

SkillsUSA Texas 2023-2024 Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome SkillsUSA Texas Advisors

Only 49 Days Till Our First District
Contest of the Year!

Only 115 Days Till the 2024 State
Conference!



Chapter and Membership

- If you need help with your chapters or membership let us know!
- 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/>

Need Help Contact: Stephanie@skillausatx.org

District Websites

- **All Districts Contest Registration Opens Dec 15th.** You must be a joined member to register. Please check for deadlines! Information on substitutions, cancellations and payments are also posted.
- District Officer and Advisor of the Year applications will be posted by Dec 15th on each district's webpage. Please note the deadlines and requirements.
- A contest agenda, contest schedule (including how many students/teams *per chapter* that can compete in each contest), registration closing date, PD testing dates, Resume and JE photo upload directions are posted on each district's page.
- Don't forget about the new TX Only T Shirt and Pin Design Contest
- Any contest updates from your tech chair for your district will be posted.

Please check your district page regularly!



Changes to District Contest Process



- 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

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

D1: Feb 1-6, 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 Dallas College Cedar Valley, offsite contests - Feb 9-10th

D6: Feb 22-24, 2024 at TSTC Waco; offsite contest - Feb 15-17th

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 around San Antonio

D12: Feb 8-10, 2024 at Del Mar; offsite contests: Feb 5-7

D13: Feb 16-17, 2024 at TSTC Harlingen; offsite contests - Feb 9-10th



District Contest Timelines

District	Registration Closes:	Sub/Cancel Window:	PD/Testing Window:	Officer Applications Due:	First Contest Date	Invoices Due:
D1	1/19/2024	1/20-1/25	1/20-1/26	Jan 19, 2024	2/1/2024	Feb 19, 2024
D2	2/8/2024	2/9-2/14	2/9-2/15	Feb 8, 2024	2/22/2024	Mar 8, 2024
D3	2/1/2024	2/2-2/7	2/2-2/8	Feb 1, 2024	2/15/2024	Mar 1, 2024
D4	1/29/2024	1/30-2/2	1/30-2/3	Jan 29, 2024	2/9/2024	Feb 28, 2024
D5	1/30/2024	1/31-2/3	1/31-2/4	Jan 30, 2024	2/10/2024	Feb 28, 2024
D6	2/4/2024	2/5-2/9	2/5-2/10	Feb 4, 2024	2/17/2024	Mar 4, 2024
D7	1/19/2024	1/20-1/24	1/20-1/25	Jan 19, 2024	2/1/2024	Feb 19, 2024
D8	1/19/2024	1/20-1/24	1/20-1/25	Jan 19, 2024	2/1/2024	Feb 19, 2024
D9	1/19/2024	1/20-1/24	1/20-1/25	Jan 19, 2024	2/1/2024	Feb 19, 2024
D10	1/15/2024	1/16-1/20	1/17-1/21	Jan 15, 2024	1/27/2024	Feb 15, 2024
D11	1/15/2024	1/16-1/20	1/17-1/21	Jan 15, 2024	1/25/2024	Feb 15, 2024
D12	1/24/2024	1/25-1/29	1/25-1/30	Jan 24, 2024	2/5/2024	Feb 24, 2024
D13	1/29/2024	1/30-2/2	1/30-2/3	Jan 29, 2024	2/9/2024	Feb 28, 2024

Professional Development District Testing

- Must register students with *non school email* to get log in directions.
- Online testing link will be emailed to students *after* registration closes.
- The test link will be open starting the day after registration closes. The tests must be completed no later than the day after substitutions are allowed. Check your district page to confirm the date.
- The window is open 24hrs a day for the days listed by district. **No make up dates.**
- Test should be teacher/advisor proctored, you will have to click confirm for both proctor and student.
- One test score applies to all contests that student has entered.
- Substitution students will have 24 hours to take the test. Please verify student receives email with testing link
- If the student does not take test within that window they get ZERO score. **No exceptions.** Please plan accordingly. Team scores are averaged.
- Advisors should confirm the log in directions have been received by students and have a plan to proctor the test **prior** to registration closing.
- If the log in has not been received reach out to your coordinator **before** testing day – you will need the email address you used for registration.
- Any issues with online testing should be directed to your district director: Eddy, Darlene or Amy.

Best Practices for District Registration

- When you are registering students for contest it is beneficial for you to enter all your information but **not** submit until you are positive that all of your students are passing or have not changed their mind about competing. Once you submit your registration you cannot make changes without the help of your Regional Director.
- For your own sanity make sure that you have a plan B for your teams. You do not want your students to work on a project all year for one student to fail and them not be able to submit it or present it to the judges. Make sure you have an extra person ready.
- Double check your registration before the submission date. You must submit on or before your submission date. There will be no late registration. All unsubmitted registrants will be deleted after registration closes. On slide 7 you will see the substitution and cancellation dates for each district. There can be no cancellations, substitutions or refunds made after the dates. **There will be no on-site registration.**
- When you submit your registration you will get an invoice, this is proof of registration, the fee estimate is only for your information. You cannot use the fee estimate to pay for registration you need your invoice and you will only get that after you submit. The invoice number will start with the letter “S”. All invoices that start with the letter “S” will be sent to the Lubbock office for payment processing, not Virginia. You will find that address on your invoice please make sure you're submitting your payments to the correct address and they are made out to the correct entity.
- Please check your District schedules for registration and substitution deadlines. This was discussed on slide 7. All District registrations open December 15th however, the close dates and substitution dates may be different from district to district.
- Once the schedules are posted please keep a close eye on them. From time to time things can change. There is an updated date at the bottom of each schedule. The most current date is the schedule you will want to follow.

