SkillsUSA is a national student organization that prepares its members to thrive in skilled careers. From healthcare to HVAC, construction to cosmetology, SkillsUSA gives students everything they need to succeed in careers that are in demand. SkillsUSA has been doing this work for more than five decades — always growing, always striving to reach more students and to serve them effectively. Today, our mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens is more critical than ever. Since its founding in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed 13.5 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 it’s cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the technical curriculum.

The SkillsUSA Framework serves as the foundational resource from which all SkillsUSA educational programs, resources and products are sourced. The Framework communicates SkillsUSA's definition of the career-ready individual. Within the Framework, 17 Essential Elements are divided among the three components: personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics. The Framework was created because the organization realized the need for students — future employees — to be able to intentionally develop and communicate their abilities with respect to employability skills. The Framework Essential Elements were developed with the direct input of over 1,000 employers. The Essentials Elements represent the skills employers consider the most crucial for a successful hire. The Framework is essential to SkillsUSA's mission because it serves as the blueprint for career readiness, our ultimate goal as an organization. The Essential Elements are in-demand employability skills as defined by industry and serve as the benchmark for measuring student success. This approach defines SkillsUSA’s mission. SkillsUSA operates in more than 19,000 classrooms within more than 4,600 SkillsUSA schools representing 53 state and territorial associations.

SkillsUSA Programming

The SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite engages students in defining, implementing and measuring their career-readiness skills along every point in their educational journey. Curricula and assessments culminate in students earning the industry-recognized Career Essentials credentials.

The Chapter Excellence Program recognizes achievement of the SkillsUSA Framework integration into a chapter's program of work. As a chapter's yearly action plan, the program of work is at the heart of student learning and employability development.

The SkillsUSA Championships is a collection of competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the country. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and nation.
Classrooms and Schools
SkillsUSA benefits classrooms and schools by:

- Showcasing the school to the community
- Helping teachers meet educational standards
- Improving the quality of CTE training programs
- Providing opportunities for recognition

Teachers
SkillsUSA empowers instructors by:

- Enhancing the technical curriculum
- Providing career-ready resources
- Improving student attitudes
- Allowing students opportunities to test their skills
- Providing avenues for local industry support
- Inspiring greater administrator support

Students
SkillsUSA empowers student members by:

- Preparing them to be career-ready
- Providing ways to serve the local community
- Offering $1 million in scholarships annually
- Connecting students with employers

Industry
SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- Ensuring that programs meet industry needs
- Providing opportunities for employment
- Promoting specific industries
- Offering opportunities to support local programs

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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 competitions, and only the best make it to the national event. Students benefit no matter how they place in their contests. They test their skills, make job contacts, and earn 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 1 million square feet of floor space, with approximately 6,500 competitors in 104 different events. Business and industry contributes more than $36 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 at the international level in the WorldSkills 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
- Action Skills
- American Spirit
- Chapter Business Procedure
- Chapter Display
- Community Action Project
- Community Service
- Employment Application Process
- Entrepreneurship Speaking
- Job Interview
- Job Skill Demonstration A
- Job Skill Demonstration Open
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Outstanding Chapter Pins Design (State Conference)
- Prepared Speech
- Promotional Bulletin Board Quiz Bowl
- Talent 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
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Basic Health Care Skills
- Broadcast News Production
- Building Maintenance
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- CD, Milling Specialist
- CNC Technician
- CNC Turning Specialist
- Collision Damage Appraisal
- Collision Repair Technology
- Commercial Banking
- Computer Programming
- Cosmetology
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Digital Cinema Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Electronics Technology
- Esthetics
- First Aid
- Graphic Communications
- Graphics Imaging – Sublimation
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Industrial Motor Control
- Information Technology Services
- Interactive Application and Video Game Development
- Internet of Things/Smart Home
- Internetworking
- Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
- Marine Service Technology
- Masonry
- Machinists
- Medical Assisting
- Mobile Electronics Installation
- Mobile Robotics Technology
- Motorcycle Service Technology
- Nail Care
- Nurse Assisting
- Photography
- Plumbing
- Power Equipment Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Restaurant Service
- Robotics
- Restaurant Service
- 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

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