

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

ILLINOIS' ELITE CAREER COMPETITIONS



Join Us on the Road to Readiness!

SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades, and our mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. The SkillsUSA Framework is essential to our mission because it serves as the blueprint for career readiness and a benchmark for measuring student success — our ultimate goal as an organization.



SkillsUSA Illinois focuses on developing the career-ready individuals through authentic work-based learning, by connecting our educational institutions with our network of business and industry partners. From industry developed standards, employability skill development, pre-apprenticeship experiences, DOL Registered Apprenticeships to flagship career competitions, SkillsUSA Illinois has the resources to prepare the next generation of the workforce.

The Championships: Illinois' Elite Career Competitions is the pinnacle event for the members of SkillsUSA Illinois and the greatest showcase of Career and Technical Education in the state. More than 5,000 individuals — including students, teachers, and business partners — participate in the multi-day workforce development event. The event plays host to over 140 career competitions, student and professional member development experiences focused on career readiness, as well as displays of career preparedness mastery. The red jackets come out on Saturday as the conference ends with an "Olympic Style" Awards Session. It is truly a sight to behold as students stand tall and proud of their accomplishment and prepare to represent Illinois on the national stage this June.

Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

CONDENSED AGENDA

Wednesday, April 24

All day: Career Competitions Move-in

Thursday, April 25

7 a.m.: Diesel Equipment Technology and Heavy Equipment Operator begin

8 a.m.: TeamWorks Career Competitions begin

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Open to the public*

12 noon: Welding Fabrication Career Competition begin

1:30 p.m.: Chapter Registration

2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Skills Fest

3 p.m.: Health Knowledge Bowl Career Competition begins

4 p.m.: Technical Chair/Special Guest Check-in

6:30 p.m.: Doors open for Opening Session

7 p.m.: Opening Session begins

Following: Career Competition Orientations



Event Highlights



Recognition Events

The Championships 2024 culminates SkillsUSA Illinois chapters year of work by celebrating members development of personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics. Members will be recognized for throughout the event including two high-energy, motivational general sessions. Thursday's Opening Session recognizes members work from throughout the year including our Chapter Excellence Program awardees, Advisor of the Year candidates, and other member development programs. Saturday's Award Session concludes conference with what our members have focused and prepared for — the announcement of The Championships 2024 Career Competition Medalists!

Champions Night at Dozer Park

Friday evening of The Championships members are invited to celebrate their accomplishments of the day and year of hand work leading up to it. This year's event will be a Peoria Chiefs game at Dozer Park, named for the famous Caterpillar bulldozer machines. The Chiefs are a Class A Affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Members will be able to come together and grow their community network with individuals from across Illinois. The Chiefs will take on the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. This event will also celebrate our state's Chapters of Distinction.

Friday, April 26

All day: The Championships 2024: Illinois' Elite Career Competitions

7 a.m.: Exhibitor Registration and setup

7:30 a.m.: Special Guest Check-in

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Open to the public*

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: SkillsUSA Illinois TECHSPO*

9 a.m.: Special Guests Tours begin

7 p.m.: Champions Night at Dozer Park ^

Saturday, April 27

8 a.m.: Special Guest Check-in

8 a.m.: Doors open for Awards Session

8:30 a.m.: Awards Session begins ^

Skills Fest: Champion's Welcome

SkillsUSA Illinois is excited to offer a new member experience, Skills Fest! Kicking off The Championships' Thursday afternoon, Skills Fest is a street festival with food trucks, live entertainment, job demonstrations, activities, and more. This event will provide an opportunity for chapters to have access to an activity upon their arrival to Peoria as well as several different dinner meal options Thursday evening. This high-energy event will engage and motivate members as attendees will move into the Opening General Session, the official start of The Championships 2024.

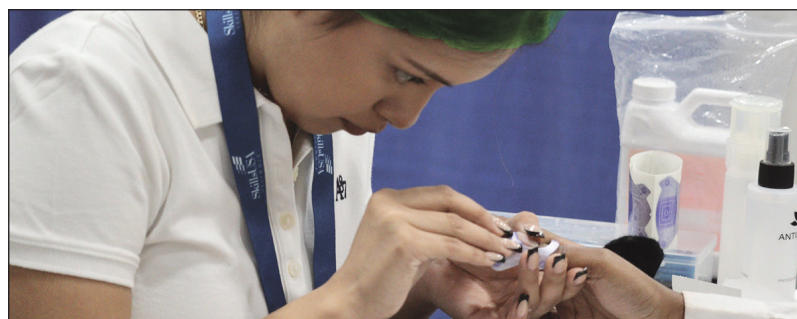
SkillsUSA Illinois TECHSPO

The SkillsUSA Illinois TECHSPO showcases the latest technology and its application by our future workforce, teachers, and experts. Over 200 exhibitors at SkillsUSA Illinois TECHSPO are placed alongside career competitions that are shaping and celebrating our state's future workforce. Across four exhibition halls, interactive experiences inspire participants while industry connections are forged to enhance classrooms and develop the country's talent pipeline.

