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SkillsUSA DELAWARE

Updates for a Successful Year

State Conference 2027

Date Range: March 9-12
Schedule Coming Soon. Stay tuned!

NLSC Dates for 2027 June 21-25 in Atlanta, GA

Take the first step NOW for your students! Register students as National Members for 2026-2027. Reminder: All students competing at our State Conference *must be registered as National Members* by December 31. Don't delay!
Register @ https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx

First Town Halls for 2026-2027

- **Lead Advisor Town Hall:** Wednesday, October 14, 9am -10am on Microsoft Teams
  - Invitations have been sent via email. If you did not receive the email and you are the lead advisor for your Chapter (School), reach out to anthony.tiberi1@nccvt.k12.de.us

- **Community Service & Leadership Events Town Hall**
  - Thursday, October 15, 7:30 a.m. on Microsoft Teams (join link below)
  - Who should attend: Anyone who wants to learn more about participating in SkillsUSA Community Service-related and Leadership Events at the Delaware SkillsUSA SLSC this year.
  - Link to join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/250824665571377?p=NNR38gltlnPGZkrz1Q

Level Up Your Membership and Earn Free Resources!

- SkillsUSA advisors have an extra reason to grow their chapters this year!
- Advisors who register at least 15 student members in one technical program, along with one or more instructors as professional members, by Nov. 15 will receive a free SkillsUSA Educational Resource.
- Chapters can also earn SkillsUSA Framework banners by growing their membership over last year. Chapters that register 25 more members than last year will receive a SkillsUSA Framework banner, while chapters registering 50 or more additional members will receive two Chapter Framework banners.
- Qualifying advisors will receive an email after Nov. 15 with instructions for redeeming their incentives.
- Start recruiting now, grow your chapter and Level Up your SkillsUSA membership! Check out the promotional flyer.



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DELAWARE STATE LEADERSHIP & SKILLS CONFERENCE UPDATES

Updated Technical Standards for 2026 through 2028

- Be sure to log into your Pathful account and view your updated technical standards from our national office.

State Leadership & Skills Conference (SLSC) 2027

- The dates are locked in! March 9 through 12; Awards Session on March 18.
- We are working with our location partners and contest coordinators now to finalize the competition schedule, so please stay tuned.

Register Your Students as National Members by December 31

- Don't delay! This is a requirement if you have students who plan to compete at the 2027 Delaware SLSC. We recommend you take care of registration early to avoid any issues when it comes time for Conference Registration.

UPDATES FROM NATIONAL SKILLSUSA TEAM

Professional Development Opportunities in October 2026

SkillsUSA's 2026–27 professional development is a series of virtual sessions for chapter advisors, from monthly Town Halls to hands-on technical training with industry partners. Here's what's coming up in October:

- **Advisor Town Hall | Monday, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m. ET**
  - Start the month with updates from the national office, practical resources and live Q&A. Town Halls are held the first Monday of each month, October through May.
- **SkillsUSA Pathful 101 + Reporting | Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. ET**
  - Learn how to navigate the platform, connect with industry professionals and bring real-world career learning into your classroom. You'll also see how Pathful reports can support your chapter.
- **Technical Session: Ignite the Shop with John Deere | Thursday, Oct. 8, noon ET**
  - Explore careers in diesel equipment technology and take home a basic electrical lesson and demonstration for your classroom. You'll also learn about the John Deere TECH Program and how to connect with local dealerships.
- **Introduction to the Chapter Excellence Program | Tuesday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m. ET**
  - Get an overview of the Chapter Excellence Program and how it can help your chapter set goals and earn national recognition.

Sessions are open to registered professional members. **See the full 2026–27 schedule and registration links**. Not a member yet? Register at **register.skillsusa.org**

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UPDATES FROM NATIONAL SKILLSUSA

John Deere Partnership: Technical Session



John Deere is here to help! Join us for a technical session focused on diesel equipment technology, skilled trades, and career pathways.

Thursday, October 8 | Noon – 12:50 p.m. ET
SkillsUSA Pathful LMS

Educators will explore John Deere resources and support for instructors and programs, including a basic electrical lesson and demonstration, the John Deere TECH Program, dealership career pathways, and opportunities to connect with local John Deere dealerships.

Registration Details
Already a SkillsUSA member? Log in to SkillsUSA Pathful and register for the event here.
SkillsUSA Pathful is SkillsUSA's all-in-one career-readiness platform and an exclusive benefit of SkillsUSA membership, connecting students and educators with career exploration, work-based learning and career-readiness resources.

Not a SkillsUSA member? You can still participate! Register for the event here.

Help Us Celebrate Excellence in Trade and Industrial Education: Noms due 10/30

Know someone who is making a difference in Trade and Industrial Education? The ACTE T&I Division, in partnership with SkillsUSA, invites you to nominate an outstanding professional whose dedication, leadership and contributions are helping strengthen career and technical education. Honorees will be recognized through the National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards at the annual ACTE CareerTech VISION conference.

Please note: The Trade and Industrial Division Awards are separate from the ACTE Excellence Awards.

This year's conference takes place Dec. 2–5 in New Orleans, and the nomination deadline is Oct. 30, 2026. Eligible individuals may be nominated in the categories below, and self-nominations are welcome. If you submit a nomination on someone else's behalf, please notify the nominee.

- **Teacher of the Year**
- New Teacher of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

For additional conference information, please visit **ACTE CareerTech VISION**.

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UPDATES FROM NATIONAL SKILLSUSA

Compete in Make48 at NLSC 2027

Can your students invent, build and pitch a brand-new product under pressure? Make48 team applications for NLSC 2027 are now open to SkillsUSA chapters. Teams of two or three students and one advisor apply with a short, creative video. Six teams will be selected to compete live at NLSC in June, where the action is filmed for Make48's docuseries on The Roku Channel.

Only the first 40 applications will be considered, and some spots are already claimed, so apply soon. Applications close Oct. 31.

Learn more.

Careers in Your Community Challenge

The U.S. Department of Education has launched the Careers in Your Community Challenge, the fourth challenge in its CTE Momentum series to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increase access to career and technical education (CTE). The challenge invites high schools to propose solutions that improve career exploration at their schools. Submissions are due by Nov. 19, 2026 at 6 p.m. ET, and up to 10 winning teams will receive an equal share of the $50,000 prize pool.

Ready to get started? CTE teachers can review the challenge details, selection criteria and available resources with students, then work together to identify opportunities to strengthen career exploration at your schools. Subscribe to the CTE Momentum newsletter for challenge updates and reminders.

Share Your Community Service Stories with SkillsUSA!

The SkillsUSA Champions digital hub provides new content frequently, from inspiring features to stories about the great work chapters and partners are doing. We know your chapters are doing some amazing community service work this holiday season and we would love to write about it. To submit a story idea, send us the details through our "Submit a Story" link, and we'll contact you.