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Get Ready for the 55th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference!

Congratulations on attending SkillsUSA's 55th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference — including the SkillsUSA Championships, a showcase of career and technical education students — will be held in Louisville, Ky., June 24-28, 2019. More than 18,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, participate in the week long event.

Monday the Illinois Delegation will arrive in Louisville and meet as a state for the first time. On Tuesday, competitors will attend their contest orientation meetings. Tuesday evening, the Opening Ceremony is the first official conference event.

The SkillsUSA Championships will be held June 26-27, 2019, at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. More than 6,300 outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners — will compete hands-on in 103 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies set by industry. The championships is a multi-million-dollar event that occupies space equivalent to more than 20 football fields. Leadership contestants will demonstrate skills including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.

In special delegate sessions, hundreds of high-school, middle school and college/postsecondary student leaders will vote on issues affecting SkillsUSA. Others campaign and will be elected to either high school or college/postsecondary teams of national officers who represent SkillsUSA members nationwide.

The week caps off with the Awards Ceremony, which takes place on Friday evening at KEC’s Freedom Hall.

We can not wait to see you Louisville!

- The SkillsUSA Illinois Team
CONFERENCE & HOTEL LOCATIONS

KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER
937 PHILLIPS LN, LOUISVILLE, KY 40209

Majority of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference events will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center and other venues on the center site.

LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT EAST
1903 EMBASSY SQUARE BLVD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40299

The official SkillsUSA Illinois assigned hotel. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided to and from this hotel to all conference events for those registered for conference.

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, JUNE 24
8 p.m. State Delegation Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contestant Orientations
7 p.m. Opening Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. SkillsUSA University
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Models of Excellence Dinner
7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
8 a.m. Leadership contests finals
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. SkillsUSA University
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Kentucky Kingdom

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
7 a.m. Community Service Project
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet the Employer
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. SkillsUSA University
5 p.m. Following
5 p.m. Awards Ceremony
State Celebration
**SkillsUSA Championships Information**

**Contest Technical Standards**

The 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is the official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships and is newly revised. It contains rules for all national events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility, and equipment lists. It also lists the embedded academic skills in math, English and science. Rules for state and local events may vary from the national guidelines, but most competitive events are modeled after the national technical standards.

SkillsUSA Professional Members receive the 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards when they have submitted a current and accurate email address with their membership details.

The 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is available online to professional members as part of the paid membership. Visit: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx

**Clothing & Tool Requirements**

Participants must meet clothing requirements for the individual contests. For specific requirements and details on where to purchase clothing, refer to the SkillsUSA Clothing and Tools app (http://apple.co/2dlb8d or http://bit.ly/2e5jRec), or the individual contest regulations in the latest SkillsUSA Technical Standards, and at the SkillsUSA Championships Updates website: updates.skillsusa.org.

- The penalty for contestants who do not satisfy the dress requirements will be a maximum of 5 percent of the total possible contest points.

- All contestants are required to wear their official contest uniforms or official SkillsUSA attire to the awards ceremony when the medalists are announced and the industry awards are presented. Inappropriately dressed contestant.

**Contest Updates**

The Technical Standards are written as guidelines for the administration of national contests; however, changes can occur within a contest area or a specific station, the scorecards or scoring criteria for all contests can be found on the SkillsUSA website under: updates.skillsusa.org.

All competitors must create a one-page hard copy resume and submit this to the technical committee chair at the contest orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10 point penalty. Competitors can bring a resume to the contest on the day of competition however, the penalty will remain.
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019

HOTEL CHECK-IN

LOUISVILLE MARriott EAST

Chapters can begin to check-in at the hotel on Monday at 4:00 p.m. The hotel offers complementary on-site parking as well as valet parking for a daily fee. More information will be provided on the check-in process as we move closer to the event.

Following check-in, chapters can settle into their rooms or explore the area prior to the state delegation meeting at 8:00 p.m. There are many restaurants located near the hotel to meet any need. The hotel is also just a few miles from the Oxmoor Center Mall featuring more than 75 stores, restaurants and more.

REGISTRATION

7:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. | LOUISVILLE MARriott EAST - LOCATION TBA

Registration will take place on Monday evening prior to the Illinois State Delegation Meeting. Here advisors will receive information and conference for their participants including conference name badges, delegation t-shirt, state trading pins, spirit items, and other conference materials.

Only those fully registered for conference will receive name badges which include access to all conference activities; including using conference transportation (buses), Opening Ceremony, Louisville Bats Game, Kentucky Kingdom, Closing Ceremony, and more.

STATE DELEGATION MEETING

8:00 P.M. | LOUISVILLE MARriott EAST - LOCATION TBA

At the Illinois Delegation Meeting our state will come together for the first time to meet each other, go over conference information and updates, as well as complete the professional development tie-breaker exam. This meeting is mandatory for all conference participants and is the only opportunity for competitors to complete their tie breaker exam.

The tie breaker exam will be used in the event of a tie. This will be a written test based on the SkillsUSA Framework and SkillsUSA Career Essentials Foundations Curriculum. Competitors will be required to take the exam and the scores will be added to their total overall score within their respective contests.
Contest Orientation Meetings

Various Times and Locations - See Conference App

This is a critical meeting for technical committee chairs provide specific contest instructions and many times administer the written and oral tests at this meeting. Contestants must report to the mandatory contest orientation meeting, as scheduled in the conference program, for instructions from the technical committee chairs.

