SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

- Texas Office Update
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Texas Office Updates

► Interviews have started for new positions. Training will be scheduled during the TIVA conference. An agenda will go out mid June.

Executive Administrative Assistant
District Coordinator x13 (application deadline extended to June 7th)
Region 1 Manager
Director of Champions

► Post Secondary information remains as separate contact information:

Email: crystallatham@skillsusatxps.org Website: https://skillsusatxps.org

► Next Board Meeting information:

July 15, 2023. The meeting will be held at the

Omni Fort Worth, 1300 Houston Street. It will begin at 8:30 am.



NLSC Agenda

Full contest and event schedule has been released. Website version here:

https://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/skillsusa/nlsc2023/Public/Sessions.aspx?ID=111&sortMenu=106002

Monday, June 19 Before 7pm Check in at Sheraton

4-7pm Registration Pick Up at Sheraton (Ballroom TBD)

7-9pm Texas Delegation Conference Meeting Snacks provided

Tuesday, June 20

10am-5pm SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule 7-8:30pm Opening Session at State Farm Arena (doors open at 5:45pm)

Wednesday, June 21

8a-5p SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule Free to explore Atlanta this evening

Thursday, June 22

8a-5p SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule 6-9:30pm SkillsUSA University Champions' Festival, Centennial Olympic Park (no transportation)

Friday, June 23

9a-12p Community Service Project at GWCC

5-8:30p NLSC Awards Ceremony at State Farm Arena (doors open at 4pm)

9-10:30p Texas Celebration at Sheraton Snacks provided

Saturday, June 24

Check out of Sheraton and Safe Travels Home!



NLSC Registration and Hotel

Registration is closed. Family or admin can buy conference passes at GWCC, but they cannot stay at the Sheraton with Texas. https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/nlsc-passes

Child Session Pass — **\$75 per person (age 10 and under)** Registration includes access to conference floor at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Champions Festival, and admission to general sessions at State Farm Arena.

Full Conference NLSC Pass — \$195 per person (age 11 and over) Registration included admission to two general sessions at State Farm Arena, access to the SkillsUSA Championships, SkillsUSA TECHSPO, SkillsUSA Academy of Excellence, SkillsUSA University, Champions Festival. **NO** shuttle access or Texas only gatherings, pins, shirts or hats.

Hotel acknowledgement information has been sent out to emails on file from registration. Confirmation numbers will go out next week. The confirmation number is what you will need to check in.

The Sheraton Hotel is being re branded. It will be a Wyndam property upon arrival. If you need to update any information for your credit cards or POs let us know.

Mon pm Registration bag: Bling for opening/closing, Texas T Shirt and 9 trading pins, name badge, string bag, and water bottle. Community service shirt, Delegate, shuttle, floor seating wristbands as required. Times and location for Hat and Pin sales will be posted in Signal app.

TX Swag for Sale at registration meeting and other posted times: Cowboy Hats: \$20/each. Bag of 9 Trading Pins: \$20/bag. Texas T-Shirt: \$20 (limited quantities and sizes)



NLSC Events at GWCC

Full details for these sessions can be found in the NLSC App released today.

- ► Academy of Excellence: Registration for these sessions is included in NLSC registration fee for advisors, teachers, administrators and counselors.
- ➤ SkillsUSA University offers all registered NLSC attendees a chance to learn directly from industry expert practitioners and gain field-specific skills which they can later incorporate into their classroom instruction.
- ➤ SkillsUSA TECHSPO offers all registered NLSC attendees an opportunity to engage directly with partners from industry and education on the exhibit hall/competition floor.
- The Awards Session is available to view at no charge via live stream on your personal devices from the SkillsUSA website, and the viewing link will be posted the day of the event.
- The Advisor Summit registration option is exclusive to advisors who are <u>not</u> chaperoning students to competition

NLSC Community Service Sock Drive (this is in addition to the Fri am bike build)

The Need: Socks are one of the most requested clothing items at homeless shelters. **The Challenge:** Drop packages of new socks into donation boxes stationed throughout the Georgia World Congress Center. Through a sock donation tracking system, we will follow the number of socks donated by the chapter. At the end of the week, all socks will be collected and donated to a local Atlanta charity. The chapter that donated the most socks will be recognized on stage at the Awards Session!



NLSC Updates

Contest updates are posted by the National office. You should be checking this regularly.

