STATE LEADERSHIP & SKILLS CONFERENCE

APRIL 5-MAY 1, 2021 | LOCAL CHAPTER DELIVERY

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REGISTRATION TIMELINE

March 1
State Qualifying Events Results Released

March 12
State Leadership & Skills Conference Registration Deadline
Chapter Excellence Program Application Deadline

March 19
Advisor of the Year Application Deadline

MORE INFO & QUESTIONS

MORE INFORMATION
For more information on the State Leadership and Skills Conference, visit SkillsUSAIlinois.org/SLSC.

EVENT & CONTEST QUESTIONS
For questions regarding State Leadership and Skills Conference or the State Championships, contact the SkillsUSA Illinois State Office at:
(e) membership@skillsusaillinois.org
(p) 833.754.5545

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS
For questions regarding SkillsUSA Register, contact the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team. Operators are on call from Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT and Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT.
(p) 844.875.4557
(e) customercare@skillsusa.org
The SkillsUSA Framework serves as the foundation in which all SkillsUSA’s educational programs, resources and products are sourced. The Framework communicates SkillsUSA’s definition of the career-ready individual.

Within the Framework, 17 Essential Elements are divided among the Framework’s three components: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, and Technical Skills grounded in academics. The Framework was created because the organization realizes the need for students - future employees - to be able to intentionally develop and communicate abilities with respect to employability skills.

The Framework Essential Elements were developed using research from over 1000 employers. The Essentials Elements represent the employer’s needed skills for a successful hire. The Framework is essential to SkillsUSA’s mission because it serves as the blueprint for career readiness – our ultimate goal as an organization. The Essential Elements are in-demand employability skills as defined by industry and serve as the benchmark for measuring student success.

These essential elements will be realized during pre-work, on site at conference as well as post-conference through programming that includes SkillsUSA Championships contests, training experiences, as well as conference special events.

SLSC will celebrate SkillsUSA Framework skill development though honoring Chapters of Excellence as well as students who have earned SkillsUSA Career Essentials credentials.

Displaying these skill sets allow students to showcase technical skills, connect students to employers, as well as develop employability skills that are validated by our business partners.

The language around the SkillsUSA Framework allows members to articulate to employers how they have grown from SkillsUSA and how their time in SkillsUSA can benefit employers.
LOCAL COMPETITION DELIVERY

MATERIALS LISTS RELEASED
March 22 | Illinois Championships Website
SkillsUSA Illinois will supply all consumable materials, like a typical conference, and ordering, pick-up/delivery will be coordinated with the state office. It is the responsibility of the local advisor to ensure materials are secured for members to be able to complete their competitions.

CHAMPIONSHIPS KICK-OFF EVENT
April 5 | Level Up Platform
The SkillsUSA Illinois Championships will kick off on April 5. Members will be able to access competition information beginning at 3:00 p.m., starting with a live event that can be watched then or streamed later.

CHAMPIONSHIPS CAREER COMPETITIONS
April 5-26 | Level Up Platform
SkillsUSA Illinois Championships career competitions will be completed locally. Competition information will be delivered through the Level Up platform. Advisors will receive access credentials on April 5. When enrolled, members should review all competition information carefully. Most submission events must be completed by April 26. Live events will include schedule information.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS
The SkillsUSA Championships technical standards (virtual) are the official competition guidelines. The standards feature all the technical skills and knowledge required, eligibility, and equipment lists.

SkillsUSA professional members receive access to the SkillsUSA Championships technical standards as well as other benefits. Learn more and how to join using this Guide to Professional Membership.

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ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WEBSITE
SkillsUSA Illinois has launched a new website for the State Championships. The site currently has state Contest Guides that outline the contest’s delivery for this year as well as a Live Q&A that will be updated as questions are submitted. Also, this is where competition updates and materials lists will be posted.

Visit the site at championships.skillsusaillinois.org.

COMPETITION PROCTORS
Majority of contests will require a Contest Proctor. This individual should be a non-advisor/program instructor such as an advisor board member or school administrator. This individual’s sole purpose is to ensure contest integrity.

Contest proctors will work with local advisor/program instructors to ensure all safety and health guidelines are followed. The proctor will be responsible for validating that the contestants only record their contest once in their presence. These individuals may also be asked to serve as a timekeeper or ask questions of contestants as part of an interview. All details will be provided in the state contest.

