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Thank you Marion County Technical Center and Mid Ohio Valley Technical Institute for inviting the State Officers for a visit last week after WLTl.

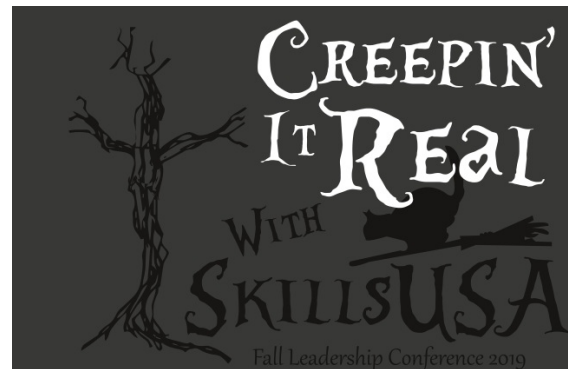
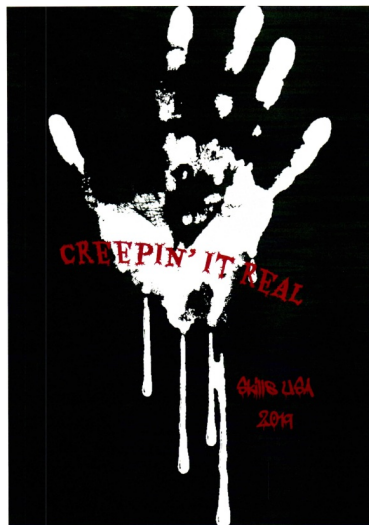
**DEADLINE: *TOMORROW 10/1/19 @ 4:00 PM***

- 2019 Fall Leadership REGISTRATION
- FLC t-shirt design voting ends

WE HAD (21) T-SHIRT DESIGNS SUBMITTED and need YOUR HELP. Our state officers selected the top (4) finalist, please vote for your favorite at: Please share on your social media and encourage your students to vote for their favorite.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iC5uX5uXunTy6TxrM3RUnOKKVEAehe\\_sBn7HjviiSoM/viewform?ts=5d8cb564&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iC5uX5uXunTy6TxrM3RUnOKKVEAehe_sBn7HjviiSoM/viewform?ts=5d8cb564&edit_requested=true)

(Voting will end October 1 at 4:00 pm)



We are excited that Carver Career & Technical Education Center, Wheeling Park High School and Fred W. Eberle are registered for the Fall Leadership Conference.

Our State Officers are hoping to work with officer teams or a minimum of two members from every chapter in West Virginia at the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference. REGISTER TODAY!!

Advisors, please register to attend the 1st Annual Lead Advisor Training that will run concurrently with the students FLC. There will be a total of (8) sessions and (2) of these will focus primarily on the 2020 State Leadership and Skills Conference. We value your input and we want to hear from you!

\*\*\*\*Payment for the FLC is due **on or before** October 30, 2019 no exceptions will be made.

## Register for Fall Leadership Conference

ALL PERMISSION FORMS FOR FALL LEADERSHIP CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE AT <https://skillsusawv.org/students>

**If you are an advisor and requesting a private room, please add the additional fee on the registration site. If the additional fee isn't added then you will be placed in dorm style lodging with 9 other participants.**

*See image below for adding single room fee:*

**FEES / OPTIONS**

State Officer?  Officer Candidate?  Voting Delegate?

**Add Optional State Fee Items:**

These are Additional or Optional fee items available within your State for this particular Conference Event. Items might include optional dinners, t-shirts, hotel costs or award ceremony tickets. Please check with your State Director for additional questions.

Event	Fee Item	Qty	Amount	Extended
	Non-Dorm Style Single Room - \$85.00			

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Total Registration Fees:  (This total includes all conference registration fees and optional state fees listed above.)

**Individual Payments** This section is provided for your convenience, to track which Event Participants have paid. Regardless of what is entered here, it is still your responsibility to insure that the appropriate fees are submitted to the State Director prior to attending a Conference Event. This is NOT a secure section of the site, so please **DO NOT ENTER CREDIT CARD NUMBERS BELOW.**

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

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 posted at SkillsUSAWV.org web site*

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"**

Registration open to the first 240 participants

***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.***

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 October 30, 2019 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.*

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**

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

**Deadline Closing — Enter T-shirt Design Contest 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 at: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SkillsUSA-Week-T-Shirt-Design-Contest-FY20.docx>

**Submission deadline is Friday, Sept. 27.**



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## **New Theme for 2019-20 Announced**

The SkillsUSA competition theme is used throughout the year in membership materials and as the topic for Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions at the local, state and national levels. The theme for the 2019-20 year is:

**SkillsUSA: Champions at Work**

**I'm Ready**

Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss a variety of ideas. For details, go to:

[www.skillsusa.org/about/theme/](http://www.skillsusa.org/about/theme/).

## **Take Action to Increase Perkins State Grant Funding**

SkillsUSA's friends at the Association for Career and Technical Education have requested your help in ensuring an increase this year in Perkins Basic State Grants.

In June, the House passed its appropriations bills for fiscal year (FY) 2020, which included a \$47 million increase for Perkins grants — potentially bringing the new total to \$1.31 billion. After years of declining federal support for career and technical education, the past two federal budgets (FY 2018, FY 2019) have included modest increases for the Perkins program. Your advocacy has been critical to securing these increases, and so we need your help again to keep the momentum going.

To ask your senators to support an increase in Perkins CTE funding in the FY 2020 appropriations bill, go to: [www.acteonline.org/advocacy/take-action/#/34](http://www.acteonline.org/advocacy/take-action/#/34).

You can also call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. An operator will then connect you with your requested Senate office.

We need to continue to raise awareness with policymakers to ensure they understand the many benefits associated with high-quality career and technical education programs. The Senate Appropriations Committee plans to consider funding for education programs for FY20 as soon as next week. Your advocacy makes a difference and encourages policymakers to take action, so please contact your senators today.

## **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](#).

## **Enjoy the Benefits of Professional Membership**

The SkillsUSA registration site is officially open for the new school year. 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](mailto:operators@skillsusa.org). You can also chat online on the membership registration site.

Professional members receive these great benefits:

- **2019-20 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards.** The official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships contains rules for all national competitive events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility and equipment lists. Note: The latest SkillsUSA Championships contest updates and the official SkillsUSA Championships scorecards are located online here: [skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/](https://skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/)
- **Jump into STEM!** Curriculum includes middle-school and elementary-school STEM career exploration activities that can be taught by high-school members. This is a great opportunity to expose students to STEM careers and recruit for career and technical education programs as well as SkillsUSA.
- **SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Foundations.** This complete curriculum includes 29 lesson plans that support the SkillsUSA Framework and prepare students for career readiness.

SkillsUSA professional members receive all of these materials when they submit membership along with a valid email address. The 2019-20 *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards* and other materials are provided through a digital delivery system. National dues for professional members are \$20 plus state dues, which vary. The complete listing of 2019-20 state dues and deadlines is online and included in the membership kits.

Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the importance of joining a professional organization and the opportunities that membership will provide.