* indicates event open to the public at no cost.

^ indicates event open to the public with pass or ticket purchase.

All other events are closed to the public and full conference registration is required to attend.



Career Competition Overview

The SkillsUSA Illinois Championships program assesses and recognizes career and technical education students. These career competitions engage members by testing their skills against standards for entry-level workers in the skilled trades through authentic skill demonstrations. The SkillsUSA Technical Standards are considered the “rule book” of the competitions and outlines the competencies assessed. The competitions simulate the skills needed to be an entry level professional in the field.

The SkillsUSA Championships program connects the work done by students at the local level to the national level. Members must have proven competency at the local and then regional level to advance to the State Championships. At the state competition, student members’ career readiness is evaluated by expert representatives of business, industry and organized labor. The gold medalist of each competition advances on to represent Illinois in the SkillsUSA Championships at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held each June in Atlanta, Georgia.

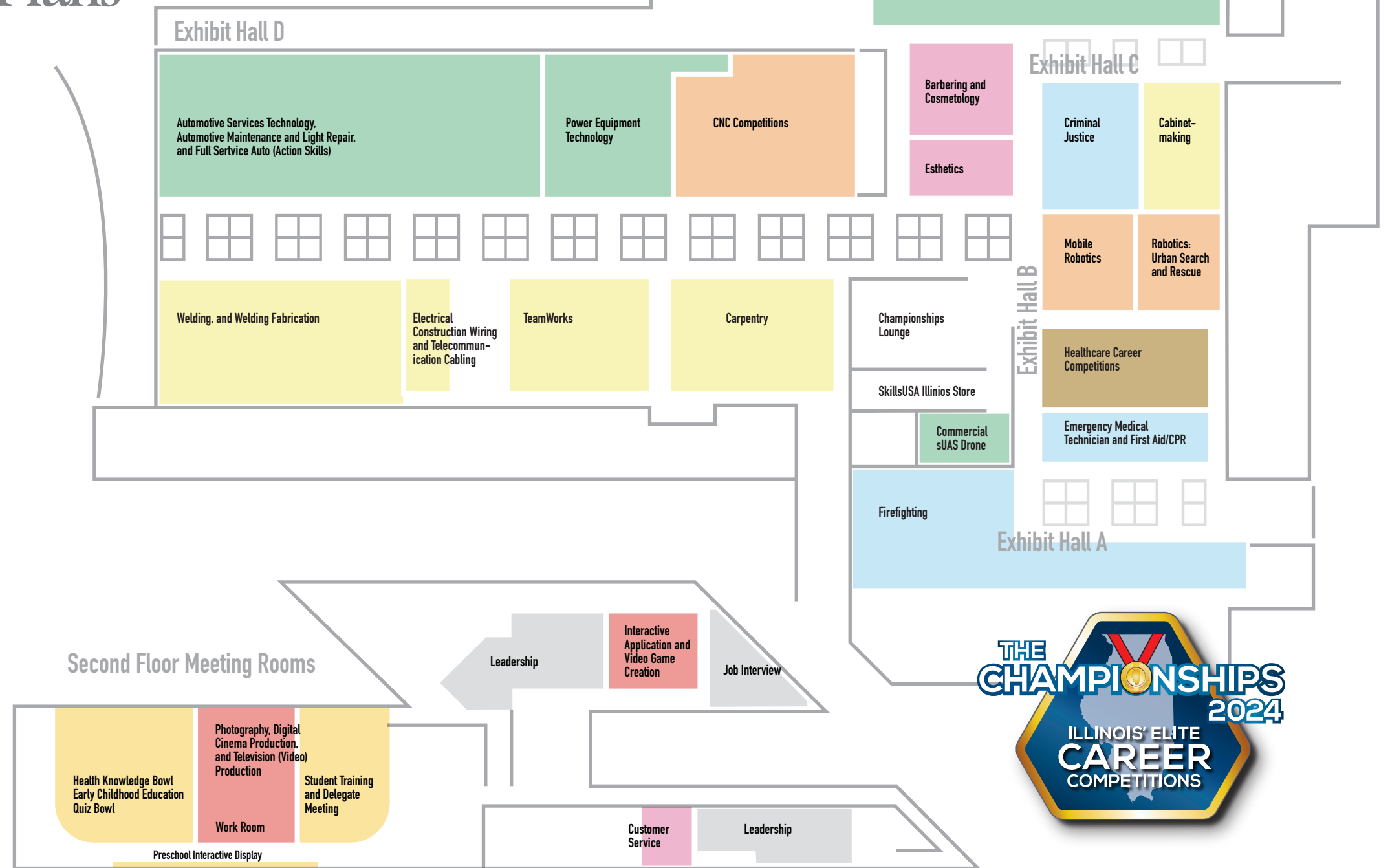
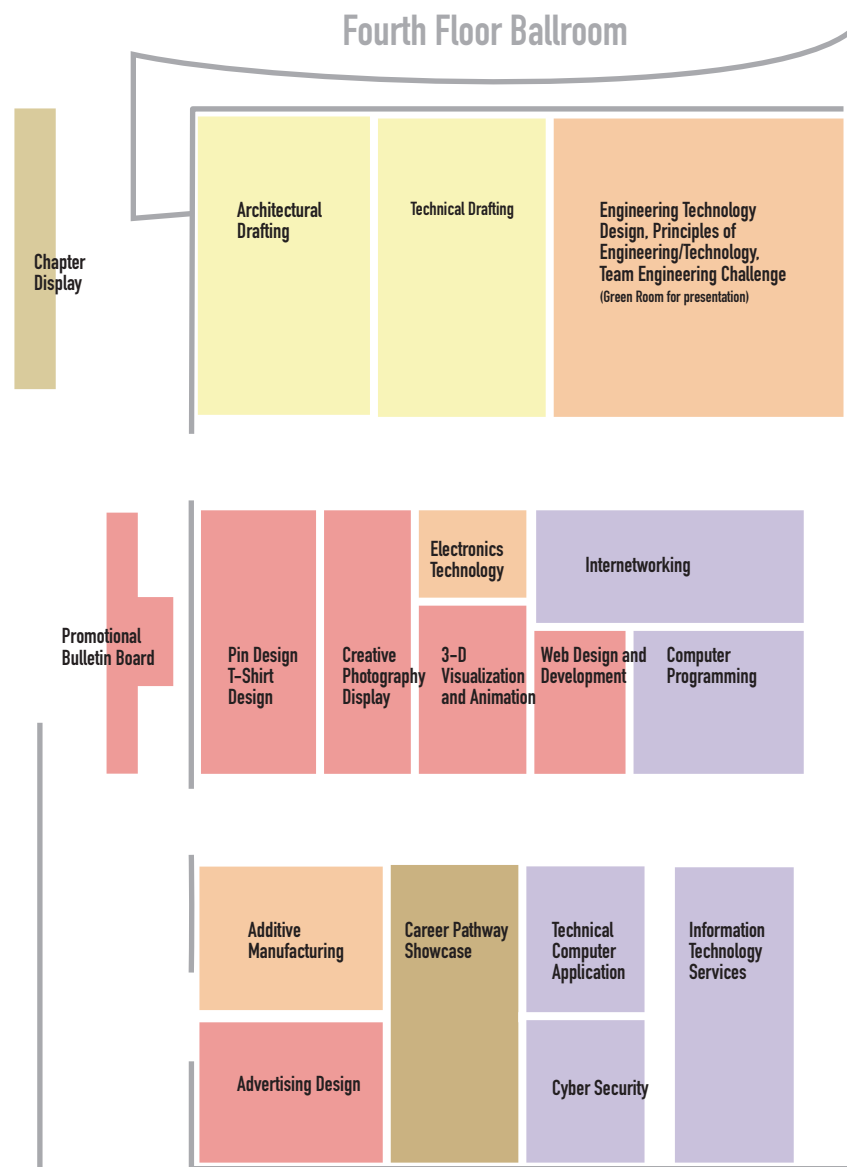
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Career Competition Clusters

- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology and Communications/Marketing
- Education and Training
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality and Tourism/ Human Services
- Information Tech./Finance/ Business Mgmt. and Admin.
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Leadership
- Manufacturing/STEM
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Career Competition Floor Plans

These Floor Plans are subject to change.



