



2021-2022 Academic Year

Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship (WLTI)



WLTI 2022: Rally for Career and Technical Education at U.S. Capitol

The Student Leadership Development Scholarship provides support for top students who have insufficient chapter, school or community resources to attend Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI), a national-level SkillsUSA leadership training. Four awards of \$800 each make it possible for these students to attend WLTI.

About the Donor:

This scholarship was made possible due to a generous contribution from Robert L. Flint, a former Caterpillar executive and longtime supporter of SkillsUSA.

About the 2021-2022 Recipients:

Mackenzie Burkett, Texas

Mackenzie Burkett is a student at Monahans High School in Texas. She has served as the President of her local SkillsUSA chapter, a Texas District 2 Officer (Chaplain) and a national delegate at NLSC.

“I feel it is my job to learn all I can to be more effective in training and encouraging others. I plan to explain and emphasize the importance, effectiveness, and benefits this organization has to offer them for their future careers when they put all their efforts into their work. I truly believe the Washington Leadership Training Institute this year will train me in different techniques to help me present myself as a confident leader; it will also provide me a strong foundation and platform in presenting SkillsUSA to potential members.”

Caitlyn Davis, Alabama

Caitlyn Davis is a student at Dekalb County Technical Center in Alabama where she is studying medical science. Caitlyn is the Alabama SkillsUSA Secretary.

“I’m very thankful for my advisors and all our sponsors. I want to be the best leader I can be.”

Marguerite Shepard, Maine

Marguerite Shepard is a student at Lewiston Regional Technical Center in Maine and is the Western Region Vice President.

“Taking the first step towards a goal is always the hardest, but with the new knowledge that I’ll obtain while on this trip, I am positive that I could take the leap.”

Ruth Bernardo, Colorado

Ruth Bernardo is a student at Durango High School in Colorado and serves as Secretary on the Colorado state officer team.

“Any knowledge I know so far and what resources I can gain in the future will surely help me become the CTE advocate I really want to become.”



WLTJ From L-R: Mackenzie Burkette (Texas), Caitline Davis (Ala.), Chelle Travis, Marguerite Shepard (Maine) and Ruth Bernardo (Colo.)

Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship (Leverage)

Four awards of \$1,300 each to support attendance to Leverage training at NLSC are granted to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership aptitude through an application process.

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About the 2021-2022 Recipients:

Jenna McLamb, North Carolina

Jenna McLamb is a student at Midway High School in North Carolina.

“Being a part of Leverage training, and further strengthening my own leadership and communication skills, I can bring that knowledge back to my local chapter. Our team of state officers will also be able to bring this knowledge across the state level.”

Joseph Price, Georgia

Joseph Price is a student at Union Grove High School in Georgia, and serves on the SkillsUSA national officer team as Vice President.

“With the proper training, each state officer will be able to provide life-changing opportunities for our members and complete their role as an excellent SkillsUSA state officer.”

Chad Davis II, North Carolina

Chad Davis is a student at Pine Grove High School in North Carolina.

“I plan to implement my Leverage training to not only improve my ability to lead but to improve SkillsUSA and my community as a whole. I want to lead teams/groups in middle and elementary schools and help give back to the community that raised me.”

Gerkariah Shine, Texas

Gerkariah Shine is a student at Young Women’s Leadership Academy in Texas.

“I hope to take my experience at Leverage and tell my fellow members, especially aspiring state officers like I once was. To me, it is important that my fellow members know there are opportunities to grow and lead by example within this organization.”