The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest hands-on skill competition in the world. More than 100 hands-on events range from auto service, masonry, construction and welding to graphic design, photography, cosmetology, esthetics and the medical sciences. Competition space encompasses 1.1 million square feet, equivalent to 20 football fields or 25 acres. Over 16,000 students, teachers and education leaders attend the conference. More than 600 national corporations, businesses, trade association and labor unions participate. Over 6,000 contestants come from high schools and colleges across the United States. More than 1,000 gold, silver and bronze medallions are awarded. Competitions are supported by 2,000 volunteers from business, industry, labor and education.
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America’s Highly Skilled Workforce Meets in Louisville

SkillsUSA will come to Louisville June 24-28 for its 55th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, the world’s largest showcase of skilled trades. Quality career and technical education will be the centerpiece of the conference. More than 19,000 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from 600 national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions will participate. The highlight will be the annual SkillsUSA Championships on June 26-27 with 103 hands-on skill and leadership competitions.

Dates and Locations
June 24-28
Kentucky Exposition Center
Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport
Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy

SkillsUSA Media Room
June 22-28
Room E-2, Kentucky Exposition Center (North Lobby)
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Phone: 502-815-6716

Conference Attendance
Total estimated attendance for the week: 19,000
Student contestants: 6,500
Voting delegates: 419
Registered observers: 1,280
SkillsUSA advisors (instructors): 1,476
National education team members: 350
Contest technical committee members: 675
Contest judges: 1,100
SkillsUSA TECHSPO trade show: 150 booths
Exhibitors: 700
VIP guests: 650
National Courtesy Corps: 150
Volunteers: 1,700
Family, friends and general public: 4,000

SkillsUSA University Seminars
Dates: June 25-27
Location: Kentucky Exposition Center

Opening Ceremony
Date: June 25 at 7 p.m.
Location: Freedom Hall, Kentucky Exposition Center
Speaker: Art delaCruz, Team Rubicon
Sponsors: Snap-on Incorporated and Toyota Motor North America

SkillsUSA Championships
Date: June 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Locations: Kentucky Exposition Center
Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport
Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy
Contests are open to the public and free of charge

Community Service Event
Date: June 28, 9-11:30 a.m.
Location: South Wing C Lobby
Kentucky Exposition Center
Sponsors: CBRE, Robert Bosch Tool Corporation, Rogers, Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance and U.S. Coast Guard

Blood Drive
Date: June 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: bloodmobile at North Wing entrance
Sponsor: Kentucky Blood Center

Awards Ceremony
Date: June 28 at 5 p.m.
Location: Freedom Hall, Kentucky Exposition Center
Sponsor: 3M
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SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT A GLANCE

The SkillsUSA Championships is the nation’s largest workforce development event for middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students enrolled in public career and technical education programs. SkillsUSA hosts the annual event at an estimated cost of more than $36 million. It is considered the largest skill competition in the world and the single largest day of industry volunteerism in America. SkillsUSA represents 130 different occupational areas and adds contests to the SkillsUSA Championships each year to meet the demands of new or expanding careers. Begun in 1967, the SkillsUSA Championships features more than 6,400 competitors in 103 hands-on skill and leadership contests. Each contestant is a state gold medalist.

Dates and Locations
The SkillsUSA Championships is open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and Thursday, June 27, 2019. The SkillsUSA Championships will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center, the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport and the Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy. The best photo opportunities are from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Key Statistics
Registered contestants: more than 6,400 students in 103 contests:
• Skilled and technical sciences contests: 69
• Leadership development contests: 19
• Occupationally related contests: 11
• Demonstration contests: 4
Contest judges: 1,100 from business and labor
Contest technical committee members: 675
National Education Team and Conference Management Team members: 425
Contest area covered: 1.4 million square feet (equivalent to 20 football fields or 25 acres)
Awards: 1,122 gold, silver and bronze medals plus more than 530 recognition awards
Prizes: tools of the trade, scholarships and other awards provided by industry
Total in-kind industry and education contributions: over $36 million in time, equipment and materials
Total volunteer hours during the week: approximately 58,840 hours
TECHSPO trade show: 150 booths
SkillsUSA University seminars: more than 50 educational workshops for teachers and students
Total hotel room nights in Louisville in 2018: 36,987
Estimated economic impact to Louisville in 2019: $26.7 million

The SkillsUSA Championships requires an immense amount of equipment and materials: 2,000 computers, 12,500 bricks and 1,500 blocks, 60+ stoves and ovens, 25+ refrigerators, 100+ welders, 50+ manufacturing machines and complete laboratories for machining, welding, auto repair and painting. More than 12,000 lunches are served to competitors and judges.

