



## SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Merit Scholarship

The SkillsUSA Alumni and 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, and advocating for career and technical education.

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 2012-2013.

Scholarship applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

- Essay 1. Leadership within SkillsUSA at the local, state or national level
- Essay 2. Commitment to service to his or her community
- Essay 3. Advocating for career and technical education
- Résumé. One page
- The nominee's progress through the Professional Development Program (PDP) or Career Skills Education Program (CSEP), with verification
- Two letters of recommendation

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 2012-2013 year.

Candidates can nominate themselves. All applications must include the applicant's résumé and two letters of recommendation from any of the following individuals: instructors, SkillsUSA advisors or state association director. Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2012. If you have questions, please contact Niki Clausen at 703-737-0639 or [nclausen@skillsusa.org](mailto:nclausen@skillsusa.org).



## Merit Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Training Program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's SkillsUSA Advisor or Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Current School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

What levels of PDP and/or CSEP has this student completed? (*circle*) 1 2 3 4 5 CSEP  
Attach verification.

Does this student presently intend to continue his/her education in a college/postsecondary school in summer or fall 2012?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

*To the SkillsUSA student applicant:*

Please attach to this completed form as separate sheet(s): a copy of your résumé (one page); two letters of recommendation; and your typed or word-processed answer to each of the following questions. Answer each question separately, up to one page in length for each. Have your SkillsUSA advisor/instructor sign and date the bottom of each sheet.

Essay 1. How have you provided leadership to the SkillsUSA organization at the local, state or national level?

Essay 2. In what way have you enhanced the quality of life for fellow citizens in your community?

Essay 3. In what ways have you advocated for career and technical education and/or your chosen field?

**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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SkillsUSA Advisor/Instructor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please return this completed form and attachments by May 15, 2012 to:*

**SkillsUSA Alumni Scholarship, SkillsUSA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176-5494**