

# SkillsUSA Texas 2023-2024 Town Hall Meeting

Feb 1, 2024

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# Welcome SkillsUSA Texas Advisors

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Membership Deadline, Legislative Day, District Contest and State Conference are right around the corner!

Fun a head in  
February



# Membership Deadlines

- **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP**

- **Must be JOINED as a member to register for district contest.** Remember to use a personal email not school email when entering your students.
- **Must be a fully joined member by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to compete, be a model, or a substitute contest.** Membership must be **PAID before** state contest registration deadline. Check/CC received before deadline.
  - Membership cannot be transferred to another person or cancelled once joined.
  - Use a price quote only for PO, only an M invoice is trackable for payment.
  - Membership payments are due to Leesburg, VA not the PO Box in Lubbock.
  - The state office cannot process membership payments, check will be sent back.

New	First	Last	Grad. Yr	Gender	Stud/Prof	Division	Date Joined	Ready to Join? <input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Amy	Baxmann			Professional	High School	9/20/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Darlene	Mills		Female	Professional	High School	10/2/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Stephanie	Evans		Female	Professional	High School	10/2/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Eddy	Parker		Male	Professional	High School	10/4/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Addie	Downing		Female	Professional	High School	10/5/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Sheila	Hyde	0	Female	Professional	High School	11/1/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>

National SkillsUSA  
has a new  
address: 673  
Potomac Drive  
PMB #809  
Leesburg, VA  
20176

# District Websites

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A contest agenda, contest schedule (including how many students/teams *per chapter* that can compete in each contest), registration closing date, PD testing dates, and the most up-to-date information on contests - are posted on each **district's page**.

**Please check your district pages regularly! Also don't forget to sign-up for Signal and our Newsletter!**



# 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**





# SkillsUSA Week Feb 5-9

SkillsUSA members can participate in many ways, including honoring community supporters, connecting with local business and industry professionals, making a presentation about their CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting and more.



Program Guide: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-SkillsUSA-Week-Guide.pdf>

The SkillsUSA Advocacy Site <https://www.congressweb.com/susa/> has two templates available for you to use to promote your activities during SkillsUSA Week and Career and Technical Education Month. One is for your U.S. senators and representatives and your local government officials and the other is for your local media.

We encourage members to celebrate by planning activities that follow the daily schedule of events using the Chapter Guide found here:

<https://t.congressweb.com/I/?VEIYWUAHJSOPKZA>



# Legislative Day

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Joined SkillsUSA Texas Members travel to Austin to represent their CTE programs to our State Legislatures at the Capitol. Training includes communication, parliamentary procedure, advocacy, and House Rules. Student leaders perform mock legislation and debate proposed bills.

- **Feb 19-20, 2023** at Austin Southpark Hotel by Marriott, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744. 512.448.2222

Registration Opens	Registration Closes	Cost	Hotel Cost
January 16, 2024	February 6, 2024	\$40 per attendee	\$129 per night under SkillsUSA block

- They are in session at this time, but it is a holiday weekend. We may not have access to the house floor, but we are working on it.
- Tentative Agenda found: <https://skillsusatx.org/events/skillsusa-texas-legislative-day/>. State officers arrive on Sat Feb 18

# PD Testing/Resume/Job Exhibit Photo Upload

Shortly after registration closes students and their advisors will receive an email

- one for all individual contest registered in
- separate email for all the team events they are registered in

This email contains a link to the competitor's portal where students will be able to access their professional development test, upload resume, upload Job Exhibit required documents.

This email reminds students of their submission and testing windows.

[Review this document for directions](#)

## Sample Contestant Email:

Email comes from: [contests@skillsusa-register.org](mailto:contests@skillsusa-register.org)

Email Subject: SkillsUSA TX District 1 Leadership and Skills Conference | Contest Submission Information for Rachel McDonough | Del Valley High School

Congratulations on being a SkillsUSA TX District 1 Leadership and Skills Conference Contestant!