Brief contest descriptions: www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/
SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES CONTESTS (69)

3D Visualization and Animation
Additive Manufacturing
Advertising Design
Architectural Drafting
Audio/Radio Production
Automated Manufacturing Technology
Automotive Refinishing Technology
Automotive Service Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Basic Health Care Skills
Broadcast News Production
Building Maintenance
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
CNC Milling Specialist
CNC Technician
CNC Turning Specialist
Collision Repair Technology
Commercial Baking
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Crime Scene Investigation
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Dental Assisting
Diesel Equipment Technology
Digital Cinema Production
Early Childhood Education
Electrical Construction Wiring
Electronics Technology
Esthetics
Firefighting
Graphic Communications
Graphics Imaging – Sublimation

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONTESTS (19)

Action Skills
American Spirit
Chapter Business Procedure
Chapter Display
Community Action Project
Community Service
Employment Application Process
Extemporaneous Speaking
Job Interview

OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED CONTESTS (11)

Career Pathways Showcase
Customer Service
Engineering Technology/Design
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR
Health Knowledge Bowl

DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS (4)

Barbering
Collision Damage Appraisal
Cybersecurity
Maintenance and Light Repair

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Industrial Motor Control
Information Technology Services
Interactive Application and Video Game Design
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
Team Engineering Challenge
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production
Web Design
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture

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

Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Medical Math
Medical Terminology
Principles of Engineering Technology
Related Technical Math
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**SUGGESTED PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**

**AT THE 2019 SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest hands-on skill competition in the world. This annual event showcases the talents of thousands of students in career and technical education. A number of events during the SkillsUSA Championships provide the media with exceptional photo opportunities. The best photo opportunities are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

- Automated Manufacturing
- Automotive Service
- Cabinetmaking
- Collision Repair
- Commercial Baking
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Firefighting
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Robotics and Automation
- Welding

The Firefighting competitions take place at the Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy located at 11605 Fairmont Road, in southeastern Jefferson County on June 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The best photo opportunities are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

The leadership competitions including Action Skills, Chapter Business Procedure, Community Action Project, Community Service and Employment Application Process will be held at the Crowne Plaza Louisville in the Airport Expo Center on Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 and 27.

**SkillsUSA Media Room:** June 23-28  
Location: Kentucky Exposition Center, Room E-2  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

*Flash photography is not permitted in contest areas.*  
*News media MAY NOT enter any contest area without permission from technical committee chair.*  
*Speaking with competitors during the contests is prohibited.*
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ART DELACRUZ, COO of TEAM RUBICON
SPEAKS TO STUDENTS DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY

Louisville, Ky. — The 2019 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference officially kicks off on Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m. in Freedom Hall with a keynote speech by Team Rubicon COO Art delaCruz. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit disaster response organization that uses the skills of military veterans to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. In giving veterans an opportunity to continue their service, Team Rubicon provides them with a sense of purpose, community and identity.

Since the organization’s founding in 2010 following the massive Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to over 320 disasters and grown from eight to over 85,000 volunteer members. Team Rubicon has responded following Hurricane Sandy; the tornado in Moore, Okla.; Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; wildfire in Pateros, Wash.; the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal; the 2016 flood in Louisiana and Hurricanes Matthew, Harvey, Irma, and Maria, in 2017; and Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

A retired U.S. Naval Officer, delaCruz served as director of strategic planning at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems prior to working with Team Rubicon. He was responsible for coordinating sector strategy development, developing and analyzing strategic growth initiatives, and overseeing the long-range strategic planning process.

