

# SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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# Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

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- Legislative Day
- Membership
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# Legislative Day

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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 Opened on **January 16th** at [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org).
- Registration Closes **February 8th**.
- 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 will have access to the house floor.
- Tentative Agenda found: <https://skillsusatx.org/events/skillsusa-texas-legislative-day/>. State officers arrive on Sat Feb 18



# Membership Deadline Was Feb 1st

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- *Must be **JOINED** as a member to register for district contest.*
- *Joined by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to compete, be a model or a substitute for this contest year.*
- *Missed the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> deadline? That is a national deadline and cannot be altered.*
- Students and Advisors must be members to compete. Entering the information at [skillsusa-register.org](https://skillsusa-register.org) is not the final step. You must **click JOIN** to get prompts for producing an invoice. Must have an “M” invoice (not a price quote) to be joined.
- 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

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- Texas Regulations: <https://skillsusatx.org/contest-overview/texas-regulations/>.
- National contest standards in **Absorb**. Check for link emailed to you **after** paying as a professional member. If you can't find email call 844-875-4557
- **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

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- 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

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- District contest registration details are posted
- Contest 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.
- Contest updates from tech chair for your district will be posted.
- District Officer, Outstanding Member and Advisor of the Year applications are posted. Please note the deadlines and requirements.
- Messaging platform: **Signal**, download app: <https://www.signal.org/download/>
- Link to request to be added to that district's group: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>

**Please check back regularly!**



# District Registration

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**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.





# PD Testing-Check District Page

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- 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.



# State Conference

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- State registration opens online on Mar 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on Mar 20<sup>th</sup>
- **No late registration.** Substitutions or cancellations deadline is Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The agenda and contest schedules are posted, please note the earlier start time for **Thurs Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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, same study guide, the week of Mar 27<sup>th</sup>
- On site registration will be \$125/pp in Corpus, please don't miss deadline.



# State Competition

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## 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

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- 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.
- ***Rooms booked outside of the block or not in passkey may not be honored.***
- Once the reservation is in Passkey, the billing details are with the hotel directly.
- ***Cancellation 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 SkillsUSA

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- Sign up for newsletters on district pages: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Subscribe to the calendar to get reminders. <https://skillsusatx.org/calendar/>
- Help with membership: **SkillsUSA Customer Care at: 844-875-4557**
- District questions contact your district coordinator: **district#@skillsusatx.org**
- Districts 1-6: state contact is [amy@skillsusatx.org](mailto:amy@skillsusatx.org)
- Districts 7-13: state contact is [jake@skillsusatx.org](mailto:jake@skillsusatx.org)
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
- Alumni LinkedIn page as well
- Past content is posted on our News page: <https://skillsusatx.org/news/>



# What's Next?

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- **Save the date:**

Next Town Hall, Thurs Mar 2nd at 5:30pm

**Check our calendar for upcoming deadlines!**

**Good luck at district competition, send us pictures please we love to see our students thrive.**