This email contains critical information you will need to compete in the SkillsUSA TX District 1 Leadership and Skills Conference. Please save this email, as you will need to access this information multiple times throughout the Regional Conference. You can save this email as a PDF file to your computer by clicking the 'Print' button, then selecting 'Save as a PDF' in the Printer Destination dropdown. Please double-check the PDF to ensure all links are still active.

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Contestant Name: Rachel McDonough

Contestant ID #: 6475

Contest: Additive Manufacturing

Contest Guidelines: [Guidelines for Additive Manufacturing](#)

*Please review all information included in the Contest Guidelines link above. The guidelines may be updated at any time, so please review them again before your submissions or contest date to ensure you are up-to-date on all information that may affect your contest.*

Submission Link: <http://www.skillsusa-competitor.org>

The contestant portal is where you will upload submissions, links, and resumes. If your contest has an exam, you will find the exam link in the portal. For information on how to upload your contest materials, please watch this [short YouTube video](#).

## Important Contest Details:

Required Submissions: Resume and other materials as defined in the Contest Guidelines

Submission Opens: January 17th @ 3 PM

Submission Closes: January 19th @ 3 PM

[Contestants Guide](#) (includes technical assistance information)

On behalf of the SkillsUSA Texas staff, judges, and volunteers, good luck on your competition. We hope to see you at the State Leadership and Skill Conference.

If you have received this email in error or have questions, forward this email to [districtone@skillsusatx.org](mailto:districtone@skillsusatx.org).

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DO NOT Reply to this email - it is from an unmonitored system address and no one will ever see your reply.



# Professional Development District Testing

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- 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** the testing window closes— 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.

# Delegates and Voting

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**Number of Delegates Per Chapter:** Each Texas chapter will have: a. one delegate for the Texas chapter b. one delegate for each group of 10 members c. one delegate for major fraction of 10 members (more than 5) i.e. 16 members = 3 voting delegates; 15 members = 2 voting delegates

## **Register Delegates to Vote:**

You will receive allotted number of delegate bracelets in your registration packet. You can assign those to who you choose. There is not a setting in registration this year to designate your delegates. Can be different students at district than at state.

## **What Delegates are Voting on:**

At your district delegate session there may be a Constitution and Bylaw Amendment to vote on. There will also be district officer candidate speeches and voting to elect your district officer panel. Delegate wristbands will be in your registration packet for your to distribute to students available to vote.

## **How Delegates Vote:**

Each district will have own process, may be hand raise or online.



# 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	



For updates see the [State Conference Webpage](#).

# 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.			

- Opens Feb 25 - closes March 11
- All room charges will be turned off. If something is charged to the room, SkillsUSA Texas will bill the school 3x the amount charged.
- The school must place credit card down plan to charge anything.
- 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.



# Contest Updates for 2024

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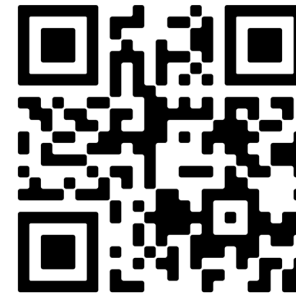
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Barbering
- Career Pathway Showcase
- Commercial sUAS Drone
- Employment Application Process
- Esthetics
- Health Knowledge Bowl
- Job Interview
- Mobile Electronics Installation
- Mobile Robotics Technology
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Robotics-Urban Search and Rescue
- Technical Drafting

## Texas

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

## Nationals

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

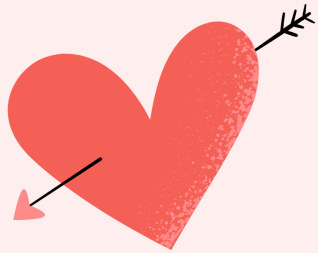




# What's Next?

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*Happy Valentine's Day*



FROM: *SkillsUSA Texas*

**Save the date:**

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

**Register Here**

Check our calendar for upcoming dates!

Townhall recordings and PPT are posted here:

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

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