

SkillsUSA Texas 2023-2024 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome SkillsUSA Texas Advisors

- WLTl Review
- Fall Leadership Conference - Location changes
- National Technical Standards and Texas Regulations 2023-2024
- New Contests
- Channellock Trade-up Contest
- ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards



WLTI Review



- A total 88 Texans attend WLTI
- Congratulations to all who received their Statesman! 55 total

Isabella	Aranda	Citlaly	DeSantiago
Alinah	Gaytan	Destini	Mack
Aviana	Prieto	Lizbeth	Garcia
Valeria	Delgado	Marc	Lucio
Valeria	Pereira	Sergio	Naranjo
Siri	Paruchuri	Jewels	Nuncio
Shyanna	Ringo	Tricia	Silva
Jaley	Baumguard	Maddee	Nunn
Landon	Deters	Audrie	Sargent
Narmy	Coria	Melissa	Alfaro-Zeledon
Natalie	Langley	Lilly	Seaman
Fulla	Jaber	Hannah	Castillo
Kathleen	Leddy	Madelyn	Cindo
Rebecca	Rojas	Kimberly	Hernandez Lazo
Dr. Wendy	Wilson	Deseray	Barraza
Teigan	Poston	Breanna	Ramirez
Jessica	Voiers	Mackenzie	Bryant
Jana	Kawasmi	Alyssa	Gonzalez
Bryson	McKnight	Tyler	Hudgins
Derick	Simpson	Hannah	Mobley
Gavin	Treadway	Ann	Smock
Sebastian	Bernal	Tufe	Uslu
Elia	Hernandez	Paula	Wallace
Dallas	Bergstrom	Reid	Waters
Braylen	Perkins	Tabria	Williams
Jamari	Johnson	Aayushi	Hansalia
Francisco	Tristan	Gustavo	Flores

2023 Fall Leadership

Fall Leadership Event Date & Location
D1 October 27 - Western Tech - El Paso
D2 October 25 - West Texas Training Center - San Angelo
D3 October 13 - South Plains College – Levelland
D4 October 11 - Wiley G. Thomas Jr. Coliseum - Haltom City
D5 October 18 - Collin College Wylie, TX
D6 October 25 - Dallas College Cedar Valley – Lancaster
D7 November 8 - Sam Houston – Huntsville
D8 October 19 - Houston Community College – Houston
D9 October 10 - Stafford High School - Stafford
D10 October 18 - Reunion Ranch – Georgetown
D11 October 20 - La Vernia HS - La Vernia
D12 October 6 - Harold T Branch Academy - Corpus Christi
D13 October 13 - San Benito HS - San Benito



Location Changes for Fall Leadership Conference

District 4:

NEW LOCATION

Wednesday, October 11th at
Wiley G. Thomas Jr. Coliseum
6108 Broadway Ave. Haltom City, TX 76117

District 9:

NEW LOCATION

Tues Oct 10th at
Stafford High School
100 Spartan Drive, Stafford, TX 77477



National Technical Standards and Texas Regulations

- National Technical Standards are available now in Absorb. You can access with your paid professional membership.
- Texas Regulations are updated and the 2023-2024 version will be available online at www.skillsusatx.org. Any changes/updates made throughout the year you will be notified through the SkillsUSA Texas monthly newsletter and the dates of the revisions are in the document.
- This document will describe in detail the rules for chapters to compete, the process for state officer selection and the contest standards for Texas only contests (those that do not advance to National level competition).
- This document along with the National Technical Standards and the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook gives you a complete set of contests overviews and guidelines for the school year.



New Contests-Coming Soon

Texas New Contests:

- ESports
- Trial Advocacy
- Tactical Response
- Natural Hair Design and Weaving
- Wedding Cake Design
- Middle School - Promotional Poster



Texas Contests

- A one page resume is required for all contests at district and at state and will have a 10 point deduction if not submitted. The resume can be used as a tiebreaker.
- A professional development written test is required and is 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
- Contest clothing requirements are the same for district and state, the officially branded clothing is not required until the National level. Leadership contests that require professional reds is the same for all level of competition. Clothing deduction is 10 points, if compliant no deduction.
- Job exhibits will have only the notebook brought and scored at the district level. Qualifying notebooks and the projects will be brought to state. The project only will be judged at state. The project and notebook score will be combined for final ribbon determination.
- Texas only contests will be score based upon the standard and rubric provided in the Texas Regulations.
- Occupational Quiz Bowls Update: Teams must participate or attempt to answer at least one question per round or receive a 50 point deduction per round.
- New Contest Rubrics - **COMING SOON**



Job Exhibit Updates 2023-2024

- New Pricing Schedule:

District Contest: \$50 fee w/student contestant

\$25 notebook only w/out student contestant attending

State Pricing:

\$50 w/out student but not eligible for BEST OF SHOW

\$100 is eligible for all extras. Best of Show, conference t-shirt, etc

- New Rules:

1-inch clear cover for front pg. 3-ring binder or bradded. Upload a photo to GDrive on the website link with a picture of the student and the project with the School name in the image to be posted in a reel at Closing at District Competitions. Picture specs will be included.



