

SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to 2023 SkillsUSA

Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed your time off. Contest season is here!

Deadlines are approaching and we want to be sure you and your students are ready.

Please reach out to your district coordinator or our office if you have questions or need help.



Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

- SkillsUSA Week
- Legislative Day
- Membership
- Chapters
- Delegates
- District Contests
- PD Testing
- State Contest
- Signal App
- Q&A



SkillsUSA Week Feb 6-10



SkillsUSA members can participate in many ways, including honoring community supporters, connecting with local business and industry professionals, making a presentation about their CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting and more.

The SkillsUSA Advocacy Site <https://www.congressweb.com/susa/> has two templates available for you to use to promote your activities during SkillsUSA Week and Career and Technical Education Month. One is for your U.S. senators and representatives and your local government officials and the other is for your local media.

We encourage members to celebrate by planning activities that follow the daily schedule of events using the Chapter Guide found here:

<https://t.congressweb.com//?VEIYWUAHJSOPKZA>

**RECOGNITION
DAY**
Monday

**GIVE BACK
DAY**
Tuesday

**PARTNER
DAY**
Wednesday

**ADVOCACY
DAY**
Thursday

**SkillsUSA
DAY**
Friday



Legislative Day

Joined SkillsUSA Texas Members travel to Austin to represent their CTE programs to our State Legislatures at the Capitol. Training includes communication, parliamentary procedure, advocacy, and House Rules. Student leaders perform mock legislation and debate proposed bills.

- **Feb 19-20, 2023** at Austin Southpark Hotel by Marriott, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744. 512.448.2222
- Registration Opens on **January 16th** at www.skillsusa-register.org.
- Registration Closes **February 6th**.
- Registration cost is **\$40 per attendee**. Each school will book their own accommodations. Rooms rates are **\$129/night** under the SkillsUSA block.
- They are in session at this time, but it is a holiday weekend. We may not have access to the house floor, but we are working on it.
- Tentative Agenda found: <https://skillsusatx.org/events/skillsusa-texas-legislative-day/>. State officers arrive on Sat Feb 18



Membership Deadlines

- Students and Advisors must be members to compete. Entering the information at skillsusa-register.org is not the final step. You must **click JOIN** to get prompts for producing an invoice. If you don't have an "M" invoice (not a price quote) you are not joined.

New	First	Last	Grad. Yr	Gender	Stud/Prof	Division	Date Joined	Ready to Join?
Edit Delete	Jake	Lopez	0	Male	Professional	High School		<input type="checkbox"/>
Edit	Sheila	Hyde		Female	Professional	High School	9/21/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
Edit	Tamara	Ford		Female	Professional	High School	10/3/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>

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To re-register members from last year's archive click here:

Price Quote for this Training Program of members still needing to JOIN:

Delete all Unsubmitted Students: Confirm Delete All Students?

- Must be JOINED as a member to register for district contest.***
- Must be joined by Feb 1st to compete, be a model or a substitute for this contest year.***

- Membership must be **PAID before state** contest. Check/CC received before deadline.
- Membership cannot be transferred to another person or cancelled once joined.
- Use a personal email not school email when entering your students.
- Use a price quote only for PO, only an M invoice is trackable for payment.
- Membership payments are due to Leesburg, VA not the PO Box in Arlington.
- The state office cannot process membership payments, check will be sent back.



Contest Updates

- Texas Regulations: <https://skillsusatx.org/contest-overview/texas-regulations/>. 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 standards are located in **Absorb** and you will get link email to you for access to them and all advisor benefits **after** joining/paying as a professional member.
- **SkillsUSA Texas Outstanding Member 2023 scholarship is \$1,000 from CTAT. Applications found on your district page, this is a contest for district and state.**
- The Official white polo, scrubs, work shirts, etc are NOT required until NLSC. A plain white polo, blue scrubs and work shirts are fine for district and state. Contests that require official red jacket will be required at district and state.
- PD testing study guide is posted: <https://skillsusatx.org/contest-overview/>
- Membership handbook for PD Testing:
<https://www.skillsusastore.net/leadership-personal-growth.html>



Texas Contests

- Check the Texas Regulations for contest standards that **do not** advance to NLSC. Texas only contests are district and state. There are some National contests that Texas has added the Middle School level – note those will not advance to NLSC.
- A professional development (PD) 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
- A one page resume is required for all contests at district and state. There is a 10 point **resume deduction** if not submitted. The resume can be used as a tiebreaker.
- Contest clothing requirements are the same for district and state. Skills branded not required until NLSC, except for official reds. **Clothing deduction** is 10 points (per person) regardless of what element is not in compliance. Check with judges at orientation – you can fix issue before contest starts to avoid the deduction.
- Job exhibits notebooks only 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.



District Websites

- **District contest registration is OPEN.** Please check for deadlines! Information on substitutions, cancelations and payments are posted.
- A contest agenda and schedule, showing number of students/teams *per chapter* that can compete in each contest and tech chair contacts, are posted.
- Date and Time for online PD Testing for your district is posted.
- Any contest updates from your tech chair for your district will be posted.
- District Officer, Outstanding Member and Advisor of the Year applications are posted on each district's webpage. Please note the deadlines and requirements.

Please check back regularly!



Chapter Numbers for Contest

Chapter Numbers are Required for District Contest Registration

- A Texas chapter must have 7 members joined in order to compete, no maximum.
- Texas chapters can be combined programs to meet the 7 member minimum.
- District contest schedules define number of students/teams per chapter can compete.
- Each contest in each district has a unique limit, please check your district!
- In registration: advisors and students should be tagged with your chapter number.
- Verify registration and invoice by chapter tagging everyone correctly ~ important!

