



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter December 2021

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

It's time to say goodbye. This will be my last message to you as your executive director. It's been a BLAST. I've been to so many cities in our Great State Of Texas. I will never regret the choice to be part of SkillsUSA Texas.



You have a new Executive Director that will take this association to the next level. A younger generation with new and creative ideas for the students and advisors of Texas.

Take care of each other, stay safe and remember to have fun while doing so.

Janet Conner, M.Ed.
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

Thinking of running for SkillsUSA national office?

Here's the information to begin preparing for that journey. We are excited to share that the 2022-23 National Officer Program Guide and Application are now live on the [SkillsUSA Website](#). All applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. ET**.

As a reminder, here are the additional requirements that potential national officer candidates must have before applying for national office:

- Verification of SkillsUSA Framework Certification
 - Complete e-course and all associated work; and pass the assessment with a minimum score of 80% to earn the certification.
- Verification of CTE Knowledge Certification
 - Complete e-course and all associated work; and pass the assessment with a minimum score of 80% to earn the certification.
- Verification of Career Essentials – Advanced or Adult Learner Course
 - Complete and pass, at minimum, the first 3 units of the selected course including all work and unit tests. A minimum score of 80% is required.
 - If the credential is not earned prior to election, national officers will be required to earn the Career Essentials Credential during their year of service as assigned by the national officer program manager. This will fit within their 3-10 hours of service per week in the typical, non-conference season as outlined in the job description located within the program guide.

Access to Certifications and Career Essentials

- For each of the additional requirements, SkillsUSA will offer these at no cost to students who are interested in running for national office.
- The deadline to apply for no-cost certifications and the no-cost Career Essentials cohort group led by national staff is February 1, 2022.

- Further details on how to request access and join the cohort group can be found in the program guide.

Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is Feb. 7-11, 2022, and you can participate in many ways: Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals, or make a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. We encourage you to celebrate by planning activities that follow the daily schedule of events using the [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#). SkillsUSA is offering chapter grants valued at \$200 each to purchase supplies for your SkillsUSA Week activities. A request for a chapter grant must be submitted by Jan. 1. Chapter grants will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and 10 are available. [The chapter grant application is here.](#)

Focus Students on Safety

CareerSafe's annual National Youth Safety Video Contest challenges students to create a two-minute video demonstrating workplace safety. All submissions should be sent to CareerSafe by March 1. The winning students will receive a SkillsUSA prize pack and a scholarship of up to \$2,500, and the winning school will receive a prize of up to \$5,000. For more information and to submit your entry, [visit the CareerSafe website here.](#)

NLSC Updates

- A minor revision has been made to the National Technical Standards by removing the word Binder and replacing it with the phrase Scrapbook. These changes will help clear up conflicting and misleading information posted initially in the 2022 National Technical Standards. All Occupational Health and Safety work should be submitted in the official SkillsUSA Scrapbook and not in the Official SkillsUSA Binder.
- The 2022 Mobile Robotics Games Manuals for the 2022 competition season have been posted with the National Technical Standards in Absorb.

<https://mycareeressentials.org/#/public-dashboard>

The Game Manuals are also available on the Contest Update Page

<https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/>

One-on-One Coaching on the Chapter Excellence Program

Is your chapter ready to take your Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) application to the next level, or do you need help getting started? SkillsUSA offers one-on-one coaching sessions with our CEP and Program of Work (PoW) coach, Kelli Engelbrecht. Learn how to integrate the SkillsUSA Framework, articulate your chapter's SMART goals and select and evaluate your Essential

Overflowing with Professional Development Opportunities

Please join your fellow advisors for our SkillsUSA Professional Development offerings. Learn more about SkillsUSA's offerings on [our online training calendar](#). Completion certificates are provided for each session. [Use this Google Doc](#) to learn how to access your Professional Membership benefits online. [A PDF of the 2021-22 Professional Development](#)

Elements within your CEP application. [Schedule your 30-minute Zoom coaching appointment here](#). For questions, email [Kelli Engelbrecht](#) or give her a call at 573-321-1322.

[Opportunities is available here](#). For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2021-2022 is posted on our [website](#). Please read carefully and ensure your students are well prepared for our in-person contest season. Let us know if we can help!

Need help with Registration or Membership?

Call the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 or email amy@skillsusatx.org. District registrations opening this week! Membership deadline Feb 1st.

Next SkillsUSA Texas Board Meeting

Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 2pm
Omni Houston Hotel
4 Riverway, Houston, TX 77056

The agenda and virtual link option will be posted on our website soon.

Your Teacher Advisory Committee will be meeting prior to this board meeting. They have a spot on the agenda. Please reach out to your district committee person if you have anything you would like addressed.

National Contest Technical Standards

The Technical Standards are now available in the SkillsUSA's Learning Management System, Absorb, and you will receive access when you join as a professional member. If you need assistance contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557. Click [here](#) to join as a member

Corpus State Updates

Your state office team just returned from a great week of planning with our partners in Corpus Christi for State Contest 2022. Please be check our website for updates posted soon. State hotel blocks are open. We are excited to see you again face to face next year.

Next Townhall Meeting

January 6, 2022 at 5:30PM Central

[Click here](#) to register in advance for this zoom meeting.

This will be your chance to log in and chat with your new Executive Director, Jake Lopez. His first official day as your executive director is Jan 3, 2022.

We will dig into District Contest and State planning. Have your questions ready!



New Teacher Conference

Houston, TX
January 19-22, 2022
New Teachers Jan 17-18, 2022

The mission of TIVA is to ensure the impact and advancement of Career and Technical Education in Texas. If you aren't a member or have never been to a conference reach out today to learn more: www.tiva.org

Earn Presidential Recognition for Service to Others

At the 2022 National Leadership & Skills Conference, SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service and volunteer activities through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members, advisors or alumni can submit a record of their service hours to SkillsUSA, which is a certifying organization. This presidential honor recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers

who are answering a national call to serve others through their current activities or lifetime efforts. [Details on qualifying hours and requirements for submission are available here.](#) Applications must be received by April 1 for recognition at the 2022 National Leadership & Skills Conference.

District Representation and Contacts

Please visit your district website for contact information for your District Director, District Planner and Teacher Advisory Committee Representative. We are here to help! The teacher advisor committee is going to be much more active in the coming year - let them know what they can do to help your district!

SkillsUSA Scholarships Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen fields. Help spread the word about these opportunities:

- The Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship is open to current SkillsUSA state officers who are high school seniors or college/postsecondary students with another year of school. Deadline: Feb. 1.
- The new #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members enrolled in HVACR or general construction programs who plan to study HVACR at the college/postsecondary level in the 2022-23 or 2023-24 school year. Deadline: March 1.
- The Student Research Foundation Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members who are currently enrolled in high school and plan to continue their education in a postsecondary institution or program. It recognizes outstanding community contributions. Deadline: July 26.

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