

SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

- Chapters/Membership Incentive Deadline
- Career Essentials
- National Apprenticeship Week
- TX Regs, Official Clothing/National Standards Released/Esthetics Theme
- District Officer and Advisor of the Year Applications Posted
- District Contests
- Signal App
- Q&A



Chapters and Membership

- If you need help with your chapters or membership let us know!
- Deadline is November 15th for membership registration of at least 15 students and one professional member due in order to receive a free Member Handbook (value: \$6).
- Upon request, the National office will gladly mail a <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/membership-kit/> to help you involve staff or students. To request a kit, call 844-875-4557.
- There is a Chapter Leader Planning Guide found here: <https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/w8va8Fjdpb>
- You'll also find Advisor Resources to help coach chapter leaders around recruitment and engaging new members.

<https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/recruitment-week/recruitment-advisor-resources/>



Career Essentials

A new version of <https://www.careeressentials.org/> is now available on SkillsUSA Absorb. Below are a few general highlights of the new course revisions:

- Instructors can now purchase individual units from the high school and adult curricula.
- Required project activities have been reduced; instructors have greater control over which and how many project activities students complete.
- Instructors are no longer required to approve required project activities from their admin dashboard.
- Instructors choose how students submit project activities. For example, students can now submit project activities by turning in physical documents, by email, uploading to a shared drive, etc.

For help placing an order or to learn more about the revisions to SkillsUSA Career Essentials, call 844-875-4557.



Apprenticeship Week

This year's National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is Nov. 14-20. This national celebration established by the U.S. Department of Labor brings together business leaders, career seekers, labor, apprentices, educational institutions, and others to showcase the positive impact apprenticeship programs have on addressing the skills gap and preparing the American workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Join the celebration by hosting an event -- such as apprenticeship graduation, business open house, high school career fair, skills competition, or industry roundtable -- or submit a proclamation supporting NAW and apprenticeship. <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/national-apprenticeship-week>



Contest Updates

- Texas Regulations are available online at www.skillsusatx.org. This document will describe in detail the rules for chapters to compete, the process for state officer selection and the contest standards for Texas only contests.
- National contest updates and contest descriptions are found on the national website:
<https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/>
- National standards are released and located in Absorb and you will gain access to them after joining/paying as a professional member.
- The official SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater and black Carhartt jacket are no longer available for purchase in the SkillsUSA Store. However, these items are grandfathered in as official SkillsUSA clothing and can be worn in competitions. Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern. Check the clothing requirements carefully.
- Esthetics, Nail Art and Commercial Baking Theme: Fairy Tale



District Websites

- District Officer applications are posted on your district webpage. Please note each district has their own based on deadlines and contest schedules. Please note the requirements so they are completed on time and properly.
- Advisor of the year application for each district are also posted on the district webpage. Please note the deadlines and requirements.
- The process for the PD test is being determined, look for updates soon.
- A contest agenda, updates to the contest schedule, how many students can compete in each contest, team numbers, and dates for registration, substitutions, cancelations and payment.
- Contest updates from your tech chair for your district
- The Advisor training power point from your Fall Leadership is posted.

Please check back regularly!



District Contest Dates

D1: Feb 2-9 various locations in El Paso.

D2: Feb 17th at Howard College, Feb 25-26 at West Texas Training Center

D3: Feb 16-18 at South Plains College Levelland

D4: Feb 10-11 at Ben Barber HS, Feb 16-18 at Tarrant County Community College

D5: Feb 2-4 at TSTC Waco. Plus offsite TBD

D6: Feb 16-18 at TSTC Waco. Plus offsite TBD

D7: Feb 4 at Clear Creek; Feb 10-11 at TX Carp, Lone Star College; Feb 16-17 LIT Beaumont

D8: Feb 17-18 at San Jacinto, Pasadena. Plus offsite TBD

D9: Feb 24-25 at TSTC Fort Bend, Plus offsite TBD

D10: Feb 9-11 at TSTC Hutto, Plus offsite TBD (Temple college and KISD)

D11: Jan 27-Feb 18 various locations around the district

D12: Feb 24-25 Del Mar College, Plus offsite TBD

D13: Feb 17-18 at TSTC Harlingen, Plus offsite TBD



District Competition

Leadership, Skilled & Technical Contests, Occupational Related and Demonstration Contests: Each district has own rules but the following is the MAX that could be allowed.

