

# Regional Advisor Meetings

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## Section 1: General Information

### When is the membership deadline?

The membership deadline to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships (career competitions) is Feb. 18, 2021.

### Who do I contact with questions?

Membership, programs, career competitions and conferences:  
SkillsUSA Illinois State Office  
[membership@skillsusaillinois.org](mailto:membership@skillsusaillinois.org) | 833.754.5545  
Registration site, membership kits, CEP/PoW coaching:  
SkillsUSA Customer Care  
[customercare@skillsusa.org](mailto:customercare@skillsusa.org) | 844.875.4557

### To get discounted pricing for SLSC, when must the CEP application be submitted?

Chapter Excellence Program applications for level 1 and 2, must be submitted in SkillsUSA Register ([register.skillsusa.org](https://register.skillsusa.org)) by March 6, and no extensions can be offered. We highly recommended submitted prior to the deadline date.

## Section 2: Framework Integration Toolkit

### How do I access these great resources?

The Framework Integration Toolkit is provided as a benefit of professional membership. On membership is submitted through SkillsUSA Register ([register.skillsusa.org](https://register.skillsusa.org)), advisors will receive an invite to join SkillsUSA Absorb ([absorb.skillsusa.org](https://absorb.skillsusa.org)). Learn more about accessing, [click here](#).

## Section 3: Program of Work (PoW) Toolkit

### Where do I start when trying to implement the SkillsUSA Program of Work (PoW)?

[Check out this video](#), it gives an overview and is great starting point.

### Did the SkillsUSA (PoW) change?

Yes, the SkillsUSA PoW did change in 2020. When a chapter provides rich experiences in each category of the PoW, it empowers students to become career ready. The six PoW categories define the areas of focus for a well-run chapter. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### How can I tell stakeholders about the SkillsUSA (PoW)?

There are great resources (posters, videos, artwork) available on the national Program of Work page. [Click here to learn more.](#) This includes an overview video for each stakeholder group: [students](#), [teachers/school administrators](#), and [parents/community members](#).

## Section 4: Championships Toolkit

### Do the technical standards change every year?

Yes! Please make sure the most up to date technical standards are downloaded from SkillsUSA Absorb ([absorb.skillsusa.org](https://absorb.skillsusa.org)). These are provided as a benefit of professional membership, to learn more about accessing these benefits, [click here](#).

### Do I have the most up to date technical standards?

Turn to the second page of any standard and look for the year at the bottom of the page. This should be the year members are competing. For this year, it should say "2022."

### Will in-person competitions be part of State Qualifying Events?

Most of our community college partners are not ready to have guests back on their campus yet. We will be offering state qualifying events in February for students locally, online. We are exploring an option to add a more hands on component to this online offering beyond an exam for some career competitions. An example of this would using a program like Electude for Automotive Service Technology. We hope to restart regional competitions in 2023.

## Section 5: Work-based Learning Initiatives

### How do I talk with my local industry about this program?

Checkout our ["Getting to Yes"](#) sheet. This outlines the ten most common questions of industry professionals about getting started with the Registered Apprenticeship Program.

## Section 6: State Officer Development Program

### Do advisors have to travel with their state officers?

SkillsUSA Illinois does not require advisors to travel with their state offices. It is up to the local chapter (school) to decide if this is necessary. SkillsUSA Illinois does not provide transportation. Students are covered under SkillsUSA Illinois insurance at events.

### What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be submitted two weeks (14 days) prior to the first day of SLSC or *L.E.A.D.*

## Section 7: State Leadership & Skills Conference

### Do advisors need to make hotel reservations with the hotels?

No! The SkillsUSA Illinois State Office will coordinate and book hotels this year. Amanda Rearden ([arearden@skillsusaillinois.org](mailto:arearden@skillsusaillinois.org)) will be the point of contact for hotel needs. Additional information on hotels will be released in the SLSC registration guide in Feb. 2022.

### Why is there tiered pricing?

Members gain the greatest benefit of SkillsUSA is through intentionally integrated the SkillsUSA Framework into chapter activities. To incentivize this effort, SkillsUSA Illinois will offer discounted prices based on the CEP level achieved by the chapter.

### When will career competition updates be available?

SkillsUSA Illinois will continuously be releasing updates on the competition pages on the SkillsUSA Illinois website. Final updates will be posted online by Monday, Apr. 11, 2022.

## Section 8: National Leadership & Skills Conference

### Why shouldn't we drive to Atlanta?

Parking is very limited in the conference district of Atlanta. Standard vehicle parking is valet only at \$50-\$75 a day. Larger vehicle/ bus parking will be off-site at a higher rate. Majority of the conference and convention district is walkable with our hotel being an 8-minute walk from the GWCC.

### When will career competition updates be available?

Updates for national career competitions will be posted continuously at [skillsusa.org/updates](https://skillsusa.org/updates).