

Important Deadlines and Dates

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- January 31 - Pin and T-shirt Designs (MUST be paid student member)
- January 31 - SkillsUSA SC Officer Applications (MUST be paid student member)
- January 31 - Advisor of the Year Nominations (MUST be paid Professional member)
- March 1 - State and National SkillsUSA Memberships Due
- March 1 – Late Registration for SC Leadership and Skills Competitions

Important Dates

- January 2 – SLSC Registration Opens
- February 1-28 - CTE Month
- February 2-8 - SkillsUSA Week
- February 4 - State and Local Leaders, State House Visit, Columbia (Registration required)
- February 14 - Last Day of Regular SLSC Registration Fee
- February 15 - SLSC Registration Late Fee Applies

State Leadership and Skills Championships (SLSC) 2020

Registration opens for the 2020 State Leadership and Skills Championship Conference on January 2, 2020

Competition Changes for 2020

- Resumes will be required for ALL competitions at the state level
- Competitors may only compete in one (1) competition
- Several locations and dates will change from previous years

Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week



During SkillsUSA Week on February 2-8, encourage student members and advisors to plan ahead and host events that include administrators, business leaders and legislators. You can participate in SkillsUSA Week lots of different ways: hold an open house, invite local media to tour your programs, conduct a community service project, work with area businesses to build more meaningful partnerships, or engage with policymakers to talk about the value of technical education.

Monday, Feb. 3 – Appreciation Day

Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Advocacy Day

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Member Outreach Day

Thursday, Feb. 6 – SkillsUSA Service Day

Friday, Feb. 7 – SkillsUSA Day

For a sample calendar, proclamation and press release, go to: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week

Visit www.skillsusastore.org to order your SkillsUSA Week T-shirt and a whole host of products that are ready for your week of celebration!

Young Entrepreneurs Eligible for World Series of Innovation

World Series of Innovation is an online, project-based competition sponsored by the



World Series of Innovation

Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Young innovators from across the globe ages 13-24 can enter the competition and compete for cash prizes.

Small teams will create business solutions that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some teams compete independently, while others are affiliated with schools or programs like SkillsUSA. Students can compete on their own or in teams of two or three.

For the current sustainability-themed innovation challenges that close **Dec. 16**, and details on how to compete, visit: <https://innovation.nfte.com/>

Nominations Open for Inaugural Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award

Nominations are now open for the inaugural Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award. This honor will recognize educators who are doing great work to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The award will be presented to two educators — one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level — who demonstrate superior achievement in instilling skills, knowledge and passion with respect to cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related subjects. Winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as public recognition and other professional opportunities.

Nominations close **Jan. 31**. To apply, visit: www2.ed.gov/documents/presidential-cybersecurity-education-award.pdf.

Seeking Talented Singers to Open Conference



SkillsUSA is seeking a talented student or adult member to sing “The Star-Spangled Banner” at the Opening Ceremony of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 23, 2020, in Louisville, Ky. Auditions must be received by **Feb. 3**. SkillsUSA does not pay any travel expenses for the selected singer to attend the national conference.

To audition, submit a video of yourself singing the national anthem:

<https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/national-anthem-auditions/>

New Career Essentials Suite Videos Available



In today’s world, it’s not enough for students to have just technical skills. If they want to advance their career potential and compete in today’s job market, students need to stand out, be distinct and stay a step ahead. How can you ensure students are career-ready?

The *SkillsUSA Career Essentials* suite engages students in defining, implementing and measuring their career-readiness skills along every point in their educational journey, whether it be middle-school, high-school or college/postsecondary including the adult learner. The curriculum generates high levels of student engagement and is built on evidence-based outcomes that support the industry-validated *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Assessments*.

Together, curricula and assessments work to culminate in students earning the industry-recognized SkillsUSA Career Essentials Credential. You no longer need to search for a curriculum that will fulfill national and state standards related to career readiness. Visit the refreshed *SkillsUSA Career Essentials* website for more information including brochures and new videos at: www.careeressentials.org