



## SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter January 2023

Happy New Year from SkillsUSA Texas,

Welcome back! We hope that each of you were able to enjoy your time with family and friends during the break. Now that you are back, it's time to pick up where you left off and start running :) . With District Competitions around the corner, students should be honing their technical and leadership skills and continue practicing and preparing to be competitive at the district level.

Registration for District Competition has been open and some will be closing very soon. Double check to make sure that you are registered for your District Competition. Contest and registration updates are found on your district web page. Be sure to contact your District Coordinator with any questions about competitions.

Soon, we will be in full competition mode and we hope that your students are ready to show off their skills. Though your focus may be on preparing for competition, there are also opportunities for Adviser of the Year, District Officer, State Officer, and Scholarships on your District webpage.

Note that Legislative Day is scheduled for Feb 19-20 in Austin. Details can be found further in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the District Contests and are thrilled to have you join us for a great 2023!

Jake Lopez, M.Ed  
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

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### SkillsUSA Texas State Conference Hotel Blocks Open

All hotel reservation should be made through the Passkey portal. New hotels are being added and we are working on adding more rooms for Wed check-in. Also the Radisson by the aquarium is now the Doubletree. How to use the portal information and the link to access passkey is posted on our [website](#). Let us know if you need help!

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### Chapter Numbers are Required for District Contest Registration

- A Texas chapter must have 7 members joined in order to compete.
- A chapter does not have a maximum number.
- Texas chapters can be combined programs to meet the 7 member minimum.
- District contest schedules define how many people 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.
- If you do not have a chapter number contact [amy@skillsusatx.org](mailto:amy@skillsusatx.org). The paperwork

and process can be done quickly.

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## Law and Public Safety NLSC Competitions

NLSC is hosting zoom meetings open to any tech chair/instructor/advisor to better prepare competitors and help align competitions. Please try to log in or watch the recordings.

EMT Competition Update: January 19th at 5:00 pm EST  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/87592914426](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592914426)

CJ Competition Update: January 12th at 5:00 pm EST  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/83694302823](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83694302823)

CSI Competition Update: January 17th at 5:00 pm EST  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/82111228893](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82111228893)

Fire Competition Update: January 24th at 5:00 pm EST  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/89052885694](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052885694)

All meetings will be recorded and posted at the following link:  
[www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/](http://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/)

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## Delegate Registration 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 a box called Registrant Options. If the student is available to attend the Delegate session and is eligible to vote for your chapter check the box. Delegates can be different students at district than at state.

**What Delegates are Voting on:**

At your district and state delegate sessions there may be a Constitution and Bylaw Amendment to vote on. There will also be officer candidate speeches and voting to elect your officer panel.

**How Delegates Vote:**

At district and state there may be a different process. May be hand raise or online.

Delegates are also important at NLSC - let us know if you have questions about getting your students involved.

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## District Contest Registration

- Students and Advisors must be JOINED members by Feb 1st to register/compete.
- District contest registration is OPEN**. Please check for deadlines! Information on substitutions, cancellations 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.
- District Job Exhibits are NOTEBOOKS ONLY. A registration sticker must be on the notebook grade sheet for it to be judged. All blue ribbon notebooks will advance to state project judging. **Notebook scoring sheet in TX Regulations.**
- Models not competing in another contest should register as an observer

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## Report: The SkillsUSA Advantage in CTE

New research released by the Student Research Foundation shows the majority of surveyed SkillsUSA members feel they are engaged in relevant career and technical education (CTE) coursework that prepares them for the future. This pattern holds true regardless of gender, race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status. "The SkillsUSA Advantage" report is one of the first post-pandemic looks at students. The report demonstrates that SkillsUSA members nationwide experience greater outcomes from participating in CTE programs. SkillsUSA state directors, advisors and partners are encouraged to download and share this validating new report: [The SkillsUSA Advantage](#).

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### Promote SkillsUSA to Elected Officials and the Media

The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) offers a free way for members to contact their governors, state senators, representatives or members of Congress. Using the site can be a great chapter project or lesson plan that involves research, writing and advocating. You can share chapter news with your local media and invite them to cover your events. To write to elected officials, use the "Compose Your Own Message" section. To email local newspapers or TV stations, choose the "Media" tab at the top of the webpage and send messages to six media outlets at a time

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### Show Us What You Made ... and What You're Made Of!

SkillsUSA wants to showcase the great accomplishments our members make every day as skilled workers and leaders, and that's what the #MadeInSkillsUSA social media campaign is all about. We're asking members to share photos on social media that highlight their accomplishments. The photos can represent something members made with their hands (a construction project, a graphic, a hairstyle, a culinary creation, etc.) or a personal achievement earned through SkillsUSA (landing a job or internship, delivering a speech, leading a meeting, etc.). To participate, simply post a photo with the hashtag #MadeInSkillsUSA. [Learn more here](#). For questions, contact [Hayley Uffelman](#), SkillsUSA's social media manager.

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### Proposed Bylaw Amendment Submissions Reminder-DEADLINE JAN 21

Registered SkillsUSA members can submit proposed bylaw amendments for the middle school, high school or college/postsecondary divisions for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC). Bylaw amendment motions must be submitted in writing to [Tyler Chaffin](#) by Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET. The SkillsUSA National Executive Council and board of directors will review all submissions at the March board meeting. All motions will be distributed to SkillsUSA association directors by April 22. Motions will then be presented and voted on at the official business meeting of the House of Delegates during the 2023 NLSC. Bylaw amendments are governed by Article XII of the high school and college/postsecondary bylaws and Article X of the middle school bylaws. [Find more information and view the bylaws online](#). The motion form [can be found here](#).

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### Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2022-2023 is posted on our [website](#). Please read it carefully and discard any previous versions. Check for updates regularly.

### Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, Feb 2, 2023 at 5:30PM Central  
[Click here](#) to register in advance for this zoom meeting. Recordings of these meetings will be posted on our website.

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SkillsUSA Week is Feb. 6-10, 2023, and 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. We encourage members to celebrate by planning activities that follow the daily schedule of events using the [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#).

Feb 19-20 at Austin Southpark Hotel by Marriott, 4140 Governors Row. Registration Opens on January 16th at [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org). Registration Closes February 6th. The Registration cost of this event will be \$40 per attendee. The Registration does not cover hotel costs – each school will book its own accommodations. Rooms rates are \$129/night under the SkillsUSA block. They are in session at this time so we may not have access to the house floor. Details are pending. Tentative Agenda found [here](#).

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### Get Career Ready with the Framework Integration ToolKit

The SkillsUSA Framework Integration Toolkit has everything advisors need to ensure career readiness in the classroom and chapter. Each Essential Element within the three components of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics is defined in this kit, including the associated behaviors for each. By talking with your students about the Essential Elements, they'll begin to develop a Framework language to talk about the skills they're learning. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

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### Honorary Life, Outstanding Educator and Hall of Champions Nominations Open-DEADLINE FEB 15

If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition as a SkillsUSA Honorary Life Member, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, or for the Hall of Champions Award, please [complete the online applications here](#). The deadline is Feb. 15. If you have questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

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### SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors

Your Texas Board of Directors Chair is [Victor Ramirez](#). Please reach out to him, he would love to hear from our membership!

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