

SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

- Board of Directors Announcements
- Payments and Substitution terms
- District Contest Results
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- Passkey
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Board of Directors Update

Executive Director Update

Board of Directors Open Positions

- **Region 1 open for districts 2, 3, 4**
- **Region 2 open for districts 9, 10, 11, 12**
- **Actively participate in setting the strategic plan and vision of SkillsUSA Texas**
- **Demonstrate a strong belief and commitment to SkillsUSA Texas, Secondary's mission; be informed about its policies and programs; keep up-to-date on developments in Career and Technical Education.**
- **Be an active teacher in good standing with a district in your region. Two members shall represent each SkillsUSA Texas region and no two members may be elected from the same district.**
- **Be committed to advocating for your local membership and bring a collaborative spirit to the team.**
- **Application process closes at 6pm on Mon March 20th. Candidate announced on March 23rd. Online Voting will take place Thurs March 30th.**
- **Applications here: <https://forms.gle/vb94J351uyAN8gQ69>**



Interim Executive Director

- *The SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors has named Crystal Latham-Alford as the Interim Executive Director of SkillsUSA Texas High School Secondary Division Inc.*
- *Crystal is currently the SkillsUSA Texas Postsecondary Executive Director and has years of experience in working with our staff, volunteers, industry partners, and SkillsUSA at the national level.*
- *The Board of Directors will support Crystal in her new role as well as her staff, as our primary focus is the student members and advisors. We look forward to a successful State Conference with everyone's help and support.*
- *Crystal's email: crystal@skillsusatx.org*
- *Crystal's phone: 903-887-4013 x 1*



Membership and Registration

- *Must be JOINED and PAID as a member to register for state contest as a model or contestant. Models not competing in another contest should register as an observer. Advisors must be registered with their students.*
- *To be a substitute for state: must be joined and paid member, be qualified/eligible for that contest and been registered at district contest.*
- **State Registration is Open now until March 20th, substitution/cancelation deadline is Mar 21st at 5pm. There is NO late registration.**
- Membership must be **PAID before state** contest. Check/CC received before Mar 20th.
- Membership payments “M”: are due to Leesburg, VA not the PO Box in Arlington.
- The state office cannot process membership payments, check will be sent back.
- State registrations for Fall Leadership, Legislative Day and District Contest must be **PAID before state** registration closes on Mar 20th
- State invoice “S” payments are due to PO Box in Arlington, not Leesburg, VA



District Results

- **Congratulations to everyone that competed! It was a busy month!**
- **District contest results are posted on district pages: Awards PPT, Top 10 for Tool IDs. Check for blue ribbon job exhibit notebook scores for state project advancement.**
- **Scores are uploaded to the national office. You can check scores with a contestant number and birthdate at: skillsusa-register.org/scores**
- District Officer elections – we look forward to working with you!
- District Advisor of the Year winners, if you qualify for a state interview you will be notified via email. Interviews will happen on Thurs March 30th.
- Make sure you are checking for deadlines and reading technical standards.
- Qualified to advance to state advisors will be getting emails from tech chairs if there are specific updates needed for that contest. Those emails will start going out next week. You can also check the state contest updates page on website.
- Check the rules in Texas Regs if registering for Technical Tests.

**If your student cannot attend state please notify us as soon as possible.
Email: amy@skillsusatx.org so we can let the next place make travel arrangements to compete.**



PD Testing-Check State Page

- Register students with *non school email*.
- Fri Mar 24th the online testing links emailed to *registered advisors only*.
- **Online PD Testing window is Mon March 27 9am – Tues Mar 28th 4pm. If they have not started the test by 4pm on the 28th the scores will not count. *No make up dates*.**
- Test should be teacher/advisor proctored.
- One test score applies to all contests that student has entered. Team scores are averaged, a zero score will lower the average.
- PD testing study guide is posted: <https://skillsusatx.org/contest-overview/>
- Membership handbook for PD Testing:
<https://www.skillsusastore.net/leadership-personal-growth.html>
- Advisors should confirm the log in directions have been received and have a plan to proctor the test *prior* to testing.



