

Future Friday | Celebrate and Look to the Future

SkillsUSA National Signing Day (NSD) Eligibility Checklist

Future Friday is an ideal time to begin preparing for your National Signing Day event by helping students look ahead and identify the next steps in their skilled trade journey. National Signing Day celebrates students who are committing to their future, whether that means accepting a job offer, securing an internship or apprenticeship, or advancing in their CTE/technical training. NSD elevates the visibility of skilled trades, highlights student achievement, and strengthens connections between education, industry, and the community.

Look at this NSD Eligibility List with your students to determine who qualifies and kick-off your chapter's planning for a meaningful and impactful Signing Day celebration.

A student only needs to meet one of the eligibility criteria to participate in National Signing Day.

Student Eligibility (Only 1 Required Per Student)	
☐	Student is starting a skilled program or CTE pathway
☐	Student is continuing or advancing CTE/technical training (e.g., Welding I → Welding II)
☐	Student has accepted a job offer
☐	Student has completed a certification related to their pathway
☐	Student has accepted an apprenticeship
☐	Student has accepted an internship
☐	Student has accepted a work-based learning placement
☐	Student is enrolling in a technical college in a field related to their pathway
☐	Student is enrolling in a community college in a field related to their pathway
☐	Student is enrolling in a four-year institution in a field related to their pathway
☐	Student is enrolling in a specialized training program in a field related to their pathway
☐	Student has committed to a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces in relation to their pathway (e.g., Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force)

Important reminders:

- National Signing Day is 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.
- The national celebration date is May 5, 2027. Chapters may host their event on this day or choose a local date that works best.
- National Signing Day events can be big or small.
- Registration begins March 1. Be sure to register your school even if you are having your Signing Day event on a day other than May 5.