Competitions List

This is the official list of SkillsUSA Illinois career competitions for 2024. All career competitions follow the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

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**APRIL
25-27
PEORIA
ILLINOIS**

Legend

QE QUALIFYING EVENT
Requires qualifying event to advance.

MS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Contest open to middle school members.

D DEMONSTRATION
Trial contest, standards on [skillsusa.org](https://www.skillsusa.org).

Illinois* STATE ONLY
Non-national level contest.

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ILLINOIS' ELITE CAREER COMPETITIONS

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

- Architectural Drafting **QE**
- Building Maintenance, Action Skills
- Cabinetmaking **QE**
- Carpentry **QE**
- Electrical Construction Wiring **QE**
- Heating, Ventilation, A/C and Refrigeration **QE**
- Industrial Motor Control **QE**
- Masonry **QE**
- Plumbing **QE**
- Residential Commercial and Appliance Tech. **QE**
- Sheet Metal **QE**
- TeamWorks **QE** [TEAMS OF 4]
- Technical Drafting **QE**
- Woodworking Display – Illinois* **MS**

ARTS, A/V TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING

- 3-D Animation and Visualization [TEAMS OF 2]
- Advertising Design **QE**
- Audio/Radio Production [TEAMS OF 2]
- Broadcast News Production [TEAMS OF 4]
- Career Pathways Showcase:*
Arts, A/V Technology and Communications [TEAMS OF 3]
- Creative Photography Display – Illinois*
- Digital Cinema Production [TEAMS OF 2]
- Fashion Design – Illinois* **QE**
- Graphic Communications **QE**
- Graphic Imaging Sublimation
- Interactive App. and Video Game Creation [TEAMS OF 2]
- Interior Room Design – Illinois* **QE**
- Photography **QE**
- Pin Design **MS**
- Screen Printing Technology **QE**
- T-Shirt Design
- Television (Video) Production [TEAMS OF 2]
- Web Design and Development [TEAMS OF 2]

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Early Childhood Education **QE**
- Preschool Interactive Display – Illinois* [TEAMS OF 2]
- Teaching and Learning
- Professional Portfolio – Illinois* **D**

HEALTH SCIENCES

- Basic Health Care Skills
- Career Pathways Showcase:*
Health Services [TEAMS OF 3]
- Dental Assisting **QE**
- Health Knowledge Bowl [TEAMS OF 4]
- Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
- Medical Assisting **QE**
- Medical Math
- Medical Terminology
- Nurse Assisting **QE**
- Practical Nursing **QE**

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM/HUMAN SERVICES

- Barbering **QE**
- Career Pathways Showcase:*
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources [TEAMS OF 3]
- Career Pathways Showcase:*
Human Services [TEAMS OF 3]
- Commercial Baking **QE**
- Cosmetology **QE**
- Culinary Arts **QE**
- Customer Service
- Esthetics **QE**
- Nail Care **QE**
- Restaurant Service **QE**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

- Career Pathways Showcase:* Business, Management and Technology [TEAMS OF 3]
- Computer Programming **QE**
- Cyber Security **D** [TEAMS OF 2]
- Entrepreneurship [TEAMS OF 4]
- Information Technology Services **QE**
- Internet of Things Smart Home **QE**
- Internetworking **QE**
- Technical Computer Applications **QE**
- Telecommunication Cabling **QE**

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY

- Crime Scene Investigation [TEAMS OF 3]
- Criminal Justice **QE**
- Emergency Medical Technician **D QE** [TEAMS OF 2]
- First Aid/CPR **QE**
- Firefighting **QE**

LEADERSHIP

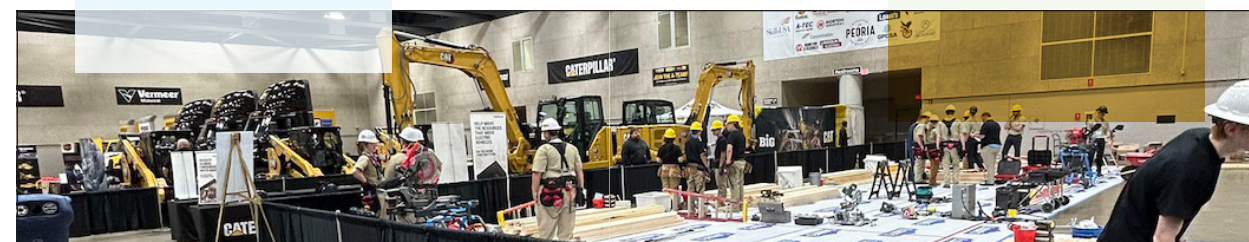
- Action Skills **MS**
- American Spirit [TEAMS OF 3]
- Chapter Business Procedure [TEAMS OF 6]
- Chapter Display [TEAMS OF 3]
- Community Action Project, Action Skills [TEAMS OF 2]
- Community Service [TEAMS OF 3]
- Employment Application Process, Action Skills
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Job Interview **QE**
- Job Skill Demonstration A **MS**
- Job Skill Demonstration OPEN **MS**
- Occupational Health and Safety: Multiple [TEAMS OF 3]
- Occupational Health and Safety: Single [TEAMS OF 3]
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies **MS** [TEAMS OF 7]
- Outstanding Chapter **MS** [TEAMS OF 3]
- Prepared Speech
- Promotional Bulletin Board [TEAMS OF 3]
- Quiz Bowl – [TEAMS OF 5, optional 2 alternates]