Per Texas Chapter - 5 members per individual contest **AND** 2 teams for each multiple

Each student (joined member) may enter any combination for one registration fee:

- One skilled and technical individual **AND** one team skilled and technical **AND**
- One individual leadership **AND** one team leadership **AND**
- One individual demonstration **AND** one team demonstration **AND**
- One individual occupational related **AND** one team occupational related **AND**
- One individual job exhibit **AND** one job exhibit multiple or chapter

Please choose wisely as schedules will not be altered to accommodate conflicts.

Districts are job exhibit NOTEBOOKS ONLY for registration and judging. A registration sticker must be on the notebook grade sheet for it to be judged.

The numbers for your district contest will be posted on your district web page in the contest schedule - please remember **red is not confirmed** when looking at your schedules.



Texas Contests

- A one page resume is required for all contests at district and at state and will have a 10 point deduction if not submitted. The resume can be used as a tiebreaker.
- A professional development written test (50 points) is required and part of the score for all contests at district and at state. Exceptions: Quiz Bowl Competition and students that are part of the competitions regulated by Public Law 105.17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997
- Contest clothing requirements are the same for district and state, the officially branded clothing is not required until the National level. Leadership contests usually require professional reds. Clothing deduction is 10 points.
- Job exhibits will have only the notebook brought and scored at the district level. Qualifying notebooks and the projects will be brought to state. The project only will be judged at state. The project and notebook score will be combined for final ribbon determination.
- Texas only contests will be score based upon the standard and rubric provided in the Texas Regulations.
- Occupational Quiz Bowls Update: Teams must participate or attempt to answer at least one question per round or receive a 50 point deduction per round.



State Competition

Leadership Contests

Per SkillsUSA Texas District - 1st & 2nd place individual and team

Skilled and Technical and Occupational Related Contests

Per SkillsUSA Texas District - guidelines in state contest list for individual and team

Technical Information Testing

Students may take only **ONE** Technical Information Test from **EACH** category at the state level if they qualify under the standards provided below

Category 1 - E.g.: When 1st place participates in the Skilled and Technical competition, 2nd and 3rd is eligible for the technical information assessment. The next 2 lower places are eligible for the test based on what that contest allows to advance to the hands on.

Category 2 - Open to SkillsUSA members in Career and Technical education programs approved for membership by Texas Education Agency

Make sure you read carefully the substitution requirements and deadlines!

If a job exhibit notebook was not registered and judged at district the project will not be judged at state.



State Conference

- Hotel blocks will open for online registration on Dec 14th. We will be using Passkey. Details coming soon.
- State registration opens online on Mar 1st and close on Mar 20th
- The agenda is posted, please note the earlier start time for Thurs Mar 30th. Registration lines open at noon for advisors only, students should not be in line.
- Contest schedule is posted but remember **red means not confirmed!**
- State Officer application is posted, please note requirements and deadlines.
- Make sure you read the eligibility requirements for each contest to ensure your student is qualify to compete.
- If contest requires a model they must be a joined and paid member to register.
- Advisors must be registered to attend any conference.
- PD test process is still being determined, please look for updates.



Communicating with your District

- Messaging platform: Signal, 1st step download the app here:
<https://www.signal.org/download/>
- On each district's page you will see a download link to request to be added to that district's group. <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Advisors Only from that district will be approved to be added to the message group.
- Your district coordinator will be using this app in addition to emails from skillsusatx.org and the webpage to get information out to your district.
- You can sign up for the Constant Contact communications on your district pages as well, but we have noticed that ISD spam filters do not like it.
- Subscribe to the calendar on our website to get reminders.
- Keep checking website for updates to be posted.



What's Next?

- If you need help with membership reach out to SkillsUSA Customer Care at: 844-875-4557
- If you need help with district specific questions contact your district manager- their email is: **district#@skillsusatx.org**
- Districts 1-6: state contact is amy@skillsusatx.org
- Districts 7-13: state contact is jake@skillsusatx.org
- Sign up for the newsletter on your district page on our website: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
- **Save the date:** next Town Hall, Thurs Dec 1st at 5:30pm