Name of SkillsUSA Advisor for participant's Occupational
Irma Bazan
School where Participant's trade area is taught:
Veterans Memorial High School - Mission (Dist: 13)
Occupational Training/Trade Area in which Competes
Cosmetology (3979)

- One advisor can have more than one chapter if they are a different program.
- If you do not have a chapter number contact amy@skillsusatx.org.



District Registration

Each district has own rules check the **contest schedule** for numbers allowed *per chapter*. **Each Student** can compete in multiple contests – see Texas Regulations.

District Job Exhibits are NOTEBOOKS ONLY. A registration sticker must be on the notebook grade sheet for it to be judged. **Notebook scoring sheet in TX Regulations.**

- Models not competing in another contest should register as an observer.
- Register your students with a personal email not a school email. When you submit you will see a prompt saying if emails are valid/risky or undeliverable, you may need to fix.
- You may see ***** RED ***** there are errors prompted that are preventing submission.
- After registration closes, rules are posted on district page for cancelation/substitution.
- Use the fee estimate for PO process only. For payment only an S invoice is trackable.
- A PO is not payment, invoice is outstanding until check or CC payment is received.
- Registration payments are due to the PO Box in Arlington not Leesburg, VA.
- The national office cannot process registration payments, check will be sent back
- Do not combine membership and registration on the same check.



Registration Invoices

Entering the information at skillsusa-register.org is not the final step. You must click **SUBMIT** to get prompts for producing an invoice. If you don't have an "S" invoice (not a fee estimate) you are not registered.

- Once you submit you cannot change your registration information. We can delete your invoice if you need to make a change. Please contact amy@skillsusatx.org.



- Advisors/students must be tagged with the chapter number for invoices to show properly. Do not submit for the school unless you are certain everyone is complete.

Verify Conference Submission
Americas High School (Reg/Dist: 1)
There are two invoicing options for your Conference Submission.
Review the options below, run the Estimate of Fees if desired, then click whichever "Submit" button fits your needs.

Invoiced Per Training Program OR **Invoiced Per School**

Submit	Training Program	# Regs	Total Fees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computer Maintenance Tech (4285)	1	\$50.00
			Sum= \$50.00

I intend to bring the number of registrants indicated in the selected (checked) Training Programs above to this Conference Event and agree to accept responsibility to pay the invoices that will be generated for each amount selected above.

PO or Check Number: *

School	# Regs	Total Fees
Americas High School (El Paso)	1	\$50.00
		Sum= \$50.00

I intend to bring the above number of registrants to this Conference Event and agree to accept responsibility to pay the invoice that will be generated for the amount shown above.

PO or Check Number:

* - If you need a different PO Number for each Training Program, you need to SUBMIT them one at a time, and provide the desired PO Number each time.

- If you need to change a PO number or a date for your accounting office let Amy know. We will work with you on not missing deadlines.
- When you resubmit an invoice there will be a different invoice number!



PD Testing-Check District Page

- Must register students with *non school email* to get log in directions.
- After registration closes the online testing link is emailed to *students only*.
- Testing Dates posted, Window to take test 8a-4p. *No make up dates*.
- Test should be teacher/advisor proctored. Test must be started by 4pm.
- One test score applies to all contests that student has entered. Team scores are averaged, a zero score will lower the average.
- In extreme circumstances, to arrange an alternate testing date 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.
- 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 testing link.



Delegates and Voting

Number of Delegates Per Chapter: Each Texas chapter will have: a. one delegate for the Texas chapter b. one delegate for each group of 10 members c. one delegate for major fraction of 10 members (more than 5) i.e. 16 members = 3 voting delegates; 15 members = 2 voting delegates

Register Delegates to Vote:

In registration you will see this box. If the student is available to attend the Delegate session and is eligible to vote for your chapter check the box. Can be different students at district than at state.

Registrant Options	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer?	Roommate name
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer Candidate?	<input type="text"/>
	Food Allergies
	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate?	Other Allergies
	<input type="text"/>



What Delegates are Voting on:

At your district delegate session there may be a Constitution and Bylaw Amendment to vote on. There will also be district officer candidate speeches and voting to elect your district officer panel. Delegate wristbands will be in your registration packet for your to distribute to students available to vote.

How Delegates Vote:

Each district will have own process, may be hand raise or online.



State Conference

- State registration opens online on Mar 1st and closes on Mar 20th
- **No late registration.** Substitutions or cancellations deadline is Mar 23rd.
- The agenda and contest schedules are posted, please note the earlier start time for **Thurs Mar 30th**.
- 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. Model used at state can be different from model used at district.
- Advisors must be joined, paid and registered to attend State conference.
- **PD testing** process will be online, the week of Mar 27th
- On site registration will be \$125/pp in Corpus, please don't miss deadline.



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-State Only, not District

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. Qualifying job exhibits must be registered for state.



State Hotels-Passkey

- All hotel blocks with contracted hotels **are OPEN**. A link to the booking portal found here: <https://skillsusatx.org/events/state-leadership-and-skills-conference/>
- We are adding hotels and hotels with availability for Wed check in, please check back.
- Must hold any reservation with a **credit card**. The date the card will be charged is in the hotel terms. You can change the credit card before that date.
- To start a reservation all rooms *can* be under one name for your campus.
- Any non passkey reservations with a hotel in the block please confirm with hotel.
- ***Please do not book rooms outside of the block or not in passkey.***
- 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.
- If you need help let us know!



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 the district will be approved to be added to the 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 Feb 2nd at 5:30pm

