

#### **>>>** Register NOW for Signing Day! Early-Bird Registration Ends March 31!

SkillsUSA National Signing Day registration is open so register your members now. On Signing Day (on May 6 or another date of your chapter's choosing), students can be recognized for signing letters of intent to pursue a career or further education in the skilled trades. Download our Signing Day toolkit and learn more about SkillsUSA Signing Day. Register by the early bird registration deadline of **March 31** to be eligible to receive free incentives, such as T-shirts, baseball caps, supply bundles and starter kits (while supplies last). The final deadline to register is **April 30**.



#### >>>> SkillsUSA Champions Celebrates Women's History Month

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we honor dedicated students such as Kallie Allen, SkillsUSA's high school national officer president. Kallie's passion for science, combined with a deep admiration for female leaders in STEM has inspired her to pursue a career in biomedical engineering. She strives to be a biomedical engineer and a leader who works to uplift others. "I hope to amplify the aspirations and dreams of other young women because I already know that being a female leader in biomedical engineering sometimes means having to get through a closed door." <u>See Kallie's SkillsUSA Champions spotlight story</u>. #WomensHistoryMonth #SkillsUSA

### >>> New Chapter Success: Springfield High School of Science and Technology (Mass.)

Congratulations to Springfield High School of Science and Technology. The school enrolled a remarkable 101 members in its first year of having a SkillsUSA chapter! Technical programs director Shelly Zaya took the time to visit each CTE program, share information about conferences, competitions and leadership development, and display an official SkillsUSA uniform to help students visualize their membership. Shelly and two teachers who areserving as chapter advisors also participated in SkillsUSA trainings to ensure their chapter is set for future success. "This strong start reflects the commitment and excitement of our CTE community as we embark on this journey with SkillsUSA," she said. In recognition of this new chapter's success, the Skilled Careers Coalition has gifted \$250 to help the chapter continue its growth.

## >>>> 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 and your students may have already met the requirements. For details on how to apply, <u>visit the website</u>. 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 <u>SkillsUSA store</u> 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.

### >>> NLSC 2025 Courtesy Corps Members

SkillsUSA is recruiting National Courtesy Corps (NCC) members to support the 2025 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC). This much-appreciated group supports the technical committees and the overall conference experience, and it's a great way for students to network with industry partners and other SkillsUSA students from across the nation. NCC members receive free NLSC registration, housing, local transportation and meals. NCC participants must reside at the assigned Georgia Tech campus housing in Atlanta. For a link to the nomination form and eligibility requirements, visit the <u>National Courtesy Corps</u> web page. For questions, contact Lauri Domer. The deadline for nominations is **April 30**.

#### >>> Make48 Innovation Challenge

SkillsUSA is collaborating with Make48 to bring hands-on innovation challenges to more students in the 2025-26 school year. Beginning in August, teams of students will compete to innovate and prototype a new product during the fall semester. See their flyer and share it with your students. Registrations will be accepted until the brackets are full. To learn more, visit their web page.

### >>>> Press Release Template for State Conference Participants

We encourage you to promote your state conference to your local media. Here is an <u>editable press release</u> <u>template</u> to share on the <u>Advocacy Site</u>. This makes it easy for state winners and their advisors to share competition results with your hometown media. Parents, instructors, students or anyone can send these emails. Share this advocacy link at school and at your state conferences. You can send a message to six media contacts at a time by selecting news outlets and clicking on Send a Message.

# >>>> SkillsUSA College/Postsecondary Scholarships

SkillsUSA members anticipating tuition expenses for the summer or fall 2025 academic terms can apply for scholarships from SkillsUSA and our generous industry partners. Scholarship applications require a letter of recommendation from a SkillsUSA advisor or instructor, a resume and a brief essay. Funds for



scholarship awards are s directly to postsecondary institutions and applied to the student's account balance. These scholarships are competitive and applying for a scholarship does not guarantee your selection. To get started, visit the <u>scholarships page on the website</u> to see scholarship opportunities, award amounts and application deadlines. For questions, contact our <u>Customer Care Team</u>.