Note: Contestants must wear their official contest clothing to the contest orientation meeting.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO

Various Locations, Kentucky Exposition Center - See Conference App

SkillsUSA TECHSPO is held in the midst of the SkillsUSA Championships. TECHSPO, short for technical exposition, is the largest trade show in America for technical education. Exhibitors and visitors include key decision-makers in career and technical education and leaders from business and industry. SkillsUSA TECHSPO continue through

Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m. | Freedom Hall, Kentucky Exposition Center

Get caught up in the excitement of the competition that’s about to unfold as 6,000 of our countries top trade skills competitors vie to be named the best in their trade. Opening Ceremony is a high-energy celebration of the competitors, partners and stakeholders who make this week possible. State delegations have assigned seating during the Opening and Awards ceremonies, see the Conference App for a Seating Chart.

Note: No tote bags or backpacks are allowed. Tickets are not sold for the Opening Ceremony. All attendees must be registered for conference to attend the Opening Ceremony, name badges are required to be admitted.
**Wednesday & Thursday, June 25 & 26, 2019**

**SkillsUSA Championships**

*Various Times and Locations - See Conference App*

The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels.

Through an investment from business and industry partners of approximately $36 million, the event occupies a space equivalent to 20 football fields. In 2018, there were more than 6,500 contestants in 103 separate events. Nearly 2,000 judges and contest organizers from labor and management make the national event possible.

The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers’ needs.

**Delegate Sessions**

*Various Times and Locations - See Conference App*

SkillsUSA is a student run organization, whereby student members are charged with the responsibility of governing the affairs associated with the student constitutions. States are entitled to student voting delegates commensurate with their membership to represent the views of their state association within the structure of the National House of Delegates.

National House of Delegate sessions are conducted in a business meeting setting. There are three houses of voting delegates: college/postsecondary, high school and middle school. Over 650 young adults, who are geographically diverse and hold various leadership roles within their SkillsUSA chapters, come together to conduct the business of SkillsUSA.

**Champions Night at Louisville Bats**

*6:30 p.m. (Wednesday) | Louisville Bats, Slugger Stadium*

This year’s Champions Night will be a baseball game between the Louisville Bats and the Toledo Mud Hens. First pitch is at 7 p.m., but there will be several pregame activities that are devoted to SkillsUSA beginning at 6:30 p.m. The ticket is included with registration and will provide the following: admission to game, free baseball hat and $5 loaded value on the ticket good for any of the concession stands inside the stadium. Continuing a new tradition for Champions Night, recognition of our President’s Volunteer Service Award honorees will be included.
**Advisors Continental Breakfast & Call to Action Session**

*7:45 a.m. (Thursday) | KEC - South Wing AB - B101*

All instructors are invited to the Call to Action session in KEC South Wing AB. It begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by presentations at 8:30 a.m. Meet executive director, Tim Lawrence and learn how the organization is embracing the theme, “SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Career Ready Starts Here”.

SkillsUSA is a vital solution to our nation’s economic and workforce challenges. SkillsUSA has always let the way in developing employability skills in students are we are excited to continue providing instructors all they need to ensure their students are career-ready.

**SkillsUSA University**

*Various Times and Locations - See Conference App*

SkillsUSA University offers free workshops for instructors and students during the national conference at Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC). Learn about industry trends, careers, resources and more!

SkillsUSA University is an opportunity for students and educators to attend educational sessions scheduled throughout the national conference. Sessions may include professional development, legislative updates, occupational and technical career trends, and program overviews. Students can learn new skills or find out what business and industry are looking for in new employees. Teachers can stay updated on new trends, equipment, software, employment trends and other aspects of their training field.

**SkillsUSA Night at Kentucky Kingdom**

*6:00 p.m. (Thursday) | Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay*

Celebrate you week of hardwork by having a night of fun at Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay. The park has more than 70 rides and attractions, including a huge water park with two wave pools, two rivers, and lots of water slides; five world-class roller coasters; lots of thrill rides; many classic favorites like the Giant Wheel; and a large selection of children’s rides.

Show off your state pride by wearing your state delegation t-shirt.
Friday, June 27, 2019

Meet The Employer

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | KEC - East Hall

Dozens of SkillsUSA partners, including some of the nation’s largest employers like 3M, IAA – Insurance Auto Auctions, Magna International, Nissan Motor Corp. in USA, and more, are ready to showcase their companies and talk to you about career paths, employment opportunities, internships and apprenticeships.

A month’s worth of interviews in a single day - bring plenty of resumes. No appointment needed!

Awards Session

5:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 3:30 p.m.) | Louisville Bats, Slugger Stadium

SkillsUSA’s National Leadership and Skills Conference reaches its peak of excitement at the Awards Ceremony. Seating begins at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony will start at 5:00 p.m. Plan to arrive at least 45 minutes in advance. Concession stands at Freedom Hall will be open from 3:30 p.m. to adjournment of the session. No tote bags or backpacks permitted.

SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony pass sales are changing. The new procedure will be through the SkillsUSA website, and sales will begin June 3. The advance purchase will be $10 each, plus a service fee. A credit card is required for online purchase. Buyers will be required to either download the admission ticket, which contains a barcode, onto their smartphones, or print out a paper copy of the ticket(s) to be admitted to Friday evening’s awards at Freedom Hall. No on-site ticket sales will be available. The number of tickets for sale is limited due to seating availability at Freedom Hall. Buy early; once all seats are sold, ticket sales will cease. There will be parking fees at the entrance of the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC).

State Awards Celebration

8:00 p.m. | Louisville Marriott East

Immediately following the conclusion of the Award Ceremony and bus back to the hotel, we will host our State Awards Celebration. A light meal will be served and we will close the week together. Together we will also recognize and congratulate students who earned special recognition during conference as well as celebrate all of our Champions at Work!
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- $12
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Pre-order Pick-up will take place Monday at the State Delegation Meeting. Payment will be due and processed at pick-up.
SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of our nation’s future skilled workforce through the development of Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

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