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Please complete survey: NEW National & State Only Contests that interest you for 2020. (Link Below)

Our winter community service project begins TODAY:

Please collect blankets and sleeping bags to distribute to the homeless in your area. (Details below)

Established Chapters in past (3) years are encouraged to apply for Harbor Freight grant under National News.



We had an EPIC Fall Leadership Conference:

Congratulations to Putnam Career and Technical Center for winning the 1st X-

Games competition. *A special thank you to Denise Dotson and Tim Grigsby for designing and building the trophy.*

Congratulations to Roane-Jackson Technical Center for collecting the most trial size community service items.

Congratulations to Leevi Cluter from Nicholas County for being voted 2019 FLC MVP!

Please edit the FLC Press Release with your chapter information and distribute to your local media.

Please have student participants complete survey with the QR Code below. This will assist me with 2020 planning.

MARK YOU CALENDAR NOW FOR THE 2020 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 28-29.

2019 FLC Recap Video



2019 FLC Press Release

NEW NATIONAL AND STATE ONLY CONTESTS FOR 2020

I am adding additional National and State ONLY contests at the 2020 conference. I WANT YOUR INPUT...The state only contests will be mirrored from SkillsUSA NC. The winning students will be recognized on stage, receive a medal but WILL NOT advance to Nationals. This opportunity will give students an entry level experience at a SkillsUSA conference and allow additional participation for program areas.

Please complete the survey to select your contest preferences:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0RiIZWLxDvf9i-HTDVimacbaUKPVwVVxDnO0cAPUTkellw/viewform>

Contest standards will mirror NC and can be found at:

<https://www.skillsusanc.org/competition-guidelines>

Winter Community Service Project

The State Officer Team voted to replace the canned food drive with a blanket/sleeping bag drive for the homeless. Please begin collecting blankets or sleeping bags to distribute to your local civic organization, homeless shelter, or other agency in need of these items in YOUR area. The school who collects the most blankets or sleeping bags will be recognized at our 2020 State Leadership Conference. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NUMBER OF ITEMS AND CHAPTER PHOTO: Midnight, December 19th.

Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates

November 15 - Dues Deadline to receive educational incentives from SkillsUSA National Office

Mail payments for state/national dues and total participation to:

SkillsUSA

14001 SkillsUSA Way

Leesburg, VA 20176

Membership Incentive Time — Register by Nov. 15

Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the opportunities that membership provides. Professional members receive online access to the following as a no-cost member benefit. To receive these, instructors must submit membership and provide an email address: *2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards, Jump into STEM!* curriculum and *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Foundations*.

Once membership is submitted, an email will be sent with a PIN to access the items electronically. As a special membership incentive, those who register at least 15 student members plus one or more professionals by Nov. 15 will receive a free educational resource item, *Critical Thinking at Work* (value \$9.95). Instructors who register with 100-percent membership (all students in their program) plus one or more professionals will also receive a SkillsUSA Program of Work calendar (value: \$5.95).

Visit www.skillsusa-register.org to register yourself and student members. If you or any chapter advisors need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, hotline operators are ready to answer questions about starting a new chapter, ways to engage chapter members or strategies to strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call 8 a.m.-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.

December 1 - Total Participation Contracts Due (TPP)

If your school has not participated and would like more information, please contact mwilkinson@k12.wv.us

January 31- Dues **Deadline**

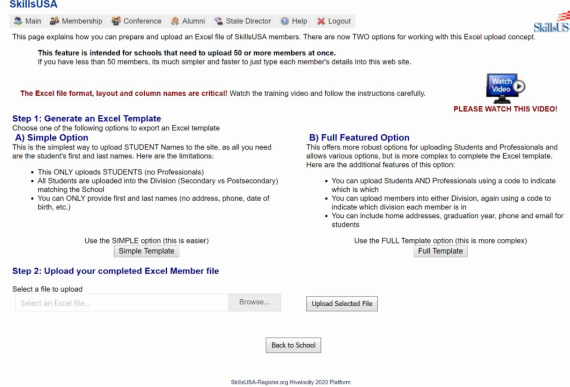
March 20 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**

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

April 17-18 SLSC, Fairmont WV

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

**MASS MEMBER UPLOAD DIRECTIONS OVER 50
MEMBERS BELOW**



SkillsUSA National Information



Try This Lesson Plan Using *SkillsUSA Champions Magazine*
To Get Students Thinking About Their Future Career Plans

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Fall signifies the changing of the seasons and brings the beginning of school, fall sports and cooler temperatures. If you are looking for a change in your classroom, let the teacher's lesson plans from *SkillsUSA Champions* magazine bring positive conversations and action into the room.

This teacher's guide has two major parts: knowledge-based questions for guided reading and activities to dig deep into the content of each article. Using the guide will further develop the skills of reading comprehension and critical thinking, as well as practice skills of the SkillsUSA Framework. Its goal is to provide you the tools necessary to best educate your students in your classroom.