District Competition - Dates Released 10/15

Leadership, Skilled & Technical Contests, Occupational Related and Demonstration Contests:
Each district has own rules but the following is the MAX that could be allowed.

Per Texas Chapter - 5 members per individual contest **AND**

Per Texas Chapter - 2 teams for each multiple contest

Each **student** (joined member) may enter any combination for one registration fee:

- One skilled and technical individual **AND** one team skilled and technical **AND**
- One individual leadership **AND** one team leadership **AND**
- One individual demonstration **AND** one team demonstration **AND**
- One individual occupational related **AND** one team occupational related **AND**
- One individual job exhibit **AND** one job exhibit multiple or chapter

Please choose wisely as schedules will not be altered to accommodate conflicts.

The numbers for your district contest will be posted on your district web page in the contest schedule – please remember **red is not confirmed** when looking at your schedules.



State Competition

Leadership Contests

Per SkillsUSA Texas District - 1st & 2nd place individual and team

Skilled and Technical and Occupational Related Contests

Per SkillsUSA Texas District - guidelines in state contest list for individual and team

Technical Information Testing

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

- Check the eligibility requirements for each contest to ensure your student is qualify to compete.
- If contest requires a model they must be a joined and paid member to register.
- Advisors must be registered to attend any conference.
- Contest schedule is posted but remember **red means not confirmed!**



Communicating with Your District

- We have set up the Signal App to utilize for each district. This group is for Advisors Only. Only advisors from that district will be approved to be added to the message group.
- You can download the app here: <https://www.signal.org/download/>
- On each district's page on our website you will see a download link to request to be added to that district's Signal group. <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Your district coordinator will be using this app in addition to emails from skillsusatx.org and the district webpage to get information out to your district.
- Sign up for newsletters: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- **Email your district coordinator: district#@skillsusatx.org**



Channellock 2023 Trade School Trade-up Competition

- Channellock 2023 Trade School Trade-Up Competition submission is open! Established to help close our nation's skills gap and support trade schools. Winners receive a shop makeover, cash and CHANNELLOCK® tools. Deadline to apply Oct 13th. <https://channellock.com/tradeup/>
- The CHANNELLOCK® Trade School Trade-Up Competition is part of a larger initiative to help close the national skills gap and support the next generation of tradesmen and women. Each year, they give one hardworking trade school the chance to win: A short video can win your school shop \$5000 cash and Channellock tools for a shop make over.
- Contest Premise: To enter the TSTU Competition, get a crew of your classmates together to create a short video about your program and how it could benefit from winning.* We're interested in seeing how innovative you are, how hard you work, how much passion you have for your craft, and—most importantly—how you never take shortcuts. In other words, we want to see how you do things the CHANNELLOCK® Way.

*To qualify, all team applicants must be enrolled in a trade program for one of the following trades: plumbing, electrical, HVAC, welding, carpentry or automotive. Schools may submit up to 5 separate entries (one for each of their trade programs).



ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Apply Now for ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), in partnership with SkillsUSA, is seeking nominations for the National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards to be presented during the ACTE CareerTech VISION conference, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Phoenix, AZ. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 1. (Please note the Trade and Industrial VISION Awards are separate from the ACTE Excellence Awards.) Qualified individuals may be nominated for Teacher of the Year, New Teacher of the Year or Lifetime Achievement, and you may nominate yourself. (If you nominate someone else, be sure to notify the nominee.)

[Submit nominations online.](#)

For additional conference information, visit [ACTE CareerTech VISION.](#)



Reminder: New Remit Address

Invoices that start with “**M**” are for annual membership dues and are payable to the National Office. This is the same as previous years:

SkillsUSA Inc.

Attn: Membership Dept.

14001 SkillsUSA Way

Leesburg, VA 20176-5494

Invoices that start with “**S**” are for registration fees for events from the State Office.

SkillsUSA Texas

P.O. Box 65087

Lubbock, TX 79464

Copies of the W9 can be found here:

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



What's Next?

- **Save the date:**

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

Fall Leadership happening soon.

Check our calendar for upcoming dates!