To ensure integrity, the contestant(s), local advisor and the proctor will sign-off on the Integrity Statement provided with the state contest.

AWARDS SESSION
May 1 | Live on Streaming Platforms
Be sure your chapter members join in, as well as their family and friends, on Sat., May 1 at 10 a.m. for our virtual Awards Session. During this event, we will recognize the top Career and Technical Education students in the state by celebrating members’ work around the state, honoring chapter accomplishments and announcing the career competition winners of the SkillsUSA Illinois State Championships. Look for more information coming soon.
This is the official list of SkillsUSA Illinois competitive events for the 2020-2021 year.

All contests and exams will be developed following the SkillsUSA Technical Standards...

**A/V Technology & Communication**

- 3D Animation & Visualization – Teams of 2
- Advertising Design – QE
- Broadcast News Production – Teams of 4
- Creative Photography Display - Illinois*
- Digital Cinema Production – Teams of 2
- Graphic Communications – QE
- Graphic Imaging Sublimation
- Inter. App. & Vid. Game Creation – Teams of 2
- Photography – QE
- Pin Design – MS
- T-Shirt Design
- Television (Video) Production – Teams of 2
- Web Design – Teams of 2

**Architecture & Construction**

- Architectural Drafting – QE
- Cabinetmaking – QE
- Carpentry – QE
- Electrical Construction Wiring – QE
- Heating, Ventilation, A/C & Refrig. – QE
- Masonry – QE
- Plumbing – QE
- Sheet Metal – QE
- TeamWorks – Teams of 4; QE
- Technical Drafting – QE
- Woodworking Display - Illinois** – MS

**Food, Hospitality, & Human Services**

- Building Maintenance, Action Skills
- Commercial Baking – QE
- Cosmetology – QE
- Culinary Arts – QE
- Customer Service
- Early Childhood Education – QE
- Esthetics – QE
- Fashion Design - Illinois* – QE
- Interior Room Design - Illinois* – QE
- Nail Care – QE
- Preschool Interactive Display - Illinois*
- Restaurant Service – QE
- Teaching & Learning Professional Portfolio - Illinois**

**Health Sciences**

- Basic Health Care Skills
- Dental Assisting – QE
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Teams of 4
- Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
- Medical Assisting – QE
- Medical Math
- Medical Terminology
- Nursing Assistant – QE
- Practical Nursing – QE

**Manufacturing**

- Additive Manufacturing – Teams of 2
- Automated Manufacturing Technology – Teams of 3
- CNC Milling Specialist – QE
- CNC Technician – QE
- CNC Turning Specialist – QE
- CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer b – QE
- Major Appliance & Refrig. Technology – QE
- Screen Printing Technology – QE
- Welding – QE
- Welding Fabrication – Teams of 3; QE
- Welding Sculpture

**Public Safety**

- Crime Scene Investigation – Teams of 3
- Criminal Justice – QE
- Emergency Medical Technician – Team of 2; QE
- Firefighting – QE
- First Aid & CPR – QE

This list is subject to change.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership and Skills Conference is the pinnacle event for the students of SkillsUSA Illinois and the greatest showcase of Career and Technical Education in the state.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION
The 56th annual SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership & Skills Conference will be held April 5 — May 1, 2021 through local delivery at chapters around the state. Visit championships.SkillsUSAIllinois.org to learn more.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST
Advisors, please use the Registration Checklist on page 6 to complete registration for SLSC 2021.

REGISTRATION OVERVIEW
SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership & Skills Conference registration must be completed using the SkillsUSA Register (register.skillsusa.org) by Friday, March 12, 2021.

- CEP Chapter¹ — Championships Contestant...$75
- Championships Contestant...$80
- Advisors and Observers²...$0

Each chapter must register at least one professional member to serve as the chapter advisor.

¹Chapters that achieve level one of the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program receive a $5 registration discount per paid contestant member registered. Learn more about the Chapter Excellence Program at SkillsUSAIllinois.org/CEP.