Please direct students to the digital edition on the SkillsUSA website homepage or using this link: https://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions_fall_2019/fall_2019_cover.html In addition to the news and motivational content in the print issue, the digital edition includes related videos, direct links to external resources and other dynamic material that's responsive to all devices. A lesson plan for the Fall issue can be downloaded from the SkillsUSA home page or directly at: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SkillsUSA-Champions-Lesson-Plan-Fall-2019.pdf>

Below, this sample from the lesson plan relates to the column "Opening Another Chapter" in the current issue.

Content Discussion Questions

1. What are the duties of the SkillsUSA executive director?
2. Who is someone that leads with passion?
3. How do you lead by inspiration?
4. What leadership challenges have you experienced?
5. How do you make others feel welcome at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?
6. What happens during a positive, successful transition of power or leadership?

In-Class Activity, 25 minutes

Technical Skills: Professional Development, Develop a career plan

Materials needed: Butcher paper (one piece per group of four), several markers and internet access for each group

Put students into groups of four. Give each group paper and markers. Give these instructions:

1. As a group, create a timeline starting in 2001 and ending this year.
2. Use only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the paper, as we will be looking at the future later in our activity.
3. Include events that have influenced you and your career plans.
4. Consider personal events, technological advances, education dates and more.
5. You have 10 minutes to complete the timeline.

After 10 minutes, have groups share a few highlights from the timeline. Then give these instructions:

1. Individually, add dates and events to the timeline of things that you will do in the future.

2. You have four minutes to each add your future events.

After four minutes, bring students back together. Facilitate a group discussion by asking questions including:

- What events have had the biggest impact on you personally to date?
- How has the world changed in the past 18 years? How will it change in the next 18 years?
- What has influenced your career plan?
- Who at home will help you work toward your career? At school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

Extended Learning Activity

Workplace Skills: Leadership, Build trust

Organize an activity to help everyone feel welcome and part of the program or chapter. You might consider a cookout, pizza party, game night or other social event. Plan get-to-know-you activities so students begin to make connections with peers.

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Offers Building Grant to SkillsUSA Chapters

SkillsUSA has partnered with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools on a new grant opportunity. Eligible programs can receive up to \$2,500 to strengthen their local SkillsUSA chapter.

Applications will be accepted through **Nov. 25**, and grant recipients will be announced Dec. 10. The grants are intended for SkillsUSA chapters established within the past three years that serve students enrolled in one of 27 construction, transportation or manufacturing occupational programs or contests.

To apply, chapters must complete an electronic application and explain how they will use the grant to improve the SkillsUSA program at their school. Applications will be evaluated based on proposed plans, community partnerships and sustainability of program improvements. Schools with 75% or more of their enrolled students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches are encouraged to apply. Grant recipients will be required to complete an evaluation of their implementation during the 2019-20 school year, sign photography/video waivers and provide photos of students and teachers participating in activities funded by the grant.

“Harbor Freight Tools for Schools could not be prouder to support excellence in high school skilled-trades education through this partnership with SkillsUSA,” said Danny Corwin, executive director of Harbor Freight Tools for Schools. “The outstanding students, advisors and mentors of the SkillsUSA community demonstrate the great promise of the trades as a course of study and career.”

SkillsUSA executive director Timothy Lawrence added, “Partnerships like these expand opportunities for our members and strengthen relationships between education and industry. SkillsUSA is thrilled to partner with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools on this program, which supports the growth of SkillsUSA chapters across the nation.”

The grant opportunity is available to high schools with SkillsUSA chapters established after July 1, 2016, in trade areas that align with the following SkillsUSA Championships competitions:

- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Sheet Metal
- TeamWorks
- Welding
- Welding Fabrication
- Welding Sculpture
- Additive Manufacturing
- CNC Milling Technology
- CNC Turning Technology
- Industrial Motor Control
- Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
- Mechatronics
- Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Service Technology

- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Collision Repair Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Marine Service Technology
- Motorcycle Service Technology
- MLR (Maintenance Light Repair)
- Power Equipment Technology

Grant restrictions: The grant may not be used for the purchase of tools, hardware, electronic goods or related items or accessories (including, without limitation, automotive and motorcycle supplies or accessories, engines and generators, garage and machinery equipment and accessories, lawn and garden accessories and supplies, welding equipment or accessories, and material handling equipment, parts and supplies.

To complete the grant application, go to: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/2020-harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/>

Participate in National Apprenticeship Week

[National Apprenticeship Week](#) gives apprenticeship sponsors and providers the opportunity to showcase their programs, facilities and apprentices. As a result, career seekers can learn more about the benefits of apprenticeship and the programs that are available in their communities.

If you're thinking about participating, the above website has everything you need to plan, organize and host a successful event

