



## SkillsUSA Champions at Work I'm Ready

### **Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates**

Welcome 2 NEW SkillsUSA WV Chapters:  
South Charleston High School  
Bridge Valley Community & Technical College

[www.SkillsUSAWV.org](http://www.SkillsUSAWV.org)

[Register for FLC](#)

[2019 FLC Permission Forms](#)

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[2019 FLC Tentative Agenda](#)

[SWP Job Bld: Trailer Skin](#)

September 23 - Fall Conference T-Shirt design contest **Deadline**

**Submit entries to [mwilkinson@k12.wv.us](mailto:mwilkinson@k12.wv.us)**

Simulated Workplace Bid for Trailer Wrap **Deadline**

October 30-31 - Fall Conference at Cedar Lakes, Ripley WV

*Additional information below*

*Tentative Agenda, Statesman Award Study Guide, Packing List, Permission Slip, T-Shirt Design Details are attached and available on [SkillsUSAWV.org](http://SkillsUSAWV.org) website*

October 30-31 - SkillsUSA WV Lead Advisor Training, Cedar Lakes  
Ripley, WV

# **2019 Fall Conference Cedar Lakes, WV**

## **October 30-31 "Creepin' It Real with SkillsUSA"**

This is an exciting time of year, please elect your school chapter officers early and bring them to this leadership event. Fall Conference is a great introduction to SkillsUSA. We are encouraging all WV Chapters to please bring at least 2 students from your school.

Registration open to the first 240

***Our community service project is focused on the elderly. Each participant is encouraged to participate by bringing a trial size shampoo, lotion, and/or Kleenex. We will package the items with a card and a special message from the SkillsUSA WV students. The school that brings the most items to package will be awarded a gift card for \$100.00 to be used at the lead advisors' discretion for their local chapter.***

We would love for our potential SkillsUSA members to create a t-shirt design depicting our theme for the 2019 Fall Conference.

**T-Shirt design DEADLINE September 23, 2019 at 4:00 pm  
Official RULES can be found on website under the STUDENT and CONFERENCE tab.**

Submit entries to [mwilkinson@k12.wv.us](mailto:mwilkinson@k12.wv.us)

Permission Slips, Packing List, Tentative Agenda, and SkillsUSA WV Statesman Award Study Guide have all been uploaded to the [SkillsUSAWV.org](http://SkillsUSAWV.org) website under the "Student" tab.

October 1 - Fall Conference Registration **Deadline**

**MAIL PAYMENT FOR FALL CONFERENCE TO NEW ADDRESS:  
SKILLUSA WV  
PO BOX 335  
RIPLEY, WV 25271**

**Note: Payment for the FLC is due on or before registration, no exceptions will be made. Please make sure you have a check or purchase order number at the time of registration.**

We have additional fee options listed:

1. Arrival on 10/29/2019
2. Dinner 10/29/2019
3. Single Room instead of dorm style lodging for advisors

**Lead Advisor Training** will be October 30-31 2019. One advisor per school is encouraged to attend for state updates, educational materials, and professional development.

**TO REGISTER FOR FLC, CLICK THE "REGISTER NOW" AND CLICK "JOIN"**

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

December 1 - Total Participation Contracts Due (TTP)

*If your school has not participated and would like more information, please contact [mwilkinson@k12.wv.us](mailto:mwilkinson@k12.wv.us)*

January 31- Dues **Deadline**

March 20 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**

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!**

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### **SkillsUSA West Virginia Simulated Workplace Bid OPEN 9/11/2019**

OPEN FOR BID: Wrap our SkillsUSA WV box trailer with an eye catching design to promote SkillsUSA WV and CTE

***Full job bid for trailer skin wrap posted on the SkillsUSA WV website under our student tab. We are excited to give students the opportunity to bid on jobs that will benefit SkillsUSA West Virginia!***

COMING SOON:

- Build 2 new medal stands for easy storage, set up and tear down. "Mirror the National design"
- Build two new awards podium platforms to accommodate team winners.

