



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter December 2023

Greetings to SkillsUSA Texas,

Welcome to the December edition of our SkillsUSA Texas newsletter! As the festive season approaches, we're not just decking the halls but also gearing up for the excitement of the upcoming district competitions. This month, let's embrace the spirit of Christmas, a time of giving and joy, as we continue to hone our skills and prepare for the competition season ahead. Our community is bustling with energy and enthusiasm, reflecting the holiday season's bright lights and warm hearts. Together, let's make this December memorable, filled with the festive cheer of Christmas and the spirited determination for our upcoming contests. ☐☐

Best regards,

SkillsUSA Texas Strong!

Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director

District Conference Registration Opens Dec. 15!

A contest agenda, contest schedule (including how many students/teams per chapter can compete in each contest), registration closing date, PD testing dates, Resume, and JE photo upload directions are posted on each district's page.

NATIONAL OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE

Effective December 15, 2023, the new address for the SkillsUSA National Office:

SkillsUSA Inc.

**673 Potomac Station Drive, PMB #809
Leesburg, VA 20176**

Tips:

- Mail will be forwarded from the previous address starting December 15, 2023.
- Credit Card payments for membership can be made faster by calling Sandy Mueller at 703-737-0616
- New W-9s will be available on a link on the membership invoices.

Remember the Texas Only T-shirt and Pin Design Contest!

Details are found in the Texas Regulations.
Deadline is January 2, 2024!

[Submission Link](#)

State Conference Housing 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:

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

[Hotel Policy and Steps-by-Step Instructions](#)

State Conference Hotel Rates

Room Type (1bed max 2 ppl, 2 bed max 4 ppl)	Room Charge \$155/\$188 2 Nt Min/pp	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

2023-2024 Themes

- Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is: "SkillsUSA: No Limits."
- Esthetics Fantasy Theme for 2024: Doll Face

- Barbering Theme for 2024: for the creative freestyle design is Ocean/Marine. The new contest Hair Weaving does NOT have a theme.
- Commercial Baking Job Exhibits, 3D Nail Art and Nail Art Competitions (not job exhibits) will use the theme "SUPER HEROES" for 2024. New Wedding Cake Design contest does not have a theme.

Applications Available

We are happy to let you know that the **Advisor of the Year and District Officer applications are now available** on the district webpage. Just to let you know, the deadline for submission is the final day of district competition registration. We would like all interested parties to review and submit the application as soon as possible. We have made the applications online to be as easy and seamless as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help or have any questions.

District Contest Dates

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, [offsite contests](#) - Dallas College - Cedar Valley
 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

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.

**TEXAS REGULATIONS
AND MORE**

**NATIONAL TECHNICAL
STANDARDS**

Any paid professional member has access to the National standards through this site.

Call Customer care if you need help:



SkillsUSA Texas Offices will be closed for the Holidays from Dec 22- Jan 2.



Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, Jan 11, 2024,
at 5:30 PM Central

[Register Here](#)

Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. All CTE advisors are invited to join this conversation with the state office. Recordings of these meetings will be posted:

<https://skillsusatx.org/news/>

"S" Invoice 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
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Lubbock, TX 79464

Past Due "S" Invoices

After August 1st, 2023 all invoices that are more than 90 days past due will incur a \$50 past due fee per invoice on a monthly basis until payment is received. A PO is not payment, only check or credit card (w 3% processing fee) will be posted as payment. Invoice reminders are sent to the email of person that created the invoice in

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.
673 Potomac Station Dr, PMB #809
Leesburg, VA 20176

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, please verify the payment address and resubmit. If payment was sent to an address other than Lubbock we have not received the payment.

SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors

Your Texas Board of Directors Chair is [Ed Sanchez](#). Please reach out to him. He would love to hear from our membership!

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