SkillsUSA’s 55th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference — including the SkillsUSA Championships, a showcase of career and technical education students — will be held in Louisville, Ky., June 24-28, 2019. More than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, participate in the weeklong event.

The SkillsUSA Championships will be held June 26-27, 2019, at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. More than 6,300 outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners — will compete hands-on in 103 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies set by industry. The championships is a multi-million-dollar event that occupies space equivalent to more than 20 football fields. Leadership contestants will demonstrate skills including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.

In special delegate sessions, hundreds of high-school, middle-school and college/postsecondary student leaders will vote on issues affecting SkillsUSA. Others campaign and will be elected to either high school or college/postsecondary teams of national officers who represent SkillsUSA members nationwide.
Attending the mandatory contest orientation meeting. This meeting is held at the NLSC site in advance of the competition as announced in the conference program. For information on how to register, including changes to contestant registration, substitutes and alternates, refer to the General Regulations section of the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards.

Delegates and National Officer Candidates
As with SkillsUSA Championships competitors, student delegates and national officer candidates must be registered by their state association directors. Delegates are chosen by their state members, and representation is based on state membership figures. Candidates for national office must be endorsed by a majority vote of their state association’s house of delegates or executive council. For details, contact your state association director and visit: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/students/national-officer-selection-process/

How to Qualify for the SkillsUSA Championships
Official rules for each contest are found in the current SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. Before a student is registered for national competition, a thorough review of the General Regulations section of the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is imperative, as well as a review of the individual contest standards.

Any changes or additions to published contest standards are posted by April 15 at the SkillsUSA Championships Updates website at: updates.skillsusa.org. The website also includes contests that are offered as demonstrations and contests that are too new for inclusion in the technical standards.

The following represents an overview of the steps necessary to participate in the SkillsUSA Championships:

- Participants in national contests must be first-place medalists selected on a competitive basis at the state level. If the first-place winner is unable to participate, the alternate must be the next-highest-placing contestant at the state level who is able to participate. All contestants must qualify through state SkillsUSA approved contests. States may be disqualified from participation in a specific contest if they approve contestants who have not competed in a state contest. Participation must be approved by contestants’ state associations. The ability of the contestants to meet the standards of national competition must be considered before they are certified by their state association.

How to Register
Only properly registered participants may enter SkillsUSA Championships contests. Proper registration requires:

- Contact your state SkillsUSA director for details on how to register for the National Leadership and Skills Conference: www.skillsusa.org/about/state-directors/

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- Participants must be active SkillsUSA members in their respective middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary divisions whose dues have been paid and postmarked by midnight, March 1.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Action Skills
American Spirit
Chapter Business Procedure
Chapter Display
Community Action Project
Community Service
Employment Application Process
Extemporaneous Speaking
Job Interview
Job Skill Demonstration A
Job Skill Demonstration Open
Occupational Health and Safety
Opening and Closing Ceremonies
Outstanding Chapter
Pin Design (State Conference)
Prepared Speech
Promotional Bulletin Board
Quiz Bowl
T-shirt Design

OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED
Career Pathways Showcase
Customer Service
Engineering Technology/Design
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR
Health Knowledge Bowl
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Medical Math
Medical Terminology
Principles of Engineering/Technology
Related Technical Math
Team Engineering Challenge

SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES
3D Visualization and Animation
Additive Manufacturing
Advertising Design
Architectural Drafting
Audio/Video Production
Automated Manufacturing Technology
Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair
Automotive Refinishing Technology
Automotive Service Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Barbering
Basic Health Care Skills
Broadcast News Production
Building Maintenance
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
CNC Milling Specialist
CNC Technician
CNC Turning Specialist
Collision Damage Appraisal
Collision Repair Technology
Commercial Baking
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Crime Scene Investigation

