



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter July 2023

Greetings to SkillsUSA Texas,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the final days of summer before the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The end of summer brings with it a unique blend of emotions. While bidding farewell to the lazy days and carefree vibes of summer may seem bittersweet, there's an undeniable sense of anticipation for what lies ahead. It's a time of new beginnings, fresh perspectives, and a chance to embrace the wonders of the upcoming school year!

I am thrilled to announce that our team has grown stronger with the addition of some remarkable new employees. We have three new staff members and a great group of new and returning district coordinators. As we move through the upcoming organizational changes, please know that our vision remains the same: to serve our members with the utmost customer service and resources to make their chapters successful. Next month's newsletter and emails will include more information about the new changes and employees.

Together, we can make the most of this transition and continue to create amazing moments in the upcoming SkillsUSA Texas year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the state office.

SkillsUSA Texas Strong!
Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director

New Theme Released

The theme for 2023-2024 SkillsUSA was announced at NLSC. The topic to be addressed by contestants in the 2024 SkillsUSA Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is our theme, "SkillsUSA: No Limits."

UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT



NLSC Updates

205 Texas students competed and did amazing at NLSC. Check our social media for pictures and updates. Congratulations!

16 - GOLD MEDALS 29 - SILVER MEDALS

26 - BRONZE MEDALS

82 students placed in the top 10; over 75% of our competitors.

Welcome New Office Staff

- Regional Manager I Eddy Parker
- Regional Manager II Darlene Mills
- Executive Administrative Assistant Stephanie Evans

2023-2024 State Officer Team



President: Jana Kawasmi Vice President: Audrie Sargent Secretary: Braylen Perkins

Treasurer: Melissa Alfaro-Zeledon

Reporter: Siri Paruchuri

Parliamentarian: Gavin Treadway

Historian: Gustavo Flores

District Coordinators Announced Welcome to a new year, we can't wait to get started!

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D12: district12@skillsusatx.org

D13: Irma Bazan and Paul Hernandez, district13@skillsusatx.org

New Remit Address

Any invoices created after July 1st will have a new remit address. This will only apply to "S" invoices. A copy of the updated W9 can be found on our website.

https://skillsusatx.org/about/payments-and-invoicing/

SkillsUSA Texas P.O. Box 65087 Lubbock, TX 79464

Invoices that start with "M" are for annual membership dues and are payable to the National Office. The remittance address remains: SkillsUSA Inc.

Attn: Membership Dept. 14001 SkillsUSA Way Leesburg, VA 20176-5494

Past Due Invoices

After July 15, 2023 any invoices that are past due will incur past due fees on a monthly basis until payment is received. Invoice reminders are sent to the email of person that created the invoice in registration. If your records indicate an invoice has been paid, please verify if the check has been cashed. If you do not show the check was cashed, we ask that you verify the payment address and resubmit. If payment was sent to any Mabank, TX or Leesburg, VA address we have not received the payment. Invoices starting with "S" are due to: SkillsUSA Texas P.O. Box 65087 Lubbock, TX 79464

Texas Regulations

The regulations are being updated in July and the new version will be published on our website and in the August newsletter.

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

Thursday, Sept 7, 2023, at 5:30 PM Central

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/ register/tZYqc-Gprj4qGNSG59HLdvtpipPKW2 dq5r7 to register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Recordings of these meetings will be posted on our website.

TIVA

2023 Summer Conference
SkillsUSA Texas will have their board meeting, staff training and district coordinator meetings during this week. We are also offering classes for making SkillsUSA a part of your classroom during the conference We hope to see you!
https://www.acteonline.org/tiva/conference/

Omni Fort Worth July 16-21, 2023





Plans are starting to develop! Washington DC trip and Texas Tours-mark your calendars and start planning now.

The WLTI Scholarship application and tentative schedule are posted on our website: https://skillsusatx.org/events/washington-leadership-training-institute/
Registration will open in August, dates TBD. Check back for updates!

Sept. 23-27, 2023

Estimated cost:

4 night WLTI Only Sept 23-27 (Hotel, 8 meals Included) Single \$1,605.08

Double: \$1,177.54 Triple: \$1,035.03 Quad: \$963.77

Estimated cost:

6 night WLTI & TX Tours Sept 21-27 (Hotel, 13 meals Included) Single \$2,322.62

Double: \$1,681.31 Triple: \$1,467.54 Quad: \$1,360.66

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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