

SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

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Chapters and Membership

- If you need help with your chapters or membership let us know!
- Must be JOINED as a member to register for district contest.
- Should have a chapter number before district registration.

- The National office will gladly mail a membership kit to help you involve staff or students. Call 844-875-4557.
- Chapter Leader Planning Guide found here:
<https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/w8va8Fjdpb>
- Advisor Resources to help coach chapter leaders around recruitment and engaging new members.
<https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/recruitment-week/recruitment-advisor-resources/>



SkillsUSA Brand Portal

SkillsUSA Logo Generator Now Available

More tools added to the SkillsUSA Brand Portal!

<https://brandfolder.com/skillsusa/skillsusa-brand-assets>

Now featured in the new Logo Generator section are two new customizable templates. The one- and two-line SkillsUSA chapter logo generators contain the brand-specific fonts, colors and formatting to help you make your chapter shine.



Scholarships/Awards

SkillsUSA Master Scholarship Application

In 2022-23, students can apply for most scholarships via a **single online application**. Between December 1 and April 1, apply for the scholarships listed below via the SkillsUSA Master Scholarship Application.

<https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/rsojq0y095cxt8/>

Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner. Individual SkillsUSA members who regularly perform volunteer work and SkillsUSA Chapters who perform volunteer work as a team may already qualify to receive the PVSA at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold level.

To receive the PVSA, all volunteer hours must be recorded and verified according to PVSA guidelines. All applications must be received by April 1, 2023. Full information about the PVSA and the application can be found at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/presidents-volunteer-service-award/



Fundraising

Country Meats

Country Meats offers 12+ flavors of delicious smoked snack sticks, and when sold for \$1.50 each, will earn your chapter 50% profit. Use the code 10OffNew at checkout to save an additional 10% off your order. Call 800-277-8989 for more information

GI Jerky

Manufactured by veterans in Texas to the highest USDA standards. All of the jerky is sourced, sliced, smoked and bagged in Texas. 8 kinds of jerky and 6 kinds of hot sauce are available for you to sell at any price point. Plus a portion of the proceeds supports veteran organizations.

<https://gijerky.us/wholesale>



Contest Updates

- Texas Regulations are updated at www.skillsusatx.org. Detailed rules for chapters to compete and the contest standards for Texas only contests.
- National contest descriptions: <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/>
- National contest updates: Mobile Robotics Technology, Cyber Security, Extemporaneous Speaking and Chapter Business Procedure are available now: <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/>
- National contest standards are 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.
- **There is a new red jacket available that matches the color of the red blazer – official dress.** <https://www.skillsusastore.net> 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.



District Websites

- **District contest registration opens Dec 14th.** You must be a joined member to register. Please check for deadlines! Information on substitutions, cancelations and payments are also posted.
- District Officer and Advisor of the Year applications are posted on each district's webpage. Please note the deadlines and requirements.
- A contest agenda, updates to the contest schedule, how many students/teams *per chapter* that can compete in each contest and tech chair information is posted.
- Any contest updates from your tech chair for your district will be posted.
- The Advisor training power point from your Fall Leadership is posted.

Please check back regularly!



District Competition

Hands on Contests, Each district has own rules check the contest schedule for numbers allowed *per chapter*.

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. Any blue ribbon will advance to state project judging. **Check Texas Regulations for details on the district notebook scoring rubric.**

District contest schedules please remember red is not confirmed.



PD Testing-Check District Page

- Must register students with *non school email* to get log in directions.
- Online testing link will be emailed to students *after* registration closes.
- The test link will be open the Wed prior to your first contest weekend. Check your district page to confirm the date.
- Window to take test 8a-4p on that day only. **No make up dates.**
- Test should be teacher/advisor proctored.
- One test score applies to all contests that student has entered.
- If there is a major reason student cannot take test, the advisor **must** make arrangements with the district coordinator by 9am the Tuesday prior.
- If the student does not take test within that window they get ZERO score. **No exceptions.** Please plan accordingly. Team scores are averaged.
- Advisors should confirm the log in directions have been received by students and have a plan to proctor the test **prior** to testing Wednesday.
- If the log in has not been received reach out to your coordinator **before** testing day – you will need the email address you used for registration.
- Substitutions: please verify student is confirmed for new testing link.



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. (Official branded clothing is *not* required until *Nationals*). Leadership contests usually require official reds. Check your standards. Clothing **deduction** is 10 points (per person if team).
- Job exhibits will have only the notebook brought and scored at the district level. Blue ribbon notebooks **and** the projects will be brought to state. The project (200 points) and notebook score (200 points) will be combined for final state 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 Conference

- 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, no students.
- Contest schedule is posted but remember **red means not confirmed!**
- State Officer application is posted, please note requirements and deadlines.
- Verify eligibility requirements to ensure your student is qualified to compete.
- Models must be joined and paid members to register. Can be different from district.
- Advisors must be registered to attend any conference.
- PD testing process will mimic district, date for testing not confirmed but likely Tues Mar 28th.
- No late registration. Substitutions or cancellations by Mar 23rd.



State Competition

Leadership Contests

Each SkillsUSA Texas District - 1st & 2nd place individual and team at district

Skilled and Technical and Occupational Related Contests

Each SkillsUSA Texas District – posted in state contest schedule 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 **eligibility**, 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 Hotels-Passkey

- All hotel blocks with contracted hotels **open Dec 14th**
- A link to the portal booking will be posted on state contest page that morning.
- Directions and information you will need and how to use the portal are posted <https://skillsusatx.org/events/state-leadership-and-skills-conference/>
- Must hold any reservation with a **credit card**.
- To start a reservation all rooms *can* be under one name for your campus.
- If a block of rooms was reserved prior to departure last year, must get with hotel to confirm adding to passkey – do not assume please.
- Once the reservation is in Passkey, the billing details are with the hotel directly.
- *Cancelation dates and terms are with the hotel, please read carefully.*
- When your booking is received you get an acknowledgement number, this is for tracking not a confirmation number. You can modify a reservation with this number.
- Around March 21st the confirmation numbers will be emailed.



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. Documents will be posted on your district webpage.
- 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 Jan 5th at 5:30pm



Happy Holidays

We hope you enjoy your time off and celebrate with family and friends. Goodbye 2022~

We will be working normal hours through Thurs Dec 22nd and then be back on Mon Dec 26th.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2023!

