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2026 - 2027



State Conference 2027

Date Range: March 1, March 9-12

First Release Now Available! Click Here.

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

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

Coaching Sessions for Leadership Prep

- **Community Service & Leadership Events Coaching with Anthony Tiberi**
  - If you would like to learn more about starting in Community Service, Career Pathway Showcase, Community Action Project, or any individual Leadership event, click below to schedule a 30-minute coaching session!
  - Click Here to book through Calendly

Lead Advisors: Complete Contest Intent Form by December 1st

- **We need one advisor from each chapter (school) across Delaware to complete our Contest Intent Form. Link:** https://forms.gle/6Fwzue11uoujqjGt7

UPDATES FROM NATIONAL SKILLSUSA

New On-Demand Work-Based Learning Training

Build your confidence in planning meaningful work-based learning experiences with new on-demand training modules in SkillsUSA Pathful! Explore WBL foundations and strategies for choosing the right experience for your students, at your own pace.

Find the modules: SkillsUSA Pathful > Work-Based Learning Toolkit > LEARN > WBL Modules

Turn Used Shoes into Opportunities with Funds2Orgs

Launch a shoe drive fundraiser collecting gently worn, used and new shoes. Chapters earn money based on the number of shoes collected to support activities, competitions and chapter initiatives. The program is free to start and provides fundraising support and materials. It promotes sustainability by keeping shoes out of landfills while supporting micro-businesses around the world. Learn how your chapter can get started.

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Upcoming Competition Overview Webinars from National SkillsUSA

These sessions are open to teachers (advisors), interested student competitors, and contest coordinators. Mark your calendar and be sure to join!

Click the date next to your event to open the Zoom meeting.

Information Technology Services	Thursday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.
Job Skill Demonstration A & B	Tuesday, November 17, 3:15 p.m.
Commercial Roofing	Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.
Automotive Refinishing Technology	Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

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Connect Your Classroom to Industry This November

Three upcoming virtual professional development sessions will help you bring business and industry into your program, with ready-to-use tools for outreach, advisory committees and real-world student projects.



Work-Based Learning with SkillsUSA
Thursday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m. ET
Break down the four Career Discovery Phases and the three components of occupational identity, then brainstorm new work-based learning activities for your chapter and classroom.

SkillsUSA Advisory Committees
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. ET
Build an advisory committee that does more than meet. Leave with strategies, tools and templates that strengthen industry connections year-round.

SkillsUSA Pathful: Industry Led Projects
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. ET
Explore six- to eight-week virtual challenges where students tackle real industry problems and get feedback from professionals along the way. A full teacher guide is included.

See all sessions and the full professional development calendar.

Take Up the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design



SkillsUSA is offering the 2027 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge to all dues-paying student members. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin for the 2027 NLSC.

Entries must be received by February 1, 2027, at midnight ET.
Winners will be announced February 8.

Download the rules:
NLSC T-shirt Design
NLSC Pin Design

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Level Up Your Membership and Earn Free SkillsUSA 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 that register **25 more members** than last year will receive a SkillsUSA Framework banner. 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 and Level Up your membership! View the promotional flyer.

Careers in Your Community Challenge: Due November 19

Deadline: Nov. 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. ET. The U.S. Department of Education's Careers in Your Community Challenge invites high schools to propose solutions that improve career exploration at their schools. The fourth challenge in the CTE Momentum series aims to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increase access to career and technical education. Up to 10 winning teams will receive an equal share of the **$50,000 prize pool.**

CTE teachers can review the challenge details, selection criteria and available resources with students, then work together to strengthen career exploration at their school. Subscribe to the CTE Momentum newsletter for 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. Share the amazing community service work your chapter is doing this holiday season! Send the details through the Submit a Story link, and the national team will contact you.