Check out the National websites for the latest information:

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

Wednesday night you are on your own. There are discounts for SkillsUSA: the Aquarium (\$32.99 closes at 6pm), National Center for Human and Civil Rights (\$14, closes at 4pm), the Football Hall of Fame (students \$23 closes 5pm), World of Coca Cola (\$19 closes at 7pm) and AmericasMart (closes at 4pm)

MARTA train stations: 3 block walk to the Sheraton, 1 block to GWCC. Use train for airport only, daily it is not a practical option. MARTA's fare system uses Breeze Cards. Purchase cards at www.BreezeCard.com.

DART Airport Hotel Shuttle: Dart Airport Transfers to offer a discounted rate for airport to hotel shuttle. You will receive a discounted rate when you book online using promo code, "SKILLS23." Visit the custom booking portal by clicking Pick Me Up Dart.

Parking at GWCC: Daily \$10 pre-purchase · \$15 day of Multi-day parking passes available: · 3, 5 ,7 days parking pass available. **Pre-purchase parking at this link:** bit.ly/GWCC-Parking

Parking at Sheraton is limited \$35 per night self-parking, Valet parking is \$45 per night. Both + 16.5% tax.

Shuttle: There is a NLSC shuttle bus that runs from our hotel to the GWCC/State Farm. First priority seating to wristbands, but if there are open seats anyone with Texas Badge can ride. Sheraton Hotel is ROUTE 1 (Sheraton is the only hotel on this route) The full shuttle schedule is on the app. The buses will run roughly every 20 minutes from 7a-10p on Tues and Fri and 7a-6pm on Wed and Thurs.



NLSC Contestant Reminders

Resumes: All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit via online portal. No upload=10 point penalty. Upload them but also have paper copies with students at orientation.

Professional Development Testing via the SkillsUSA Online Testing Platform. Student log ins were sent to the student's emails from the national office on May 23rd and from Texas to the advisor's emails on May 24th.

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.

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 see 2nd step at the same page as the PD Test.

Competitors in the Baking and Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts will complete an online third-party assessment(s) and will see 3rd step at the same page as the PD Test.



NLSC Contestant Email

CONGRATULATIONS, **CHAMPION!**

Congratulations on your recent success at your State Leadership and Skills Conference. You've put in the hours to master your craft and hone your skills to become a part of the best-of-the-best within your state. All the hours you've put in have earned you a spot at SkillsUSA 2023 SkillsUSA Championships. Below, you'll find some pre-conference details as well as some action items that you'll need to complete prior to your arrival in Atlanta. Please review this entire email and continue to check this email address for updates leading up to NLSC. We've created an easy Championships Checklist for your use:

SkillsUSA Championships Checklist

Step 1: Submit Your Resume

SkillsUSA provides an online tool for competitors to upload their resumes for the National Technical Committee. Competitors may begin submitting resumes and, if applicable, pre-submission documents using the SkillsUSA Championships Checklist. SkillsUSA national competitors will have until 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 9, to submit their resume. Failure to submit a resume may result in a score penalty.





STEP 2: Take Your Professional **Development Test**

The SkillsUSA Professional Development Test is an online, pre-conference test. This test covers basic SkillsUSA Knowledge along with the SkillsUSA Framework. Competitors are limited to 50 minutes on the 50 multiple choice question test. Competitors may not utilize any external reference materials, resources, or persons during their test. The SkillsUSA Online Testing System has several security features built into it to ensure test integrity, including the automatic submission of your test should you open another tab or browser window while taking your test. Please uphold one of SkillsUSA's core values by demonstrating integrity while taking your online professional development test.



Below you will find your personal credentials to access your test. You may take your test anytime between now and Friday, June 9, at 5 p.m. ET. Any test submitted after 5 p.m. ET on June 9 WILL NOT be scored as a part of your overall Career Competition Event score. We recommend that you complete this requirement as soon as possible to ensure ample time to complete the test. If you experience technical difficulties, the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team can assist competitors with gaining access to testing accounts. The Customer Care Team can be contacted by email at customercare@skillsusa.org or by phone at (844) 875-4557.

Upload My Resume



YOUR USERNAME: YOUR PASSWORD:

Take Your Test



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

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Review the SkillsUSA Technical Standards

Ask your advisor to provide you with a copy of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards for your Career Competition Event. The standards feature all the rules for each national competition, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility, and equipment lists.

