

SkillsUSA Conversation Cards

PreWork

Print copies or use cards as a digital version.

Directions

Pair up with a partner. Identify one partner to be the SkillsUSA chapter officer, and the other to be the potential new member. Draw one card and read the question listed. Play out the conversation in your roles. If you are the chapter officer, make sure to use the key points on the back of each card during the conversation!



What is SkillsUSA?

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- SkillsUSA is a student-led career and technical student organization.
- It serves middle school, high school, and college/postsecondary students.
- SkillsUSA focuses on preparing students for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.
- It is the #1 workforce development organization for students.



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- SkillsUSA provides the opportunity to improve your employability skills and help you become a highly skilled member of the workforce.
- In addition to technical skills, you also get the chance to improve your leadership skills and abilities.



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- Think of your favorite SkillsUSA memory and tell a story about it. The potential member will relate more if it's a personal experience.
- Make sure to include where, when, and the purpose of what you were doing.
- Identify and share the skill(s) that you used and learned because of that experience.



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- Attend conferences that help you build your personal, workplace, and technical skills.
- Connect with business and industry partners to learn more about potential careers and network.
- Compete in the SkillsUSA Championships that are based on real technical skills employers look for in an employee.
- Meet new people who are interested in the same career path as you.



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- Be excited and thank them for their interest.
- Invite the potential new member to the next chapter meeting.
 - Make sure to tell them the date and time.
- Talk to your advisor about getting the new member signed up and providing them with the proper forms.