



SkillsUSA Day at the State Fair

Get ready for SkillsUSA Day at the Virginia State Fair. Monday October 1, 2018. Contests are a great introduction to SkillsUSA and Career and Technical education. Location Doswell, Virginia; Cost \$20 per contest and \$6.15 state fair entrance fee. Door open at 10:00 a.m. Contests starting time are listed on each contest announcement found at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B-Y-yo5f8A75bUFZLVBTU1k0UTQ>

Registration **deadline September 21, 2018**. Hope to see you at the State Fair.

SkillsUSA 2018-19 Theme Announced



SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Career-Ready Starts Here

The SkillsUSA competition theme is used throughout the year as the topic for Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions at local, state and national levels. Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss a variety of ideas. For details, please visit www.skillsusa.org/about/theme

Awards Showcase CTE Partnerships and Champions

Is your program successful in creating partnership with local business, industry or community groups? Or, is there an outspoken supporter in your community who's championed the value of modern, high-quality career and technical education? Receive the honor for this outstanding support and achievement through the Association for Career and Technical Education awards:

- ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award (see: <https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national/partnership>)

- ACTE Champion for CTE Award (see: <https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national/champion>)

All eligible nominations will be highlighted in a showcase of best practices and success stories.

Plan Now to Participate in Manufacturing Day



Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. It occurs on the first Friday in October. While Manufacturing Day is officially **Oct. 5**, SkillsUSA chapters can plan events on any date in October that works best.

Events for students can include a plant tour, a virtual tour, an event on your campus that highlights manufacturing, and more.

SkillsUSA chapters are asked to share Manufacturing Day photos and stories with communications specialist Hayley Uffelman at huffelman@skillsusa.org. For resources, or to find events in your area, go to: www.mfgday.com

Leadership Training Workshops

Location	Date	School & City	Time	Registration Deadline
Northern	10/23	SkillsUSA National Leadership Center	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	10/9
South-West	10/25	Blacksburg High School	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	10/11
Far South-West	10/26	Smyth Career and Technology Center	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	10/12
South-East	11/14	New Horizons Woodside	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	10/31
South - Central	11/16	ACE Center at Hermitage	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	11/2

District Planning Meetings and Fall Rallies

District	Date	School & City	Time
2	10/16/2018	Fall Rally: ACE Center at Hermitage	4:30 p.m.
2	12/6/2018	Planning Dinner: ACE Center at Hermitage	5:00 p.m.
3	10/16/2018	Planning Meeting: Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center - Chatham	TBA

Enjoy the Benefits of Professional Membership

The SkillsUSA registration site is officially open for the new school year. If you need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, hotline operators are ready to answer your questions regarding starting a new chapter, ways to engage chapter members, and/or strategies to strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. To reach the hotline, call 844-875-4557 or email operators@skillsusa.org. You can also chat online on the membership registration site.



Professional members receive these great benefits.

2018-19 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. The latest edition will be available by Oct. 1. The official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships contains rules for all national competitive events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility and equipment lists. Note: Because of the constant need for updates, both the latest SkillsUSA Championships contest updates and the official SkillsUSA Championships scorecards are located online here:

www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates.



Jump into STEM! Curriculum includes middle-school and elementary-school STEM career exploration activities that can be taught by high-school members. This is a great opportunity to expose students to STEM careers and recruit for career and technical education programs as well as SkillsUSA.

Career Essentials: Foundations. This complete curriculum includes 29 lesson plans that support the SkillsUSA Framework and prepare students for workplace success. Career Essentials: Foundations <http://www.careeressentials.org/> is the first building block in the suite of products offered through the SkillsUSA Career Essentials.



SkillsUSA professional members receive all of these materials when they submit membership along with a valid email address. The 2018-19 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and other materials are provided through a digital delivery system. The complete listing of 2018-19 state dues and deadlines is online

or in the mailed membership kits. Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the importance of joining a professional organization and the opportunities that membership will provide.

SkillsUSA Membership Dues:

	National	Virginia	District*	Local**
Student Dues	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$0.00 - 5.00	\$0.00 - 15.00
Professional Dues	\$20.00	\$7.00	n/a	n/a

* Set by each district at fall planning meeting

** Set by each school

SkillsUSA Virginia Event Costs:

Event	Cost	Note
SkillsUSA Day @ the Virginia State Fair	\$20.00 per contestant \$6.15 State Fair Entrance Fee	
State Leadership Training Workshops (SLTW)	\$25.00 per person	Price includes lunch and leadership handbook
Southwest Fall Festival (Cosmetology)	\$15.00 per contestant \$5.00 per observer	
District Contest Fee	\$0.00 - 25.00 per contestant	Set by individual district at fall planning meeting
State Leadership Conference and Skills Championship (Virginia Beach, VA)	\$95.00 per person \$10.00 Open Ceremony Pass* \$10.00 Awards Ceremony Pass*	\$95.00 includes program and t-shirt, no meals; Hotels available at state rate
National Leadership Conference and Skills Championship (Louisville, KY)	\$150.00 per person	