Substitutions for State

State Substitutions:

- Substitutes are allowed until deadline posted. **Tues March 21, 2023 at 5pm**
- After the registration deadline, contestants/teams substitutions must be approved by the state office. This is not likely to be approved unless extreme circumstances.
- **Substitutions are not allowed for individual events, instead the next place from state qualifying competitions or test will move up.**

Leadership Development, Skilled and Technical, Occupationally Related, Demonstration Team

events: Should a team member drop following district contest, advisors may substitute another student or teams may compete with one fewer team member in the case of an unforeseen circumstance just prior to the state competition as long as a full team was registered originally and the specific contest guidelines do not state otherwise. No more than 50% of any team may be replaced. If more than 50% of the team is to be replaced, the next place team from that district will be moved up.

- Substitutions may be made for any member of a team provided the substitute:
 - Was a SkillsUSA member by February 1
 - Was registered at the District Contest
 - Is a member of the local chapter entering the contest

You do NOT complete the substitution form for this unless you are changing something AFTER March 20th and registration is closed. If you have submitted and invoice we can delete that invoice and you can make the changes and resubmit.



State Conference

- **State Officer application is posted, March 20th application deadline.** Candidate applications that are accepted to move to round one **will be notified on Tues March 21st.** The state officer test for the top 30 will be given online during a proctored zoom call on Tues Mar 28th at 6pm. The top 15 will be announced on Tues Mar 28th by 9pm for moving on to next round. The interviews for top 15 will be scheduled on Thurs Mar 30th after 1pm.
- **SkillsUSA Texas Memorial Scholarship Application** is posted and is due March 15th! This is open to any paid member.
- On site registration will be \$125/pp in Corpus, please don't miss the registration deadline, March 20th.



Texas Contests

- A professional development (PD) test is required and **part of the score** for all contests 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 exhibit 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. **The notebook with the stamped gradesheet must come with the project to state. The project state gradesheet should be the first document in the notebook with your state registration sticker on it.**



State Competition

Check the state contest schedule, which is posted, to verify how many places advance from district.

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.

BLUE RIBBON at district = BRING NOTEBOOK AND PROJECT to 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 attempting to add hotels, we understand the block of rooms is very limited.
- Must hold any reservation with a **credit card**. Not a PO.
- Once the reservation is in Passkey, you are paying the hotel directly.
- ***Cancelation dates/terms are with the hotel, please read carefully.***
- When your booking is received you get an acknowledgement number, you can modify a reservation with this number and get detailed fee recap. Check your spam for this.

USE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NUMBER TO MODIFY AND EXISTING RESERVATION OR GET DETAILED COST BREAKDOWN.

Use your acknowledgement number to confirm your reservation in passkey when you are certain of details. Your hotel will see your rooms and you can confirm payment and confirmation numbers.



State Conference Forms

1. We need some extra hands for a variety of tasks. We are looking for alumni, retired teacher and industry help at State Conference in Corpus. Can you spare a few hours?
 2. If you have a parent/family looking to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday in Corpus there is an observer form available. This \$20 badge is for limited access to spaces, dates and times. See webpage for details. If an admin/parent wants full conference access they must register with your school and pay the \$100 registration fee.
- **Vounteer sign up form and Observer form can be found here:** <https://skillsusatx.org/events/state-leadership-and-skills-conference/>



Communicating with SkillsUSA

- 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**
- State contacts: Office: 903-887-4013
crystal@skillsusatx.org or ext 1 and amy@skillsusatx.org or ext 3
- 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?

- **Save the date:**

Next Town Hall, Thurs April 6th at 5:30pm

This meeting will be for NLSC details

Check our calendar for upcoming deadlines!

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

