at the start of the internship, a U.S. citizen, and able to pass a background investigation, drug screening and physical
- Must have completed one full year of a training program with an expected graduation date in Spring 2021
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must have the ability to work full-time for a minimum of 10 weeks during the summer, either first or second shift

To learn more and apply, go to: [://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25477&siteid=5628-jobDetails=2996591\\_5628](https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25477&siteid=5628-jobDetails=2996591_5628)

## Maximizing Perkins V for Student Success!

As the deadline nears for submitting membership in SkillsUSA to allow student members to serve as delegates and compete at the district/regional, state, and national levels, it is important to know that Perkins supports the increased participation of ALL special populations in CTSOs. Contact your advisory committee and administrator and ask them to support the special population students in your program.

Direct language from Perkins V: SEC. 124. [20 U.S.C. 2344] regarding State Leadership Activities: “support for CTSOs, especially with respect to efforts to increase the participation of students in nontraditional fields and students who are members of special pops;” and new groups have been added as part of special populations which include: “out of work individuals, English learners, homeless, foster care, and youth with parent in armed forces”.

For more information or support, contact Gene Dudley at [gdudley@skillsusa.org](mailto:gdudley@skillsusa.org).

