



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter May 2023

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

As we step into the beautiful month of May, we are filled with renewed energy and excitement. It's a time when the sun shines brightly, flowers bloom, and the spirit of National competition and skill-building thrives within us.

In this edition, we will feature highlights about the upcoming National competitions in Atlanta, GA., Summer Leadership details, and some exciting new positions available at the State Office and District Coordinator openings. We encourage you to explore these opportunities and consider how your skills and training can contribute to the success of SkillsUSA Texas.

Thank you for being a part of the SkillsUSA Texas family. Together, we will continue to shape the future of skilled professionals and create a positive impact in our communities.

Wishing you a productive and fulfilling month ahead!
Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director

State Conference Wrap Up

Last call for any missing plaques, ribbons or medals. The form must be completed by May 17th for any 2023 requests.

Missing medals, ribbons or plaques order [click here](#)

NLSC Updates

A recording of the May townhall is posted on our website as well as a PDF of the powerpoint. <https://skillsusatx.org/news/> Please take a look.

The official schedule and NSLC app will be released on June 1st.

The National office has created a webpage to help with NLSC information (technical standards, contest updates, resume upload process, online testing):

<https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/championships>

If you need to know just contest updates check [here](#)

Don't forget Wednesday night you are on your own. There are discounts for SkillsUSA at the places like: the Aquarium, National Center for Human and Civil Rights, the Football Hall of Fame, World of Coca Cola and AmericasMart

Testing/Resumes for NLSC Contests

Professional Development Testing via the SkillsUSA Online Testing Platform. Registered competitors will receive an email after May 23rd to the email address supplied in NLSC conference registration with their assigned username, password, and login URL. All Professional Development **Tests must be completed by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 9** to be scored. Action Skills, Building Maintenance, Community Action Project, Employment Application Process, and all middle school competitors are not required to complete the Professional Development test and will thus not be enrolled in a test. If you have questions about the log in you can call customer care: 844-875-4557 or the state office. Please do not wait until June 9th to complete this process.

Additional Online Testing: Competitors from select contests will also have a technical assessment for their contest loaded into their online testing account. **Quiz Bowl, TeamWorks and Welding will have an online pre-conference assessment test and will receive test at the same time as the PD Test.**

Competitors in the Baking and Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts will complete an online third-party assessment(s) and will receive instructions via email.

Resume uploads and any other content to be provided for your contest will all be done with this log in. Everything required must be done at the same time before you can submit. Be sure your advisor proctoring is set up before the student starts the test.

NLSC Signal App

There is a Signal App for advisors attending NLSC. This is a great way to keep informed on the Texas delegation and help each other with questions. The state office will post updates here as well. It is an excellent way to stay informed.

Signal App click [HERE](#)

NLSC Transportation

Be sure you are planning for transportation/parking in Atlanta. The NLSC shuttle will provide service from Sheraton to GWCC. There are a limited number of shuttle wristbands given to each state, they will have first priority on bus seats. If you don't have a wristband you can get on if there are open seats.

Job Opening within SkillsUSA Texas

Are you ready to take your career to the next level in SkillsUSA Texas? Look no further, as I'm thrilled to share exciting job opportunities within the SkillsUSA Texas organization.

Positions Available

Executive Administrative Assistant

Regional Manager I

Director of Championship

District Coordinator (1-13)

[Apply Today](#)

Travel Scholarship

Applications Open for Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Travel Scholarships for 2023 NLSC. Eligible members can apply to receive up to \$1,500 in travel assistance. Applications will be accepted through May 22.

The SkillsUSA Store

The SkillsUSA Store announces the addition of 5 Red Kap items to the SkillsUSA uniform line, approved replacements for the discontinued Carhartt and Dickies pieces. Shop all pieces now in the Competition Apparel

Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all those special people out there a wonderful day! We know it isn't an easy job and we appreciate you!

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.

Absorb

Any paid professional member has access to the National standards through this site. Call Customer care if you need help: 844-875-4557

Next Townhall Meeting

**Friday, June 1, 2023,
at 5:30 PM Central**

Details about Summer, NLSC, and looking ahead to TIVA and WLTI.

[Click here](#) to register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Recordings of these meetings will be posted on our website.

Summer Leadership

We are headed to Mo Ranch in June. Please check out the website for details. The rooming information will be sent out shortly. Any pre work assignments will go out before May 17th.

Remember: good walking shoes, sunscreen, bug spray!

You will pick up a conference shirt for each day when you get registration on Sunday. Please only advisors picking up registration packets.

Any specific information will be sent to the emails on file from registration.

See you soon!

TIVA

2023 Summer Conference.
Registration is open now!

<https://www.acteonline.org/tiva/conference/>

**Omni Fort Worth
July 16-21, 2023**

WLTI

Plans are starting to develop so keep checking back! Washington DC - mark your calendars and start planning now.

Sept. 23-27, 2023

2023 Staff Training

We are looking to have all positions filled before the July TIVA meeting and have on-site training at the Omni. This will be in person and will be required. We are excited to have a team in place! The training schedule will be released by mid-June.

Teacher Advisor Committee

Please check in with your district representative to ensure your voices are heard at the July Board meeting. Their emails can be found on our website.

<https://skillsusatx.org/about/teacher-advisory-committee/>

Grant Opportunities

The Lowe's Foundation has launched Cable Grants: a commitment to preparing the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Lowe's is currently accepting unrestricted grant applications from community and technical colleges through April 10.

<https://forms.benevity.org/faa34ca0-7e7c-4559-86bc-f3f252529f83>

District 13 on the News

Check out the great coverage of District 13 Champions on local media!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OYWboTfLYc>

Summer Break

We hope you enjoy your time off this summer. We will send out any updates, but you can always check the website if you have questions.

SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors

Please mark your calendars; the next board meeting will be on **July 15, 2023**. The meeting will be held at the *Omni Fort Worth, 1300 Houston Street*. It will begin at 8:30 am.

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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