MANUFACTURING/STEM

- Additive Manufacturing [TEAMS OF 2]
- Automated Manufacturing Technology [TEAMS OF 3]
- Career Pathways Showcase:*
Industrial and Engineering Technology [TEAMS OF 3]
- CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer **D QE**
- CNC Milling Specialist **QE**
- CNC Technician **QE**
- CNC Turning Specialist **QE**
- Electronics Technology **QE**
- Engineering Technology Design **QE** [TEAMS OF 3]
- Mechatronics [TEAMS OF 2]
- Mobile Electronics Installation
- Mobile Robotics Technology **MS** [TEAMS OF 2]
- Principles of Engineering Technology
- Related Technical Math
- Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue **MS** [TEAMS OF 2]
- Team Engineering Challenge **MS only** [TEAMS OF 3]
- Technical Spelling – Illinois*
- Welding **QE**
- Welding Fabrication **QE** [TEAMS OF 3]
- Welding Sculpture

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS

- Automotive Refinishing Technology **QE**
- Automotive Service Technology **QE**
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Collision Damage Appraisal **QE**
- Collision Repair Technology **QE**
- Commercial sUAS Drone **D** [TEAMS OF 2]
- Diesel Equipment Technology **QE**
- Full Service Auto, Action Skills – Illinois*
- Maintenance and Light Repair, Automobile **QE**
- Marine Service Technology **QE**
- Motorcycle Service Technology **QE**
- Power Equipment Technology **QE**





Why Should You Be Part of This Transformative Experience?

The Championships inspire students to take pride in their work, presenting a unique opportunity for prospective employers to witness the dedication and motivation of potential employees in action. At the heart of this multi-day event is the indispensable involvement of industry and technical experts who generously contribute their time to shape the competitions.

IGNITE CHANGE: SPONSOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Embark on a journey towards a more empowered tomorrow by aligning your brand with The Championships, Illinois' Elite Career Competitions presented by SkillsUSA Illinois. This dynamic event, the state's largest workforce development showcase, serves as a beacon of recognition for outstanding career and technical education students. Beyond merely displaying skills, it celebrates employability skill development — the core aspect of SkillsUSA.

ELEVATE YOUR BRAND AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a sponsor, you play a pivotal role in engaging with our diverse audience actively immersed in the workforce and educational community. Your brand will take center stage, enjoying maximum visibility and recognition throughout the event. Whether through booth space, sponsored sessions, or exclusive events, you'll connect with key decision-makers, potential clients, and future employees.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For details on these impactful sponsorships, ways to engage, and additional opportunities, reach out to us at info@skillsusaillinois.org. Seize this chance to position your brand as a leader in the industry, gain exposure, connect with key stakeholders, and leave a lasting impact on the future workforce.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Sponsorship:

- Support the mission of SkillsUSA Illinois with an overall sponsorship of The Championships.
- Recognition includes logo placement on general conference signage and participant t-shirts.

Cluster Sponsorship:

- Align your brand with specific industries by sponsoring career competitions grouped into clusters.
- Enjoy logo placement on signage at each competition and branding on social media.

Recognition Event Sponsorship:

- Celebrate member achievements at events like Skills Fest and Champions Night at Dozer Park.
- Benefit from logo placement on event signage and branding across social media.

The "Red Jacket" Sponsorship:

- Empower local chapter members to attend The Championships through scholarship opportunities.
- Gain visibility through logo placement on scholarship materials and branding on social media.

Don't miss out on the chance to be a catalyst for change — sponsor The Championships and shape a brighter future today!

FUTURE DATES
(All in Peoria)

2025
APRIL 24-26

2026
APRIL 23-25

2027
APRIL 22-24

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