Learn How to Access



Upload Your Resume

All SkillsUSA Championships competitors are required to upload a resume by June 9 at 5 p.m. ET. This upload will be completed via SkillsUSA's secure upload system. If your Career Competition Event requires additional pre-conference uploads, you'll complete them while uploading your resume.

Upload Your Resume



Complete Your Online Test(s)

Competitors will receive login credentials to access their online test(s) by May 23. Competitors will need to identify a proctor and complete the online proctor agreement prior to taking their online test(s). National competitor online testing window is May 23 - June 9. All required online tests must be completed by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 9, to be scored.

Review Testing Requirements



Check for Competition Updates

A competition update covers anything that is not listed in the official SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and that a competitor and/or advisor needs to be aware of and bring and/or complete for the national competition. Updates are posted frequently leading up to NLSC. Please check back regularly!

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https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/technical-standards/

When you joined as a professional member you would have received a log in for Absorb. That is where these standards live for you to access. If you cannot find your log in you can contact customer care at: 844-875-4557 https://mycareeressentials.org/#/public-dashboard

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CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE



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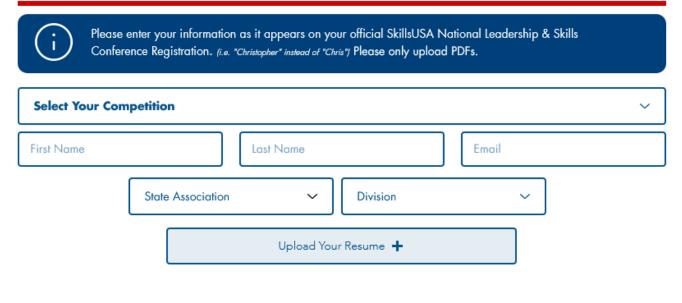
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https://www.skillsusachampionships.online/resume-uploader

Anytime after May 23rd you can have your students upload their resume to this site. You do not need a log in to access this site. Do not upload more than one copy. Please have your students bring paper copies to contest site just in case. If your contest has a folder/binder PDF upload you will see that prompt here as well. ie: welding sculpture

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https://www.skillsusachampionships.online/online-testing

To access the online test, each competitor (including individual members of a team event) must complete the digital proctor and security agreement form online.

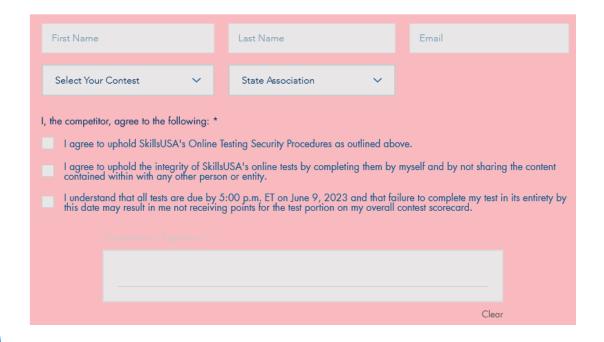
Competitor Requirements

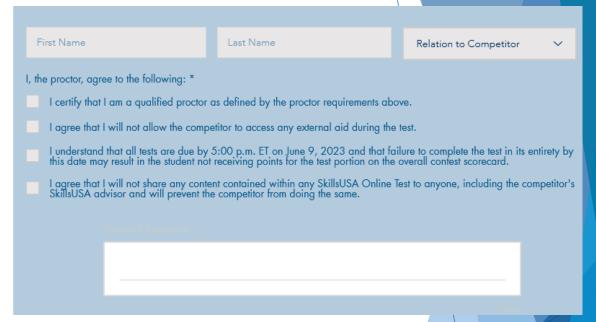
- 1. All testing must be completed by the competitor without any external aid under the direct supervision of a qualified proctor.* (external aid includes, but is not limited to: other students, advisors, parents, industry experts, text books, search engines, web pages, or any other external source of knowledge)
- Competitors must remain on the testing window at all times. Opening any other tab or window during the testing process will automatically submit your test on suspicion of cheating.
- There are multiple forms of each test.
 Please note that questions and answers will not appear in the same order for each competitor.

Proctor Requirements

- A qualified proctor is defined as any willing adult who is not the competitor's SkillsUSA advisor and who has no familial relation to the competitor.
- 2. The proctor must be present for the duration of the student's test.
- 3. The proctor must not provide any external aid to the contestant and has a duty to prevent the student from accessing any external aid or sharing any SkillsUSA testing content with anyone, including their SkillsUSA advisor.