DelaCruz served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years with notable tours including serving as an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun) and as the commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO (VFA-22). During his career, he made six deployments as an F-14 and F/A-18 naval flight officer. In 2010, he was one of 12 senior Department of Defense officers selected as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, a program that places officers in leading companies to glean best practices that may be applicable to the military. In this capacity, he was trained by and served with McKinsey & Co. In his final military assignment, Art served as the deputy of strategic policy, and as systems innovation lead, at the U.S. Special Operations Command.

DelaCruz earned his bachelor’s degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master’s degree in operations management from the University of Arkansas.
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NEW IN 2019

DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS
SkillsUSA will hold four new demonstration contests in 2019. **Cybersecurity** contestants must complete assigned tasks at several test stations. The tasks are designed to provide a variety of Cybersecurity challenges based on the recommended best practices of the industry. **Maintenance and Light Repair** contestants demonstrate their ability to perform tasks outlined in guidelines published by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the ASE Education Foundation. **Barbering** contestants demonstrate four separate skill performance tests in haircutting, hair styling and beard design at multiple stations. Creativity is assessed in the beard and pompadour styling design, while haircutting is tested in the re-creation of two men’s haircuts from a photograph. The contest is divided into four skill performance tasks, a written test and an oral communications section based on industry standards as identified by the National Barbering Association. **Collision Damage Appraisal** contestants demonstrate their ability to perform jobs and skills based on, but not limited to: handwritten estimating, computerized estimates/appraisals, frontal damage, unibody damage, light mechanical damage, and rear damage including quarter panel replacement. The guidelines are consistent with the collision repair/refinishing technician task list published by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the National Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

CHAMPIONS NIGHT: LOUISVILLE BATS GAME
On Wednesday, June 26, SkillsUSA Champions Night will be held at Louisville Slugger Field. This will be a fun-filled night at the ballpark as the Louisville Bats take on the Toledo Mud Hens. There will be giveaways, and SkillsUSA will be featured throughout the game. Attendees must wear a SkillsUSA logo shirt, appropriate attire and their official conference name badge. Game time is at 7 p.m., and the event will be held rain or shine.

Each paid conference registration includes an admission ticket to the baseball game. The ticket includes a $5 pre-loaded value for the gift shop or the concession stand, and a free baseball hat. SkillsUSA activities will be held between innings, and attendees can win additional free items, including two free NASCAR tickets.

Baseball game tickets will be distributed to state SkillsUSA directors at their registration appointments. A donation of $1 is requested of attendees to support building a Champions Circle Amphitheater at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center in Leesburg, Va.
EXPANDED MAKERSPACE FOCUSES ON MANUFACTURING

GE Appliances is excited to be a part of the world’s largest showcase of skilled trades by hosting an interactive Makerspace highlighting careers in manufacturing. Located in the East Hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center, the Makerspace is free to attend and open to the public. This year’s Makerspace will feature demonstrations of advanced manufacturing, robotics, lean manufacturing, casting, innovative products concepts and more. Hours: Tuesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

While in town for conference, SkillsUSA attendees are invited to stop by the GE Appliances microfactory and makerspace located at FirstBuild, 333 E Brandeis Ave., Louisville, KY 40208. For more information, go to: https://firstbuild.com/microfactory/

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2019

SkillsUSA honors the following individuals for outstanding service to the organization:

**Outstanding Career and Technical Educators:** Troy Barry (S.D.); Kirstie Christopherson (Ore.); Chip Harris (Tenn.); Pratima Patil (N.J.); and Richard Stevens (Md.)

**Honorary Life members:** Chris Arvin (Ill.); Jim Bullington (Okla.); Eric Gearhart (Va.); Darren Gibson (Okla.); Brent Kindred (Wis.); George Laubmeier (Wis.); Wayne Lee (N.C.) and Ann Schreiber (Md.)

**Advisors of the Year:** Region 1—Jason McCuish (Mass.); Region 2—Rita Yeary (Va.); Region 3—David Urlaub (Mich.); Region 4—Jeanne McClish (Okla.); Region 4—Rebecca Dickerson (Mo.); and Region 5—Norman Champagne (Ariz.)