Awards and Scholarship Applications

- Advisor of the Year - The application are posted and available on your district webpage. Deadline will be last day of district competition registration.
- SkillsUSA Outstanding Member Scholarship: Applications are posted on each district's website. Candidates interview at district and one student from each district advances to state to potentially receive \$1,000 from CTAT.

Honorary Life Membership award - Each year, it is awarded to individuals for their outstanding service that advances the mission and values of the SkillsUSA organization. Online applications due Feb. 14



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**



New Texas T Shirt and Pin Contests

- Check the technical standards in the Texas Regulations under Texas Only Contests. Be sure to read the directions for files to upload. Free to enter. Deadline to enter is Jan 2nd. Upload directions on each district webpage.
- Open to HS and MS, any CTE program for a joined member. All judging and interviews will happen online.
- Can enter this and the National level Pin and T Shirt contest which is for the NLSC Texas Competitors.
- The design must be different for state and NLSC
- Winner Announced Feb 1st.



State Conference Update

We have streamlined the hotel reservation process, and brought the hotel reservations in-house. By centralizing hotel reservations, SkillsUSA Texas aims to provide the following services:

1. Streamlined Reservation Process for easier PO Processing
2. Complimentary Breakfast for Competitors on Friday and Saturday at contest locations
3. Continued Enhancements to Shuttle Bus Offering
4. Event Planning Consistency across all SkillsUSA Texas Events (One Fee Model)
5. Negotiation Power to keep Corpus Christi as conference location.
Potential relocation could incur higher registration fees and hotel fees

State Conference Important Dates

February 25, 2024	State Registration & Hotel Opens:	Member must be PAID to register
March 11, 2024	State Registration & Hotel Closes	
March 15, 2024	Last Day to Cancel Registration or Substitution	<i>Any information in registration that needs to be submitted for an invoice by March 15 will be deleted. Submission must be done before room and registration is guaranteed.</i>
March 15, 2024	No Refunds	No changes to invoices or hotel reservations
Mar 20-Mar 27, 2024	Online PD Test Window Opens	<i>The link will be sent to the student's registration email address on the evening of March 19, 2024. The resume upload, portfolio upload, and required written tests may be part of this link.</i>
April 15, 2024	All payments due	<i>If received after the payment deadline, a \$50 monthly fee will be assessed. Please add a 3% processing fee if paying with a credit card. "S" invoices will be due to PO Box 65087 Lubbock, TX 79464.</i>
April 6, 2024	National Packet Release	
April 12, 2024	Final Review and Scoring Uploads	

State Conference Hotel Rates

2024 State Conference Hotel Pricing (2-Night Minimum Required)			
Room Type (1bed max 2 ppl, 2 bed max 4 ppl)	Room Charge ** (2 Nights, per person)	Plus Registration (per person)	Extra Nights (per person)
Single Room, one bed *	\$310	\$410	\$155
Double Room, two beds	\$188	\$288	\$94
Triple Room, two beds	\$126	\$226	\$63
Quad Room, two beds	\$94	\$194	\$47
*a second occupant in a single room must be a family member for a single room price ** \$155 Single, \$188 Double.			

- All hotel arrangements must go through the State Office with registration
- If you have already booked with a hotel, please inform the State Office of the location and arrangements made as soon as possible. We can attempt to add to the block, if not rooms will have to be released.
- The school's will not share rooms with any other school's unless requested.



Job Exhibit Updates 2023-2024

- New Pricing Schedule:

District Contest: \$50 fee w/student contestant

\$25 notebook only w/out student contestant attending

State Contest: \$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 report cover. Upload the final project photo (per notebook regs) to the website link sent to the student's email. The link will be the same for resume upload and PD testing. The photo will be posted the awards presentation at Closing at District Competitions.

Directions for upload will be provided in the email.



Stay Tuned

- December newsletter will have more detailed information on the Town Hall topics.
- Check out social media posts for contest updates from Nationals, scholarships, and much more.
- January Town hall will discuss State registration in detail and we will release National Cost Breakdown

Contest Updates for 2024

Barbering (Updated 11-1-23)

Commercial sUAS Drone (Updated 10-13-2023)

Esthetics (Updated 10-13-2023)

Health Knowledge Bowl (Updated 11-3-2023)

Mobile Electronics Installation (Updated 12-5-2023)

Mobile Robotics Technology (Updated 11-9-23)

Robotics – Urban Search and Rescue (Updated 10-26-2023)

Technical Drafting (Updated 11-29-2023)

Texas

<https://skillsusatx.org/contest-overview/>

Nationals

<https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/competition-updates/>



Contest Updates for 2024

Mobile Electronics Installation Study Resources

For the upcoming Mobile Electronics Installation competition held at NSLC 2024, advisors and students may now request free study materials from the competition's technical committee.



STATE OFFICE CORNER

**Holiday Office Closing:
December 22 - January 2**

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!

What's Next?



Save the date:

Next Town Hall, Thurs Jan. 11th at
5:30pm

Register Here

Check our calendar for upcoming dates!



Townhall recordings and PPT are posted here:

<https://skillsusatx.org/news>

Follow us on social media for updates:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X