Competitors should complete the competitor (red) section and proctors should complete the proctor (blue) section.





Submit & Access My Test

https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates

All Contest Updates will be posted here-please check regularly!



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Professional Development Test Study Guide

Prepare for the state and national Professional Development tests with this study guide. Please note middle school competitors are NOT required to take the Professional Development test as part of their competition.

National competitors that are required to take the professional development test, will complete the test online prior to the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Dates for the online testing window will be published here by May 1.

Download the guide.

Reminder: 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 thus will not be enrolled in a test.

Limited Online Competition-Specific Knowledge Test

The online competition-specific testing will include competitors from Quiz Bowl, TeamWorks and Welding. In addition to the Professional Development test, competitors from these three competitions will also have a competition-specific test loaded into their online testing account.

Competitors in Baking and Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts will complete online third-party assessment(s) and will receive enrollment instructions via email on May 23.



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The schedule posted here is still the condensed version.

The link to the app and full schedule is available now:

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/skillsusa-nlsc/id6447904301 https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=a2z.Mobile.Event6325

NLSC Advisor Zoom June 7, 2023, at 12 p.m. ET

The Wi-Fi Internet access in GWCC is predominately available only on the 5GHz band. Please ensure the device you are bringing for your competition can connect to a 5GHz band. It is recommended that competitors test their device prior to arriving for NLSC, and if applicable, bring an appropriate 5GHz adaptor.



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Registration

The SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference is the largest showcase of technical and leadership skills in the country and a must-attend event for students and teachers looking to pursue a career in the skilled trades or technology fields.

NLSC Passes

(For those not registered with a state association.)

Discover Atlanta

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Parking

Maps

Atlanta Attractions

https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/program



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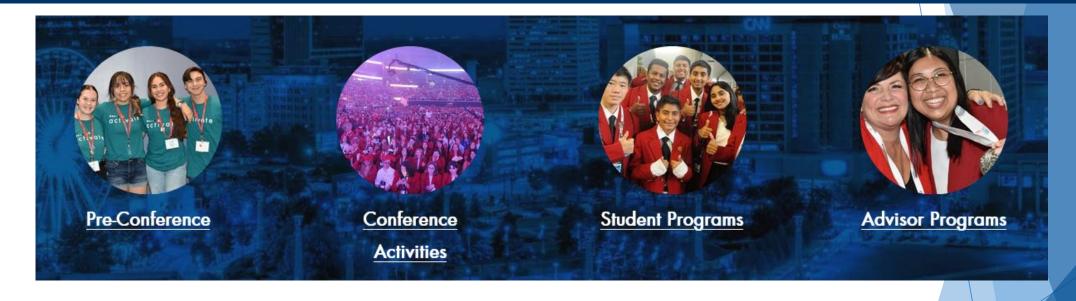
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Kick-off the NLSC with the Opening General Session! SkillsUSA TECHSPO
Champion's Festival
Awards Session!

NLSC Clothing

Tuesday

Career Competition Orientations/Competitions • Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards to their orientation. SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University • Business casual attire. Opening Session • SkillsUSA Official attire is recommended. Business professional attire acceptable.

Wednesday

Career Competitions • Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University • Business casual attire.

Evening: on your own, if you are out as a group please where your Atanta T shirts.

Thursday

Career Competitions • Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University • Business casual attire. Champions Festival • School appropriate casual attire. Texas T shirts preferred.

Friday

Career Competitions • Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

Awards Session • SkillsUSA Official attire or career competition attire. Winners not wearing this will not be allowed on stage.



NLSC Delegates-Includes National Officer Voting

Our State Officer Secretary: Ger'kariah Shine is running for National office!

The Delegate Program schedule:

Tuesday, June 20

- 10 a.m. 1 p.m. . Delegate Training
- 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Optional Parliamentary Procedure Training

Wednesday, June 21

• 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Executive Council/High School Business Meeting

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – High School Meet the Candidates Session

Thursday, June 22

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – High School Meet the Candidates Session

Friday, June 23

• 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (estimated end time) – High School Business Meeting

The High School Voting of National Officer Candidates will open immediately at the close of the Business Meeting for 90 minutes.

Students that can be voting delegates have been notified via email to their advisors on May 18th. Take a look at the contest schedule and make plans accordingly. If your student is listed as an alternate we will makes plans as soon as possible. 25 HS, 3 MS votes If you have any questions about this process please let us know. We want to be sure our voices are heard during this election process.



