



SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Merit Scholarship

The SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Association is offering two annual merit-based \$500 scholarships to qualifying students. The \$500 scholarships will recognize the unique qualities of SkillsUSA students including leadership, commitment to community service, improving the image of career and technical education, and improving the image of his/her chosen occupation.

The scholarship winners will be announced during the annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City in June.

The competition is open to all current SkillsUSA members who will be attending a college/postsecondary school in 2008-2009.

Scholarship applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

- Leadership within SkillsUSA at the local, state or national level
- Commitment to service to his or her community
- Contributions to improving the image of his or her chosen occupation and career and technical education.
- Answers to the three essay questions
- The nominee's progress through the *Professional Development Program (PDP)*

A Judging Committee will review the nominations and select the national winners. An award check will be made payable directly to the college/postsecondary school upon receipt of a copy of the student's tuition invoice for the 2008-2009 year.

Candidates can nominate themselves. All applications must include two letters of recommendation from any of the following individuals: instructors; SkillsUSA advisors; or State Association Director. Applications must be postmarked by ***May 15, 2008***.

If you have questions, please contact Katie Mooney at 703-737-0639 or kmooney@skillsusa.org.



Merit Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number (____) _____

Applicant's E-mail Address _____

Name of Applicant's Current School _____

Applicant's Occupational Training Program _____

Name of Applicant's SkillsUSA Advisor or Instructor _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Advisor's Telephone Number (____) _____

Advisor's E-mail Address _____

Is this student a current SkillsUSA member? (membership will be verified) ____ Yes ____ No

What levels of PDP has this student completed? _____

Does this student presently intend to continue his/her education in a college/postsecondary school in the summer or fall of 2008? _____ Yes _____ No

To the SkillsUSA student applicant:

Please attach to this completed form as a separate sheet(s) your typed or word processed answer to each of the following questions. Answer each question separately. Have your SkillsUSA advisor/instructor sign and date the bottom of each sheet.

1. How have you provided leadership to the SkillsUSA organization?
2. In what ways have you promoted your chosen occupational specialty and/or career and technical education?
3. In what way have you enhanced the quality of life for fellow citizens in your community?

I hereby attest that all the information contained in this application form and its attachments is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

SkillsUSA Advisor/Instructor Signature

Date

Please return this completed form and attachments by **May 15, 2008** to: SkillsUSA Alumni Scholarship, Attn: Katie Mooney, SkillsUSA, P.O. Box 3000, Leesburg, VA 20177-0300