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is a national celebration that offers leaders in business, labor, education, and other critical partners a chance to demonstrate their support for apprenticeship. For more information, please visit www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/NAW/



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SkillsUSA Virginia Office, New Address

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Website: www.skillsusava.org

Important Dates (see <https://www.skillsusava.org/events.html> for updated information):

Date	Event
September 23-27, 2018	Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI) - Alexandria, VA
October - November	District Fall Rallies
October - November	State Leadership and Training Workshops
October 1, 2018	State Fair - Doswell, VA
November	Southwest Fall Festival - TBA
November 28 - December 1, 2018	ACTE Vision Conference - San Antonio, TX
January - March	District Contests
January 10-11, 2019	Virginia ACTE Conference - Richmond, VA
February	Career and Technical Education Month
February	SkillsUSA Week
April	State Leadership Conference and Skills Championships - Virginia Beach, VA
May	SkillsUSA Week of Service
June	SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championship - Louisville, KY
July	VATIE Professional Development Conference - Norfolk, VA

Due Dates:

Date	Event
September 21	State Fair Registration Deadline
October	State Leadership and Training Workshops Registration Deadline (2 weeks prior)
November	Southwest Fall Festival Registration Deadline
November 15	SkillsUSA Full Service Membership Deadline
December 31	SkillsUSA Virginia Membership Deadline
February	SkillsUSA Virginia Membership Second Semester Deadline
March	SkillsUSA Virginia State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline
May 15	SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference Registration Deadline

Check the Files —

Do You Have a Chapter Charter and Constitution? If Not, It's Not Too Late

Make the 2018-2019 school year *the* year for creating a chapter that's built on a rock-solid foundation. Whether you've had an active chapter for years or your chapter is just developing, now is the time to ensure success!

To do that, take a look at the steps below to apply for a chapter charter and create a chapter constitution. Even if you have been operating as a chapter for a number of years, it's not too late to create your constitution and formalize your structure. Don't delay on this step, and be sure to get your members involved in the process. It is a great way to learn about the organization.

The form is titled "SkillsUSA APPLICATION FOR CHAPTER CHARTER". It includes fields for "The _____ School" and "Chapter hereby applies for Charter by the _____ Association of SkillsUSA, Inc.". There are sections for "Chapter Advisor" and "School Administrator" with lines for signatures and dates. It also has fields for "School Name", "Address", "City", "State", and "ZIP". A "Date Submitted" field is present. At the bottom, there are "INSTRUCTIONS" and a "FOR STATE USE ONLY" section with fields for "APPROVED:", "DATE:", and "COPY RETURN DATE:". The SkillsUSA logo is at the top right.

- If you are a new chapter, it is imperative that you submit a local constitution and chapter charter to your state SkillsUSA director. Once the state SkillsUSA director has accepted your local constitution and chapter charter, your school will be included among the registered users on the SkillsUSA registration site.
- Complete the SkillsUSA [Application for a Chapter Charter](#). The charter requires an administrator's signature. You may want to have students share their excitement about the new chapter by delivering the charter to the administrator for his or her signature.
- Along with the charter, the chapter must submit a constitution. Use the [Suggested Local Constitution](#) as a guideline, and ensure that you update it with school-specific information. Your chapter can always amend the constitution in the future if there is ever a need.

- Your chapter is official once your state SkillsUSA director has accepted your charter and constitution. You are ready to move forward to take advantage of local, state and national opportunities that await you and your students.

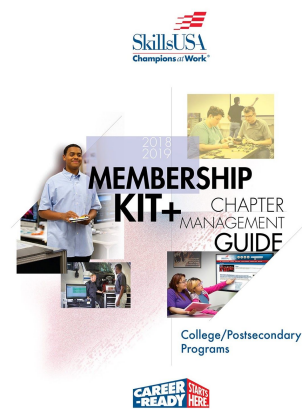
Posters, Brochures, Lesson Plans and More — Get Your Membership Kits!



Get outfitted for a new school year with posters, brochures, lesson plans and whole lot more that comes packed into your SkillsUSA membership kit. Kits have been mailed to all chapters that affiliated with SkillsUSA last year, but if you haven't received yours, then call toll-free 844-875-4557 to request a copy.

There are three unique membership kits, each designed for a specific market: middle school, high school or college/postsecondary. Each kit contains three posters, a brochure,

membership cards and a chapter management guide. The guide is key to your success and includes information on establishing a chapter, engaging students in chapter activities, tools for recruitment, lesson plans, programs, scholarship and recognition opportunities, and information on educational resources.



All of the membership materials can also be downloaded at:

www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/

Need Help with Your Chapter or Registering Members?

Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline Toll Free: 844-875-4557

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