NLSC Contacts/Info

- Phone: 903-887-4013: State Office will be on site Crystal: Ext 1, Amy: Ext 3
- Texas Hotel: 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 phone: 404-659-6500 As of June 7, the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, where the delegation stays at Nationals, will have a brand change. The new hotel name will be Courtland Grand Hotel, Trademark by Wyndham https://courtlandgrandhotel.com/
- SkillsUSA NLSC App:

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/skillsusa-nlsc/id6447904301 https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=a2z.Mobile.Event6325

NLSC Signal for Texas:

https://signal.group/#CjQKIH6V4c0sGr2-Y3ZZiJdpfWbCenPQsO_k5iQpwDx6Nrp8EhCPqHDZg7_5jBuXyjj-zO-m

- Urgent Care 24/7 Centennial Park: 285 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW Atlanta, GA 30313 (404) 721-0444
- CVS 235 Peachtree St Atlanta, GA, 30303 (404) 892-8468

Safety First – please be aware of your surroundings, travel in groups, do not wear name badge with name facing front in public spaces



Atlanta Venues

- ► GWCC: free wi-fi, credit card only concessions. All contests are open for viewing with a badge/pass.
- ➤ State Farm Arena: free wifi, credit card only concessions. Bag policy in affect. May be lines to get through security.
- ► Sheraton Hotel: On-Site restaurant and vending store, wi fi free in room
- ▶ Maps of downtown/parking are available on the app
- ► Food trucks will accept Apple and Visa Pay. CNN Food Court and Hub at Peachtree accept cash at food vendors. Most options are CASHLESS, please have your students prepared.
- ► There are usually food trucks in front of the hotel. Dining options within 3 blocks walk of hotel.
- ► There is a SkillsUSA Store at GWCC
- ▶ BE SAFE, make good choices, use common sense, trust your instincts



Summer Leadership Updates

June 3-8th 2023 at Mo Ranch 2229 Fm 1340, Hunt, TX 78024

Payment Due by June 5, 2023.

- Updated Agenda sent via email
- Pre Work Assignments
- Tips for Packing, check weather before you pack!

Rooming information was sent to advisors last week.

Special diet needs - we are eating in dining hall at buffet

A shirt for each day, nametag, water bottle, and journal will be provided at registration/check in on Sunday.

➤ A copy of the agenda, map of Mo Ranch, officer voting ballot, Statesman Book, materials for sessions and final rooming will also be part of Sunday pick up

TIVA Summer Conference - Advisors

Omni Hotel Fort Worth July 16-21, 2023 Registration is open now until July 3rd

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

TIVA's vision is to empowering Career and Technical Educators to develop innovative, relevant programs that embody excellence, instill lifelong learning, and promote economic and professional readiness for all students. TIVA Conferences are where we gather to share information and provide hands-on continuing education for all members. Serving the following Career Clusters:

Architecture & Construction
Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
Career Development
Culinary Arts
Government & Public Administration
Hospitality
Human Services (Cosmetology)
Information Technology
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
Manufacturing
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
Transportation, Distributions & Logistics



WLTI Save the Date: Sept 23-27, 2023

SkillsUSA offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on professionalism, communication and leadership skills. This training is held in Washington, D.C., and allows members the opportunity to share their SkillsUSA and career and technical experiences with elected officials.

Washington Leadership Training activities include: Congressional visits, tours of D.C., including monuments, laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and evening activities.

There is a registration and hotel fee. Travel is on the school to arrange.

State officers registration including hotel and meals financed by SkillsUSA Texas.

District officers are encouraged to attend, financed by the school district.

Scholarship applications are available after Summer Leadership.

Texas Tours: Sept 22-23

Texas Tours are a few extra days that our State explores Gettysburg and Mount Vernon.

Estimated costs for 2023:

	WLTI Only	WLTI+TX Tours
Hotel Rm	4 Night All In	6 Night All in
Single	\$1,655.08	\$2,357.62
Double	\$1,227.54	\$1,716.31
Triple	\$1,085.03	\$1,502.54
Quad	\$1,013.77	\$1,395.66



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

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- 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 Sept 7th at 5:30pm Check our calendar for upcoming deadlines!

We will take a break from Townhall Meetings July/Aug
We hope you enjoy your summetime!
See you at Mo Ranch, Atlanta, or DC

