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The SkillsUSA WV website is current and full of information. Please visit the site frequently for updates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN FRANKLIN CAREER CENTER FOR RECEIVING A 2020 HARBOR FREIGHT GRANT!!

All competitors must have membership uploaded by midnight January 31st.

Check your chapter status: [Current Membership 1_25](#) Be sure to click the submit button for your training area. Currently, we have over 200 members NOT submitted. The school with the largest membership increase will be awarded our SkillsUSA emblem to display for the 2020-2021 school year.

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. Registration OPEN on February 1, 2020 - COST \$95.00. One advisor per ten students must be registered.

REMINDER: STATE ONLY CONTESTS DO NOT ADVANCE TO NATIONALS.
CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO CONTEST LIST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL,

AND DRAFTING CONTESTS.

Esports AWARDS is the only portion of the competition that will be affiliated with SkillsUSA WV. Please contact Tim Elliott if you have any questions: Site to register: <https://battlefy.com/wvde-cte/wvde-cte/5c4e1eb59d48f70861f5f245/info?infoTab=details>

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 before close of business Friday, January 31st.

Also, simulated workplace bids for the medal and victory stands are due Friday, January 31st. Bid information can be found on the SkillsUSA WV website
The DEADLINE FOR BOTH - January 31st at 4:30 pm.

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

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

If you have asked yourself, how do I prepare my students??? Please review the standards that are free with your professional membership and review the national scorecards. [Scorecards](#)

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 6- State Officer Application Deadline

March 16 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**
NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1

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>

Information



Does your SkillsUSA chapter need some encouragement? Check out this [Year In Review Video](#) and celebrate the life-changing impact of SkillsUSA!



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.

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 For more SkillsUSA Week resources, go to: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week/

SkillsUSA National Signing Day is May 8, 2020

The second annual 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.

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.

This year, students who plan to participate must register themselves online. Registration opens on Feb. 24. The deadline to register will be April 24.

An electronic toolkit of resources is being created and will be provided to advisors to assist them with planning their local chapter event. The toolkit will include 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. A SkillsUSA National Signing Day table runner will be shipped to each chapter that registers by Friday, April 24. SkillsUSA National Signing Day merchandise bundles will be

available for advisors to purchase for ease of 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.

Craftsman Internships for Students

Newport News Shipbuilding 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)

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

If you would like to nominate someone for SkillsUSA's national Honorary Life Membership or Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, please submit your online nomination application. 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 any questions, please contact Laura Rauch at lrauch@skillsusa.org or 703-737-0619.