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## **SkillsUSA National Information**

### **T-shirt Design Contest Opens for 2020 SkillsUSA Week**

Student designs are being sought for the official T-shirt of SkillsUSA Week. One design will be selected and produced by the SkillsUSA Store in 2020.

The contest is open to all dues-paying student members. Only one entry/design per SkillsUSA member is permitted. All designs submitted should be appropriate for use on a *red* T-shirt.

All entries must be submitted to SkillsUSA exactly as directed in the rules and become the property of SkillsUSA once submitted.

[Download the contest rules](https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SkillsUSA-Week-T-Shirt-Design-Contest-FY20.docx) at: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SkillsUSA-Week-T-Shirt-Design-Contest-FY20.docx>

Submission deadline is Sept. 27.



**I'M READY**

**I'm Ready for the School Year!**

**Posters, Brochures, Lesson Plans and More — Get Your Membership Kits**

Get outfitted for a new school year with posters, brochures, lesson plans and whole lot more that

comes packed into your SkillsUSA membership kit. Kits have been mailed to all chapters that affiliated with SkillsUSA last year, but if you haven't received yours, then call toll-free 844-875-4557 to request a copy.

There are three unique membership kits, each designed for a specific market: middle school, high school or college/postsecondary. Each kit contains three posters, a brochure, membership cards and a chapter management guide. The guide is key to your success and includes information on establishing a chapter, engaging students in chapter activities, tools for recruitment, lesson plans, programs, scholarship and recognition opportunities, and information on educational resources. All of the membership materials can also be downloaded at: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/)

## Check the Files —

### Do You Have a Chapter Charter and Constitution? If Not, It's Not Too Late

Make the 2019-2020 school year *the* year for creating a SkillsUSA chapter that's built on a rock-solid foundation. Whether you've had an active chapter for years or your chapter is just developing, now is the time to ensure success!

To do that, take a look at the steps below to apply for a chapter charter and create a chapter constitution. Even if you have been operating as a chapter for a number of years, it's not too late to create your constitution and formalize your structure. Don't delay on this step, and be sure to get your members involved in the process. It is a great way to learn about the organization.

- If you are a new chapter, it is imperative that you submit a local constitution and chapter charter to your state SkillsUSA director. Once the state SkillsUSA director has accepted your local constitution and chapter charter, your school will be included among the registered users on the SkillsUSA registration site.
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### Become a SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher

Are you using or planning to use *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences* courses and their associated assessments? If so, consider joining SkillsUSA's virtual opportunities for Career Essentials Certified Teacher training in September.

At present, there is one option for completing the training in one four-hour online session, and there are also several options for completing the training in four one-hour online sessions. In addition, there are opportunities to set your own date for on-site training of a teacher group (for groups of 12 or more) or your own date for virtual training of a teacher group (for groups of five to 20).

Virtual training sessions require a minimum of five registrants, and a maximum of 20 will be accepted for any one given date.

SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher training is designed for teachers who are currently using the Experiences courses or who are planning to. 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.

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

### MyOptions Survey Packages Delivered

As another academic year begins, SkillsUSA has partnered with MyOptions to provide postsecondary planning for students. This free, voluntary program is conducted through a customized survey program. It has been developed to not only provide college and career planning resources to SkillsUSA students, but also provide customized reporting to instructors.

Packages began shipping Aug. 29 to select classrooms. If your classroom was selected, you will receive a postcard a few days before the survey packages arrives. Once you have received your package, please take 20 minutes to pass a copy out to all students, have them complete the form and return it in the postage paid envelope provided. There is an educator survey form so SkillsUSA can also collect your valued feedback. Packages should be returned as soon as possible but within six weeks of receiving them.

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## Need Help with Your Chapter or Registering Members?

### Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline Toll Free:

**844-875-4557**

Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter — you name it, they are ready to tackle it! Operators are on call from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday.

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