²Student (non-competing) and professional (advisors/teachers) members can attend the conference programming at no charge; however, these members must be registered for the event to be enrolled within the virtual delivery platforms. All student members, SkillsUSA advisors, and adult chaperones attending this conference must be registered as well as be members of SkillsUSA. The competitor membership deadline has passed, professional membership can still be completed through the SkillsUSA Register (register.skillsusa.org).

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Conferences invoices will be sent by March 19, 2021. Payment must be made by school or bank check made out to SkillsUSA Illinois, Inc. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Payment may also be made credit card by invoice via email request to membership@skillsusaillinois.org. All checks should be mailed to:

SkillsUSA Illinois, Inc.
P.O. Box 1029
Pekin, Illinois 61555-1029
REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

This registration checklist walks through the steps needed to successfully complete registration for the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership and Skills Conference.

BY MARCH 12 – SLSC REGISTRATION & CHAPTER EXCELLENCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

_____ 1. Registered all members for SkillsUSA Illinois SLSC using the SkillsUSA Register (register.skillsusa.org).

_____ 2. Submit Chapter Excellence Program applications. Learn more at SkillsUSAIllinois.org/CEP.

BY MARCH 19 – SLSC PAPERWORK & ADVISOR OF THE YEAR DEADLINE

_____ 3. Submit Advisor of the Year applications. Learn more at SkillsUSAIllinois.org/AoY.

_____ 4. Submit the Action Skills letter(s), if applicable. For students participating in national contests of Action Skills and Building Maintenance or state only contests of Basic Woodworking Skills, Case Studies, Food & Beverage Service, and Full Service Auto, submit letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating that the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, is required for participation. State associations having restrictions on the release of this information may submit a letter on school letterhead of eligibility, which simply states: “I certify that (student name) meets the eligibility requirements for the SkillsUSA Championships Action Skills contest. Signed, (school official).” The eligibility letter is to be presented to the contest chair at the contestant orientation meeting.

Carpentry/TeamWorks Contests Proof of Training Certification Forms have been eliminated. TeamWorks competitors will need to present OSHA Certification card prior to competition.

_____ 5. Requested/sent payment to SkillsUSA Illinois, Inc. P.O. Box 1029, Pekin, IL 61555.

CONTINUOUSLY

_____ Instructed students to check Illinois Championships website of SkillsUSA Illinois website for updates.

_____ Read email updates from SkillsUSA Illinois and reached out for assistance or with questions.

TEAM COMPETITIONS AND ALTERNATES

Team Contest forms have been eliminated, please ensure all students are registered for the correct team in the registration site. If registering an alternate only, please make sure they are registered as an observer. Students can only serve as alternate for one team in per contest. The State Office must be notified about the use of an alternate by Monday, April 5, 2021 at Noon.
CONFERENCE REFUND POLICY

We look forward to having you with us during one of our Regional Meetings, Fall Leadership Conferences, State Workshops, Written Qualifying Exams, Illinois State Leadership Conference and SkillsUSA Championships and/or the National Leadership Conference and SkillsUSA Championships. Following are the Refund rules for Registration.

STATE EVENT REFUND POLICY
(Fall Leadership (L.E.A.D.) Conference, State Leadership and Skills Conference, and State Qualifying Events)

Registration: All registration must be sent through the Executive Director or his/her designee. All required forms and fees must be completed and submitted to the State Association no later than the due date.  

Registration Cancellation: No refunds will be given for cancellations after the deadline date. Those who cancel before the deadline date will receive a refund for the amount submitted minus a $10 handling fee.

Late Registration Fee: Late registration fee of $5, per registrant, will be applied to all registrations received past the registration date. The Executive Director or their designee must approve all late registrants.

Late Payment: If payment is not received, prior to the start of the event, contestants may be disqualified from the event. No school will be allowed to register for any other events with a balance from the last event they attended.

Room and Travel: The same rules in effect for Registration will apply to any cancellation for room or travel expenses sent through the SkillsUSA Illinois State Office.

Lost Name Badges: A fee will be required to replace any lost name badge during a Conference. The person who lost the badge must make the request in person and must have identification.

NOTE: The above rules apply to all advisors, student members, and any others who make their arrangements through SkillsUSA Illinois. The Executive Director can recommend exceptions to the above policy, for extreme cases. If a local Chapter disagrees with the Policy, an appeal may be made in writing to the Board of Directors for their consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.