**Alumni Awards:** SkillsUSA Pioneer of Excellence Award – Terry Robinson (Okla.) and SkillsUSA Outstanding Alumni Award – Bryan Glispie (Calif.)

**Torch Carrier:** Maureen Tholen, 3M (Minn.)

**Ernie Gary SkillsUSA Championships Volunteer of the Year Award** – Mark Galland (Mo.)

For bios and more information, download the *2019 Awards and Recognition* book: https://bit.ly/2IcpQ29
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SKILLSUSA CAREER ESSENTIALS DEFINES, IMPLEMENTS
AND MEASURES CAREER READINESS
First Students to Receive New Credential

Working in teams, understanding leadership and communicating clearly are required in any career. However, these skills were never easy to teach — until now. SkillsUSA, an innovator in educational resources for career and technical education students, will continue to highlight and promote the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite at the 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference.

National conference attendees can learn more about the curricula at the SkillsUSA Career Essentials booth in the KEC North Wing Lobby. Instructors and students can view sample materials and obtain product and pricing details. The booth will be staffed all week to provide demonstrations. Instructors who pre-registered will also learn how to teach the Career Essentials suite at several free SkillsUSA sessions. See the SkillsUSA conference app for exact times and locations for any events.

On June 27, the SkillsUSA Career Essentials Credential will be unveiled at a private event where SkillsUSA students will receive credentials from industry executives and dignitaries at a credentialing ceremony. These students are the first in the nation to complete the Career Essentials Suite.

Designed for today’s students, the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite is designed to define, implement and measure career readiness skills. SkillsUSA defines career readiness skills using the SkillsUSA Framework of personal skills, workplace skills and technical skills grounded in academics. SkillsUSA implements career readiness using the SkillsUSA Career Essentials curricula in classrooms and measures career readiness skills and technical skills through Career Essentials: Assessments.

There are separate programs for middle school learners, high school learners and adult learners. The suite launched in 2017 to help teachers prepare more students to be career-ready. In 2018, SkillsUSA released the advanced set of Experiences, and in 2019 the adult learner experiences were released. The curriculum includes learning experiences plus a workplace or work-based learning capstone experience.

For full details on the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite of products, including purchasing information, visit: www.careeressentials.org.
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SKILLSUSA “BUILD SKILLS — DO GOOD — COMPLETE THE CYCLE”
PROJECT TO BENEFIT LOUISVILLE YOUTH
SkillsUSA Students and Partners Assembling Bikes to Support Louisville Community

An expected 400 SkillsUSA students will apply their skills and provide service to the
Louisville community on Friday, June 28, by participating in the SkillsUSA “Build Skills —
Do Good — Complete the Cycle” community service project. The students will assemble
bicycles to be presented to local children during the 2019 National Leadership and Skills
Conference (NLSC).

The day of service will begin with a kickoff rally for attendees and business partners at 9 a.m.
in South Wing C Lobby of the Kentucky Exposition Center. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., students,
armed with wrenches and enthusiasm, will then carefully construct the ultimate human-
powered machines: 80 children’s bicycles in just two hours! The true impact of their effort will
be revealed when the bikes are donated on-site to deserving children from the local Louisville
community.

For the past 18 years, SkillsUSA community service events have been hosted during the
national conference to provide the students with a hands-on service opportunity. The
community service projects vary from year to year, but the purpose is to engage SkillsUSA
members from across the nation in learning to work together for a common purpose and
serving others and strengthening their own personal leadership skills. This will be a great
ending to conference week as the students work in tandem with teachers and partners to
complete the project. The bikes will be distributed on-site at KEC following the bike build.
FEATURED IN 2019