OFFICIAL CONTESTS*
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Cyber Security
Dental Assisting
Diesel Equipment Technology
Digital Cinema Technology
Director of Education
Electrical Construction Wiring
Electronics Technology
Esthetics
Firefighting
Graphic Communications
Graphics Imaging – Sublimation
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Industrial Motor Control
Information Technology Services
Interactive Application and Video Game Development
Internetworking
Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
Marine Service Technology
Masonry
Mechatronics
Medical Assisting
Mobile Electronics Installation
Mobile Robotics Technology
Motorcycle Service Technology
Nail Care
Nurse Assisting
Photography
Plumbing
Power Equipment Technology
Practical Nursing
Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance
Restaurant Service
Robotics and Automation Technology
Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue
Screen Printing Technology
Sheet Metal
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production
Web Design
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture

Where to Find the 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards
The 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is the official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships and is newly revised. It contains rules for all national events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility, and equipment lists. It also lists the embedded academic skills in math, English and science. Rules for state and local events may vary from the national guidelines, but most competitive events are modeled after the national technical standards.

As a free member benefit, SkillsUSA professional members receive the 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards when they have submitted a current and accurate email address with their membership details. The 2019 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is available online to professional members as part of the paid membership.

Visit: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx

Clothing
Participants must meet clothing requirements for the individual contests. For specific requirements and details on where to purchase clothing, refer to the SkillsUSA Clothing and Tools app (http://apple.co/2d1il8d or http://bit.ly/2e5fRec), or the individual contest regulations in the latest SkillsUSA Technical Standards, and at the SkillsUSA Championships Updates website: updates.skillsusa.org.

- The penalty for contestants who do not satisfy the dress requirements will be a maximum of 5 percent of the total possible contest points.

- All contestants are required to wear their official contest uniforms or official SkillsUSA attire to the awards ceremony when the medallists are announced and the industry awards are presented. Inappropriately dressed contestants will be denied access to the awards platform.

*New contests and demonstrations are added every year.
For a list of current contests and descriptions, visit: www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/
Activation, Leverage and Engage Conferences

Offered just prior to the National Leadership and Skills Conference, the Activate, Leverage and Engage conferences are opportunities for students and advisors to focus on leadership development.

Activate is a two-and-a-half-day leadership conference that will help SkillsUSA members find their “start button” through hands-on, high-energy and motivational programming. Activate is open to all SkillsUSA student leaders and focuses on developing the following framework skills: leadership, communication and teamwork.

Leverage is an intensive, two-and-a-half-day leadership experience open to SkillsUSA’s state officers and focuses on developing the following framework skills: leadership, professionalism and professional development. It provides state officers with high-energy leadership training that focuses on individual leadership skill development, building teams and communicating effectively. Count on Leverage to have a lasting impact on your state officer team.

Engage is a professional development training conference designed to help teachers better understand and use leadership development materials and interactive resources available through SkillsUSA. Teachers will help their chapters grow through the latest information and tools in classroom management, student motivation, employability, leadership development, and teaching strategies. The two-and-one-half-day program is taught by experts within youth leadership development and guest presenters.

Events will be held June 22-24, 2019, at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. Find learning objectives and registration details at: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/training-opportunities/

SkillsUSA University is an opportunity for students and educators to attend educational sessions. These free sessions may include professional development, legislative updates, occupational and technical career trends, and program overviews.

Teachers can stay updated on equipment, software, employment trends and other aspects of their training field. Students can learn new skills or find out what business and industry are looking for in new employees. SkillsUSA University will be held at or near the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky., June 26-28, 2019.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO

SkillsUSA TECHSPO is held in the midst of the SkillsUSA Championships. TECHSPO, short for technical exposition, is the largest trade show in America for technical education. Exhibitors and visitors include key decision-makers in career and technical education and leaders from business and industry. SkillsUSA TECHSPO will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky., June 25-27, 2019.

SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

Anyone who is a member of SkillsUSA can register and attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference including the SkillsUSA Championships in Louisville, Ky., June 24-28, 2019. Contact your state association director to register. To locate your state director, visit: www.skillsusa.org/about/state-directors/