

# SkillsUSA Texas 2023-2024 Town Hall Meeting

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# Welcome SkillsUSA Texas Advisors

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- Texas Harbor Freight Winners
- Chapters/Membership Incentive Deadlines
- Advisor of the Year
- District Contests Updates



# Texas Harbor Freight Winners

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Prize winners of \$50,000 each (\$35,000 for their school's skilled trades program and \$15,000 for the teacher):

- John Alvarez  
Plumbing  
Construction Careers Academy
- Dallas Bergstrom  
Manufacturing  
Arthur Miller Career & Technology Center



# Chapter and Membership

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- If you need help with your chapters or membership let us know!
- Deadline is November 15th for membership registration of at least 15 students and one professional member due in order to receive a free JumpStart 2.0.
- Upon request, the National office will gladly mail a membership kit to help you involve staff or students. To request a kit, call 844-875-4557.  
<https://www.skillsusa.org/resources/member-resources/skillsusa-membership-kit/>
- There is a Chapter Leader Planning Guide found here:  
<https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Chapter-Leader-Planning-Guide-Recruitment-Week.pdf>
- You'll also find Advisor Resources to help coach chapter leaders around recruitment and engaging new members.  
<https://www.skillsusa.org/events/skillsusa-recruitment-week/>

# Advisor of the Year Applications

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- The application are posted and available on your district webpage
- Deadline will be last day of district competition registration



# New Contests Standards

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## New Contests Texas Only:

- ESports
- Police Application
- Tactical Response
- Natural Hair Design and Weaving
- Wedding Cake Design
- Middle School - Promotional Poster



# Changes to Districts

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- District Schedules
- In an effort to increase the number of students in contest, these contests may have Preliminaries due to space requirements:
  - Automotive/Diesel/MLR - Basic Skill Station and online skills test
  - Cosmetology/Barbering/Esthetics/Nails Art/3D Nail Art/Natural Hair - Kit check, online skills test, and interview
  - Customer Service- Time Limits and online skills test
  - Job Interview - Time Limits and Qualifying rounds
  - Criminal Justice Cluster Contests- Situational element station and online skills test
- These are in addition to a online PD test, resume check, and clothing check



# District Contest Dates

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Be sure to keep an eye on Your District calendar on website

**D1:** Feb 1-7, 2024 El Paso

**D2:** Feb 22-23, 2024 Odessa College, TBD

**D3:** February 15 – 17, South Plains College, Levelland, TX

**D4:** TCC campuses Feb 16-17th; Offsite contests - Feb 9-10th

**D5:** Feb. 15-17, 2024 Collin College, offsite contests - TBD

**D6:** Feb 22-24, 2024 at TSTC Waco; offsite contest - Feb 15-16: TBD

**D7:** Feb 8-10, 2024- LIT and Lamar Port Arthur; offsite contests: various locations Feb 1-10

**D8:** Feb 9-10, 2024- HCC and San Jacinto: offsite contests: various locations Feb 1-10

**D9:** Feb 15-17, 2024- Stafford High School; offsite contests: various locations Feb 1-10

**D10:** Jan 27th in Temple and Killeen and Feb 1-3, 2024 at TSTC Hutto

**D11:** Jan 24-Feb 3, 2024 Various Locations

**D12:** Feb 8-10, 2024 at Del Mar; offsite contests: TBD Feb 2-3

**D13:** Feb 16-17, 2024 at TSTC Harlingen; contests offsites: Feb 2-15 various locations





# District Contest Timelines

<b>District</b>	<b>Registration Opens:</b>	<b>Registration Closes:</b>	<b>Sub/Cancel Window:</b>	<b>PD/Testing Window:</b>	<b>Officer Applications Due:</b>	<b>Invoices Due:</b>
<b>D1</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 25, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 26, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024
<b>D2</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Feb 2, 2024 at 5pm	Feb 3-Feb 7, 2024	Feb 3-Feb 9, 2024	Feb 2, 2024	Mar 2, 2024
<b>D3</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Feb 1, 2024 at 5pm	Feb 2-Feb 5, 2024	Feb 2-Feb 9, 2024	Feb 1, 2024	Mar 1, 2024
<b>D4</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 26, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 27-Jan 31, 2024	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2024	Jan 26, 2024	Feb 26, 2024
<b>D5</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 26, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 27-Jan 31, 2024	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2024	Jan 26, 2024	Feb 26, 2024
<b>D6</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Feb 2, 2024 at 5pm	Feb 3-Feb 7, 2024	Feb 3-Feb 9, 2024	Feb 2, 2024	Mar 2, 2024
<b>D7</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 24, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 26, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024
<b>D8</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 24, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 26, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024
<b>D9</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 24, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 26, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024
<b>D10</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 12, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 13-Jan 18, 2024	Jan 15-Jan 19, 2024	Jan 12, 2024	Feb 12, 2024
<b>D11</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 11, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 12-Jan 17, 2024	Jan 12-Jan 19, 2024	Jan 11, 2024	Feb 11, 2024
<b>D12</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 24, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 26, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024
<b>D13</b>	Dec 15, 2023 at 8am	Jan 19, 2024 at 5pm	Jan 20-Jan 24, 2024	Jan 20-Jan 27, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb 19, 2024

# National Technical Standards and Texas Regulations

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- 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](http://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.



# Texas Contests

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- 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 online professional development 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.
- 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 - Now Available



# Job Exhibit Updates 2023-2024

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- 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

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**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

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## 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!**



# 2023-2024 Theme

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- Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, and Promotional Bulletin Board  
Theme: No Limits
- Barbering creative/freestyle design Theme: Ocean/Marine
- Esthetics fantasy theme: Doll Face
- Theme for Commercial Baking Job Exhibits  
Nail Art Exhibit/Contest will be Superheroes NOT the Esthetics “Doll Face” Theme.



# National Apprenticeship Week: November 13-19, 2023

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- Monday, November 13: Registered Apprenticeship for Youth
- Tuesday, November 14: Registered Apprenticeship in New and Emerging Industries
- Wednesday, November 15: Expanding Registered Apprenticeship to Underserved Populations
- Thursday, November 16: Women in Registered Apprenticeship
- Friday, November 17: Registered Apprenticeship for Veterans and Federal Employees

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/national-apprenticeship-week>





# STATE OFFICE CORNER

**Advisor Fall Leadership PowerPoint are posted on the district webpage!**

**Fall Leadership Survey - Please fill them out by November 18th. We will be doing a drawing for education resources for those that complete it by the deadline.**

## **JOB POSTINGS:**

**Part-Time Position** Available with the SkillsUSA Texas Postsecondary Division - Assistant Coordinator

**1 Full-Time Position** will be added for the State Office in May 2024 (Applications will be accepted in March) - Regional Manager III

**Contract Positions Available:**  
Marketing Specialist (Social Media, Publications, Branding) 1 year position

**New Series to showcase your students and the great work you do in the classroom.**

**“HARD HATS TO HIGH TECH: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF WORK WITH TRADES”**

**We will be posting a link on the website to allow you and your students to send in your stories, and a lucky few will be featured on the Podcast “Trade Talks” with Roger Wakefield. Other stories will be posted in our monthly newsletters and showcased on our media platforms.**

**We want to showcase you and your school!**

# Communicating with Your District

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- 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**



# Reminder: New Remit Address

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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?

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- **Save the date:**

Next Town Hall, Thurs Dec. 7th at 5:30pm

**Check our calendar for upcoming dates!**