SKILLSUSA TECHSPO TRADE SHOW FEATURES INDUSTRY PARTNERS
The 2019 SkillsUSA TECHSPO trade show will have 142 exhibits and will be held June 25-27 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. SkillsUSA TECHSPO features exhibits from major tool companies, SkillsUSA partners, the SkillsUSA Store for branded merchandise, organizations providing career opportunities and the military. Learn about the latest trends, technology and education and career information. The trade show is free, and many booths offer activities and giveaways. The trade show takes place inside KEC and on the contest floor. Hours: Tuesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS
The President’s Volunteer Service Award is a national honor recognizing sustained service. SkillsUSA is an official certifying organization for this program, now in its 12th year. Recipients receive a lapel pin, certificate of achievement and a congratulatory letter from the president. Gold, silver and bronze awards are based on the number of documented volunteer hours served over 12 consecutive months. A total of 42,050 service hours were performed by the individuals who qualified to receive the President’s Service Award. There was a total of 75 individual awards (including one lifetime) and 16 team awards. This year’s award winners will be celebrated during Champions Night at the Louisville Bats game. For more information, see the SkillsUSA Awards and Recognition book.

MEET THE EMPLOYER
SkillsUSA will be conducting a Meet the Employer event for SkillsUSA students at the National Leadership and Skills Conference on Friday, June 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All student members, regardless of graduation date and curriculum, are encouraged to attend and bring résumés. We anticipate over 50 employers will staff booths in the East Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center. Meet the Employer will also include include career development seminars for attendees.

SKILLSUSA UNIVERSITY
The 2019 SkillsUSA University features more than 50 free educational seminars on a variety of topics. Workshops are June 26-28 at the Kentucky Exposition Center and feature SkillsUSA programs, the latest trends and technology, career opportunities, safety programs and more. All participants receive a certificate of participation, and many sessions include handouts, software, curriculum previews and other resources for teachers, students and parents. The workshops are free to all attendees, preregistration is not required.
NATIONAL YOUNG WORKER SAFETY DAY
National Young Worker Safety Day (NYWSD) will be celebrated Tuesday, June 25, at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville. CareerSafe celebrates the day annually as a way to bring awareness and help reduce the number of young-worker injuries and fatalities in the United States. Since 2012, over 40,000 SkillsUSA students and teachers have taken a safety pledge and you can too at CareerSafe’s SkillsUSA TECHSPO booth. Students and teachers can also visit the booth to obtain free safety materials and speak with the CareerSafe staff about OSHA online training and other safety opportunities.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE WITH SKILL POINT CERTIFICATES
As part of the SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Assessments system, SkillsUSA will award Skill Point Certificates to outstanding national contestants in the SkillsUSA Championships. The industry leaders who defined the competencies for each contest determined a “cut score” that indicates excellence for students in technical or leadership events. Most cut scores are between 70 and 80 percent, and contestants who reach that scoring threshold will earn a Skill Point certificate. Each certificate lists the competency areas tested in the contest and features the logos or names of the organizations and companies that planned and managed this year’s competitions. Students can place the certificate in an employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

NATIONAL COURTESY CORPS
Approximately 150 students and advisors volunteer their time at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference as part of the National Courtesy Corps (NCC). This team is invaluable to the organization as they assist with setting up and tearing down the contests and many aspects of the conference. While attending, they have the opportunity to network with industry and education leaders while gaining new skills, meeting people from across the country and developing leadership qualities. Room and board, along with conference shirts, are provided to NCC members.

SKILLSUSA NIGHT AT KENTUCKY KINGDOM
On Thursday, June 27, from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., SkillsUSA will enjoy a night at Kentucky Kingdom. Tickets for registered participants will be distributed by the state SkillsUSA director at each delegation orientation meeting. Additional tickets will be on sale in the Kentucky Exposition Center’s North Wing Lobby for $20. Transportation is provided from state delegations’ hotels through the close of the event. A SkillsUSA logo shirt, appropriate attire and the official conference name badge are required for admittance. A $1 donation at admission will support Feed Thy Neighbor, a Louisville program to help the homeless.
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SKILLSUSA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS
TO HIGHLY SKILLED STUDENTS

SkillsUSA and its industry partners award scholarships to America’s best career and technical students in conjunction with the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. These scholarships support higher education, travel to national conference and leadership development for students who plan to further their education in community colleges, undergraduate programs or industry certifications.

