



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 3,000 student signers registered by the early bird deadline will receive the official National Signing Day 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

- 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!

For even more on National Signing Day, click here to watch an informative video.

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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