



# NATIONAL *signing day*



## What is SkillsUSA National Signing Day?

SkillsUSA National Signing Day (NSD) is a nationwide celebration honoring the next generation of skilled professionals. This event allows students to publicly commit to their career paths - whether that's a job offer, apprenticeship/internship, or advancing in CTE/technical training. It elevates the visibility of skilled trades, celebrates student success, and strengthens the connection between education, industry, and community.



## Who is it for?

- Every SkillsUSA member taking the next step in their skilled trade journey - whether starting a CTE program, advancing their training, or transitioning into the workforce.
- SkillsUSA advisors, administrators, and local chapters who wish to celebrate student accomplishments.
- Families, employers, community leaders, and partners who support workforce development.

## Student Eligibility:

Registered SkillsUSA members who have committed to a skilled trade pathway by:

- Starting a skilled program or CTE pathway - *or* -
- Continuing or advancing CTE/technical training (e.g., Welding I → Welding II) - *or* -
- Transitioning into the skilled workforce, apprenticeship/internship, or post secondary education (technical college, community college, four-year institution).

## When is it?

The national celebration date is **May 6, 2026**. Chapters may host their event on this day or **choose a local date that works best**.

## How to Register

Follow these simple steps to host your Signing Day event:

1. Choose your event date (national date or local date) and secure a location.
2. Register your chapter through the SkillsUSA registration portal.
  - Early bird registration is March 1- March 31. First 20 to register 10 students will receive a National Signing Day incentive.
  - First 3000 to register by the early bid deadline will receive the official NSD hat.
  - Registration closes May 1.
3. Access the official NSD resources to assist you in planning your event (big or small).

# SkillsUSA National Signing Day Resources

[signingday.skillsusa.org](https://signingday.skillsusa.org)

- Career cluster-specific celebration ideas
- Event planning guides
- Sample invites for industry partners, community leaders and special guests
- Templates for press releases, presentation slides and so much more!

## Customize Your National Signing Day Event

### Fit Your Classroom, School, District or Community

#### Classroom Signing Ceremony

- Students sign their SkillsUSA “Letters of Intent” at the front of the classroom. Consider gifting the student with a cookie or another treat.
- Use a simple SkillsUSA backdrop or banner (can be printed or projected).
- Advisor or principal gives brief remarks.

#### School-wide Gym, Library, or Auditorium Ceremony

- Students are called on stage to sign their “Letter of Intent.”
- Have a large SkillsUSA banner as a backdrop.
- Include guest speakers (CTE director, principal, local business partner).
- Invite the school band or choir to perform.

#### District or Regional Signing Rally

- Combine multiple schools for one large regional event.
- Partner with a local venue like a technical college, manufacturing facility, or community center.
- Stream live for families and partners.

#### Partner-Led Ceremonies

- Host at an industry site (e.g., dealership, construction company, hospital).
- Employer representatives sign alongside students.
- Include tours or demonstrations for visitors.

## Don't Forget!

Take photos and share highlights

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Submit photos from your event to the National Headquarters

[PhotoShelter National Signing Day Public Gallery](#)

[Brag Form](#)

## Why Participate?

- Elevate awareness of skilled careers and the value of career and technical education.
- Publicly recognize and celebrate students for their skills, goals, and future.
- Highlight student achievement and commitment to their chosen pathway or trade.
- Emphasize the important work of the CTE program and its impact on workforce development
- Build pride and belonging across the school and community.
- Strengthen partnerships between education, business, and industry.

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