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Updates for a
Successful Year



State Conference 2026

Date Range: March 2 + March 9-13, 2026
More details coming soon!

NLSC Dates for 2026
June 1-5 in Atlanta, GA

**National Membership registration now open.
Deadline for all Delaware members (students + advisors): December 31, 2026**

»» Updates about 2026 Delaware State Leadership Conference

- Dates are being finalized now with our location partners. We're excited to share our return to our community partners, including DelTech Stanton, Air National Guard in New Castle, IBEW, and DelTech's Innovation Center. Plus, we appreciate our high schools helping with other contests again this year. It's a true team effort!
- Final details should be finished this week, so stay tuned! There will be only minor changes from the 2025 State Leadership Conference, so you can expect some consistency as we prepare for 2026!

»» New Contest for 9th Graders! Introducing Career Choice Commentary & Display

- SkillsUSA Delaware is expanding opportunities for ninth graders with the launch of our Career Choice Commentary & Display contest! This new event invites freshmen to reflect on their future goals, share their personal stories, and experience the excitement of SkillsUSA competition for the very first time. This will be a state-only contest (no national contest). More details to come.

NEW!

»» T-Shirt and Pin Design Standards and Rubrics Updated for 2026

- We have updated the Pin Design and T-Shirt Design competitions for 2026! Click below to view the guidelines for each contest.
 - [Pin Design Standards for Delaware SLC 2026 - Click Here](#)
 - [T-Shirt Design Standards for Delaware SLC 2026 - Click Here](#)

UPDATE

WELCOME

WELCOME, NEW CHAPTERS!

First State Military

McKean

Odessa

Laurel

Newark

Smyrna

»» Fall Professional Development Offerings

SkillsUSA has a series of new virtual Professional Development Training Sessions for October, November and December. Offerings include new advisor training, Chapter Excellence Program training, Work-Based Learning, SkillsUSA Pathful, Program of Work and more! Don't miss this convenient and free opportunity to enhance your skills and gain SkillsUSA knowledge that will support your chapter's success! Class space is limited, so be sure to secure your place early. Participants will earn a Professional Development (PD) certificate. For questions, contact Customer Care.

»» Apply for SkillsUSA Aerotek "Make Your Mark" Scholarships

SkillsUSA members nationwide in select trade areas are encouraged to apply for the SkillsUSA Aerotek "Make Your Mark" scholarship. The scholarship is for SkillsUSA members with direct educational costs for the spring 2026 term at a community college, technical college, certificate program or apprenticeship program. Applications are being accepted until Nov. 7. Scholarship winners will receive up to \$5,000 toward tuition, books, tools, on-campus housing or other approved direct educational expenses. Applicants must be enrolled in continuing education or career training in one of these pathways: Construction; Manufacturing; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics; Telecommunications Cabling Training; and Electronics Technology or Industrial Engineering Technology. For more information, review all eligibility criteria and the flyer (Versión en Español).



Resources for New Advisors

»» Membership Registration Training Now Available

The SkillsUSA Customer Care Team (CCT) is offering membership registration training sessions. Whether you are a new or experienced advisor, these sessions will guide you step-by-step through the process of registering your members. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and receive personalized assistance from our team. Sign up for a session that fits your schedule. For questions, contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 or customer care@skillsusa.org.

»» One-on-One Coaching for New Advisors

Are you a new advisor looking for guidance on establishing and managing your chapter? SkillsUSA offers personalized, one-on-one coaching sessions with Kelli Engelbrecht. Schedule your 30-minute Zoom coaching appointment. For questions, contact Kelli Engelbrecht.