



»» Register for SkillsUSA National Signing Day

SkillsUSA National Signing Day in May is when SkillsUSA chapters across the nation give skilled professionals the spotlight they deserve. On Signing Day (whether that is on May 6 or another date of your chapter's choosing), students will be recognized by their school administrators, teachers, elected officials, alumni, family and friends for signing letters of intent to pursue careers or further education in the skilled trades. [Download our Signing Day toolkit and learn more about SkillsUSA Signing Day and see how chapters celebrated last year.](#) Thanks to the generous support of the Lowe's Foundation, 3M, State Farm and NAPA, we're set to make this National Signing Day the **biggest** and **boldest** ever. Let's get ready for an even bigger celebration this May. Signing Day is a wonderful celebratory event that recognizes students as they complete the school year and transition to employment or further education. Registration is now open and early bird registrants have access to free swag while supplies last!



»» Yellow Jacket Buddy Bags: SkillsUSA Champions Spotlight Story

Check out the [latest inspiring community service spotlight story](#) about students at Cleburne (Texas) High School and their advisor Nathan VanRyn. The SkillsUSA chapter produced bags of sensory items for police officers to use while on patrol when they respond to a call where there is an autistic child present. The bags included noise reducing headphones, sunglasses, fidget spinners, a weighted teddy bear blanket and communication cards for non-verbal children.

»» Apply for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teacher Excellence

Applications are now open for the [Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence](#). The prize recognizes outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and the teachers who inspire students to learn skills to prepare for life after graduation. In 2025, Harbor Freight will award \$1.5 million in cash prizes to 25 skilled trades teachers and their programs. In 2024, the prize recognized 12 SkillsUSA instructors as winners. Applications must be received by **May 2**. Finalists will be announced June 10 and winners will be announced this fall.

»» Apply for Presidential Honors by March 31

At the 2025 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, you may have already met the requirements. For details on how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications are due by **March 31** for recognition at the 2025 NLSC.

»» Official SkillsUSA Competition Apparel

With SkillsUSA competition season in full swing, there is no better time to visit the [SkillsUSA store](#) and set yourself up for success! Shop for competition attire, the SkillsUSA blazer, the official SkillsUSA white polo, safety goggles and everything in between. Enjoy free ground shipping on every order.



»» March Professional Development for Instructors

SkillsUSA is offering free virtual [Professional Development Training Sessions](#) in March. Check out the [Professional Development page](#) on our website where you'll find training topics plus our featured Activity of the Month. March sessions include Creating Student-Led Chapters; SkillsUSA Resources; Exploring the WPLE Toolkit; and SkillsUSA as a Solution to the Skills Gap. Don't miss out on these resources to enhance your chapter's programming! Class size is limited, so be sure to register to secure your place. Participants will earn a Professional Development (PD) certificate. For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

»» Press Release Template for State Conference Participants

We encourage you to promote your state conference to your local media. Here is an [editable press release template](#) to share on the [Advocacy Site](#) for state conference participants and their advisors to share competition results with your hometown media. Parents, instructors, students or anyone can send these emails. Share this advocacy resource link at your school and at your state conferences. You can send the message to up to six media contacts at a time by selecting news outlets and clicking Send a Message.

»» SkillsUSA College/Postsecondary Scholarships

If your students are thinking ahead to the cost of college, SkillsUSA offers exclusive scholarship opportunities for postsecondary education. Registered SkillsUSA members with upcoming tuition expenses for the summer or fall 2025 academic term can apply for scholarships provided by SkillsUSA and our industry partners.



- Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship (closes May 30)
- Clifford "Ted" Rees Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500, closes April 15)
- National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) Scholarship 2025 – (8 - \$2,500 scholarships awarded)
- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship (\$1,000, closes April 15)
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial (\$1,000, closes April 1)
- SkillsUSA WD-40 Scholarship 2025 (10 - \$1,500 scholarships awarded, closes April 15)

SkillsUSA partners with Kaleidoscope to provide a streamlined application platform. Encourage your students to visit the [SkillsUSA Scholarships webpage](#) now to view available opportunities. For scholarship questions or assistance in applying, reach out to [Customer Care](#).