

SkillsUSA is showing everyone how vital career and technical education is to America's future.



# SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

## ANNUAL EVENTS

### SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference June 21-26, 2009 Kansas City, Mo.

Attended by more than 13,000 students, teachers, parents and industry representatives, the national conference and SkillsUSA Championships includes 87 contests, a technical education trade show, seminars, a career fair, delegate sessions and more.

### Officer/Advisor 101/201 June 20-22, 2009 Kansas City, Mo.

This training is for elected officers and their advisors covers duties and responsibilities.

### Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI) Sept. 19-23, 2009 Northern VA

WLTI provides an opportunity for students to learn leadership skills, meet congressional leaders, tour our nation's capital and hear from top industry executives and thought leaders during a town meeting.

For details on these events and other training opportunities, visit our Web site: [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org).

**SkillsUSA is a national student organization** serving students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to help its members become world-class workers and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA complements technical skill training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed 8.5 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators. SkillsUSA is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and state departments of education and is cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the technical curriculum.

### Our Membership

SkillsUSA has approximately 15,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations, and serves more than 300,000 members annually. More than 16,000 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA. Our members are known in their schools and communities as leaders and skilled professionals in training.

### An Applied Method of Learning

SkillsUSA is an applied method of learning where students practice skills and build self-confidence while helping their schools and communities. SkillsUSA provides experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. The program emphasizes high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education and pride. These are qualities employers value and look for when hiring or promoting workers.

### School-based Programs

SkillsUSA offers materials and programs to help students develop as individuals, employees and citizens. **The Professional Development Program (PDP)** teaches 84 workplace skill competencies in a series of hands-on self-paced lessons (textbook or online format). SkillsUSA's award-winning **Student2Student Mentoring** gives high school students a chance to mentor younger students in the area of career development. The **President's Volunteer Service Award** is offered in recognition of sustained service. Recipients receive a lapel pin, certificate or congratulatory letter from the president of the United States. Candidates must document hours served. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation offers **Lowe's School Grants** that support chapter improvement, community service and CareerSafe online safety training. The **Work Force Ready System** program provides assessments for career and technical education that are supported by industry, education and policy leaders. There will be assessments available in 46 technical areas plus a soft skills assessment.

### Our Partners

Nationally, SkillsUSA enjoys support from more than 1,000 corporations, businesses, associations and labor unions. These sponsors support SkillsUSA financially and with in-kind contributions because they believe in our mission. Our Youth Development Foundation is SkillsUSA's philanthropic arm. The foundation seeks to involve representatives of business, industry, organized labor, alumni and others in the active financial and volunteer support of SkillsUSA programs and activities.

### SkillsUSA benefits students by:

- β Teaching teamwork & leadership
- β Reinforcing employability skills
- β Offering a national contest program
- β Providing ways to serve the local community
- β Offering \$1 million in scholarships annually
- β Helping students meet potential employers

### SkillsUSA benefits teachers by:

- β Enhancing the technical curriculum
- β Helping improve class attitudes
- β Giving students a way to test their skills
- β Providing avenues for local industry support
- β Helping showcase training programs
- β Gaining greater administrator support
- β Providing opportunities to network

### SkillsUSA benefits schools by:

- β Showcasing the school to the community
- β Helping instructors meet educational standards
- β Improving the quality of training programs
- β Providing opportunities for recognition
- β Helping to produce more qualified graduates
- β Assisting with recruitment and enrollments

### SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- β Ensuring that programs meet industry needs
- β Providing opportunities for employment
- β Helping to promote specific industries
- β Offering a way to support local programs

### National Program of Work

SkillsUSA activities are learning experiences because they're directed by students. The SkillsUSA program of work includes:

- β Professional development
- β Community service
- β Employment
- β SkillsUSA Championships
- β Public relations
- β Social activities
- β Ways and means
- β Championships

### For more information

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## SkillsUSA Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships brings together industry and labor representatives, educators and the public to watch students compete in leadership and hands-on skill events for a full day. The SkillsUSA Championships begin at the local level with contests in classrooms nationwide. Winners advance through district, regional and state competition, and only the best make it to the national event. Students benefit no matter how they place in their contests. They test their skills, frequently make job contacts, and have a chance for recognition. State and national winners receive gold, silver and bronze medallions, scholarships, tools and other awards. The SkillsUSA Championships event requires more than 685,782 square feet of floor space, with more than 5,000 competitors in 91 different events. Business and industry contributes more than \$32 million in equipment, supplies and personnel to support the SkillsUSA Championships, which is considered the largest single-day commitment of corporate volunteerism in America. Every other year, a select few are chosen to compete on an international level in the World Skills Competition.



### SkillsUSA Championships Events

The official regulations for the following events are published in the *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards*. New contests are added each year.

#### Leadership Development Contests

Action Skills  
American Spirit  
Chapter Business Procedure  
Chapter Display  
Community Service  
Extemporaneous Speaking  
Job Interview  
Job Skill Demonstration A  
Job Skill Demonstration Open  
Occupational Health and Safety  
Opening and Closing Ceremonies  
Outstanding Chapter  
Prepared Speech  
Promotional Bulletin Board  
Quiz Bowl

#### Occupationally Related Contests

Customer Service  
Entrepreneurship  
First Aid/CPR  
Medical Math  
Principles of Technology  
Related Technical Math

#### Skilled and Technical

**Sciences Contests**  
3-D Visualization and Animation  
Advertising Design  
Architectural Drafting  
Audio Production  
Automated Manufacturing Technology  
Automotive Refinishing Technology  
Automotive Service Technology  
Aviation Maintenance Technology  
Basic Health Care Skills (HS only)  
Broadcast News Production  
Building Maintenance  
Cabinetmaking  
Carpentry  
CNC Milling Technology

CNC Turning Technology  
Collision Repair Technology  
Commercial Baking  
Computer Maintenance Technology  
Computer Programming  
Cosmetology  
Crime Scene Investigation  
Criminal Justice  
Culinary Arts  
Dental Assisting  
Diesel Equipment Technology  
Electronics Applications  
Electronics Technology  
Esthetics  
Firefighting  
Food and Beverage Service  
Graphic Communications  
Health Knowledge Bowl  
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio  
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration  
Industrial Motor Control  
Internetworking  
Major Appliance Technology  
Marine Service Technology  
Masonry

Mechanics  
Medical Assisting  
Motorcycle Service Technology  
Nail Care  
Nurse Assisting  
Photography  
Plumbing  
Power Equipment Technology  
Practical Nursing  
Precision Machining Technology  
Preschool Teaching Assistant  
Residential Wiring  
Robotics and Automation Technology  
Screen Printing Technology  
Sheet Metal  
TeamWorks  
Tech Prep Showcase  
Technical Computer Applications  
Technical Drafting  
Telecommunications Cabling  
Television (Video) Production  
Video Product Development  
Web Design  
Welding  
Welding Fabrication



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