Fine Homebuilding Scholarship for Construction Students
Fine Homebuilding will award a minimum of 12 scholarships of $2,500 to students studying architectural drafting, carpentry, cabinetmaking, electrical and residential wiring, HVACR, masonry, woodworking or plumbing for the 2019-20 academic year. Fine Homebuilding offers a scholarship to SkillsUSA high-school, college/postsecondary or alumni members in construction-related fields who plan to continue their education programs in community colleges, undergraduate programs or industry certifications.

Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship
SkillsUSA offers one annual merit-based $1,000 scholarship to a state officer for college/postsecondary education, plus a $500 travel stipend to attend SkillsUSA’s National Leadership and Skills Conference in memory of Marsha Daves, a former SkillsUSA state and national leader. The scholarship honors this champion’s legacy by recognizing how student leaders use the personal skills they develop to become better team members, leaders, employees, citizens and effective individuals who can fulfill the SkillsUSA mission.

mikeroweWORKS Foundation Travel Scholarships for Competitors
The mikeroweWORKS Foundation offers travel scholarships for SkillsUSA member students who place first in their state championships but would not be able to attend the SkillsUSA Championships for financial reasons. Scholarships are awarded based on students essays describing their need for the scholarship, how they have benefited through participation in SkillsUSA and why they chose their particular trade or technical skill. Applicants must provide a recommendation from their SkillsUSA advisor or the state association director in support of the financial need.

National Technical Honor Society Scholarships
The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) annually awards four $1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. To be eligible, students must be active, dues-paying members of both SkillsUSA and NTHS. Two scholarships are awarded to high school members and two to college/postsecondary members.
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**Robert Flint Leadership Development Scholarships**
Thanks to a generous contribution from Robert L. Flint, a former Caterpillar executive and longtime SkillsUSA supporter, four individuals will receive a $1,300 scholarship for participation in SkillsUSA Activate and Leverage leadership training at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

**Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship**
The SkillsUSA Alumni Association offers $500 scholarships to one or more high-school SkillsUSA students in memory of Tennessee member Sharon Melton Myers. The scholarship is made possible through a donation from the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Fund, SkillsUSA and McMinn County Vocational Center in Athens, Tenn.

**Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Scholarship**
The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Scholarship opportunity offers SkillsUSA members to receive up to $1,500 to assist in attending the 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference. Students must be SkillsUSA members, eligible to compete on behalf of their state in the SkillsUSA Championships and registered to compete in specific contests.
SKILLSUSA FACT SHEET

Overview: SkillsUSA is a national membership association serving high school, college and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations, and for further education. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

Membership: More than 360,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA each year, organized into more than 19,000 local chapters and 52 state and territorial associations. In 2018-19, 20,500 teachers served as professional members and SkillsUSA advisors. Combining alumni membership, the total number reached annually is more than 421,000. SkillsUSA has served more than 13.5 million annual members since its founding in 1965.

Mission: SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of our nation’s future skilled workforce through the development of Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

Vision: SkillsUSA produces the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.

Partners: More than 600 business, industry and labor organizations actively support SkillsUSA at the national level through financial aid, in-kind contributions and involvement in SkillsUSA activities. Many more support state associations and local chapters. Commitment by industry to the annual national SkillsUSA Championships is valued at more than $36 million.

Programs: SkillsUSA offers local, state and national opportunities for students to learn and practice personal, workplace and technical skills. These three components comprise the SkillsUSA Framework, a blueprint for career readiness. Local chapters conduct a full program of work, and many students also attend a district or state conference. At the SkillsUSA Championships, more than 6,000 students compete in more than 100 occupational and leadership skill areas each June. These national technical competitions help establish industry standards for job skill training and entry-level workers. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a successful model of employer-driven youth development training.

Resources: SkillsUSA offers many resources for educators and students. The Chapter Excellence Program honors local chapter achievement around the SkillsUSA Framework of personal, workplace and technical skills. The SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite is a solution to industry and education needs in preparing career-ready students who are productive and promotable. The suite helps students develop the skills, attitudes and values that allow them stand out from other applicants in the skilled labor marketplace. The SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards is the official competition guide, with a full list of competencies as well as embedded academic skills.

For more information: www.skillsusa.org