



**I'M READY**

***Congratulations to Brooke High School for collecting  
100 blankets for our community service project!***

PLEASE VOTE: 2020 Conference Shirt Voting ends Friday, January 10th!

SkillsUSA WV is seeking two industry supportors to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors. If you have any suggestions, please email [mwilkinson@k12.wv.us](mailto:mwilkinson@k12.wv.us). Thank you Jennifer Bayless for fulfilling your term as a Board of Directors member.

SkillsUSA WV appreciates all you've done for the students in West Virginia over the years.

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

25 days left to submit your membership dues. All competitors must have membership uploaded by midnight January 31.

Check your chapter status: Membership by school as of 12/29.

2 Simulated Workplace bids: 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 located at <https://skillsusawv.org/conferences>

*(Check website weekly for updates)*

2020-2021 West Virginia State Officer packet: 2020-2021 State Officer Packet

(Each chapter may submit (2) secondary, (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**

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.

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



### **ACTE Election Time is HERE!**

Members of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) have a chance to elect officers for positions on the ACTE Board of Directors.

All ACTE individual professional, retired, educational institution members, and national affiliate organizations whose membership dues are current are eligible to vote. Biographical information and platform statements for the candidates are located here: [www.acteonline.org/board\\_election\\_candidates/](http://www.acteonline.org/board_election_candidates/)

The election process will be conducted via electronic ballot. Ballots will be sent to member email addresses listed in the ACTE database. If you did not receive an e-signature ballot, please contact [support@directvote.net](mailto:support@directvote.net). Electronic ballots must be cast by Jan. 6 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

### **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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/).

### **Amazon Smile Purchases Benefit SkillsUSA**

Don't forget that you can support SkillsUSA when you do your holiday shopping through Amazon. Make your order through AmazonSmile and search for "SkillsUSA Foundation" as your charity of choice.

[You can also click on this link](#). SkillsUSA will receive a percentage of the sale and you will not incur any additional cost.

### **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 January 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.

Check out the January opportunities [here](#).

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

Will you be meeting with your administrators, school board members, community leaders or elected officials during SkillsUSA Week? Our SkillsUSA Advocacy Day resource bundle provides everything you need to communicate key messages about SkillsUSA. Included in the resource bundle are SkillsUSA advocacy brochures with key facts and statistics about our organization and career and technical education. Once you have shared your key messages and personal experience, you can provide these leaders with a SkillsUSA Framework pin to remind them about the mission of our organization and how we prepare career ready students through developing Framework skills. Finally, after your meeting your students can express their gratitude by sending them a thoughtful SkillsUSA thank-you card. Watch the SkillsUSA website for pricing and ordering information in January. The Advocacy Day resource bundle includes 12 each of the following items:

- SkillsUSA Advocacy Brochures
- SkillsUSA Framework Pin
- SkillsUSA Thank You Card

