

SkillsUSA Announcements 12 4 2017

THANK YOU – Thank you Brandon Hirst for serving as the Central Region Coordinator for this school year! Contact Brandon at bhirst@gmail.com for questions and information.

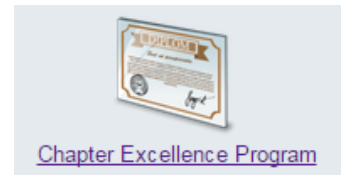
Check-Mark Your Way to Success

Has your SkillsUSA chapter:

- Elected chapter officers
- Conducted chapter meetings
- Completed a Program of Work
- Completed a projected budget
- Submitted student membership
- Submitted professional membership
- Conducted three chapter activities



Check, check and check! Then your chapter is just steps away from recognized with the Quality Chapter Award. To complete the level 1 application, go to the main page of the membership registration site have logged into your school account (www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx) and click on the Chapter Excellence Program



being online once you icon.

More information on how to get your students involved in CEP can be found in these quick and easy to implement lesson plans: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CEP-Mini-Lessons-2015.pdf>. And everything you need to know about implementing the CEP can be found here: <http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CEP-Teachers-Guide.pdf>

SkillsUSA Washington - seeking person to assist with scoring at our state conferences

Training is provided January 13-14, 2018 in Leesburg, Virginia. Training begins at noon Jan. 13 (lunch will be provided) and ends at noon Jan. 14 (portable lunch will be provided). Plan travel accordingly. Must be able to work with current scoring person Adam Scroggins, SkillsUSA Washington Board Member, Certified Trainer & Puget Sound Regional Co-Coordinator. Registration ends 12-22-2017. Contact tlufkin@comcast.net if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity!

Middle School – New contests just added! At the national level we currently have: 1) Robotics-Urban Search & Rescue, 2) Opening and Closing Ceremonies & 3) Team Engineering Challenge for MS. Just added are: 1) Pin Design 2) Job Skill Demo A & Open & 3) Outstanding chapter (This contest will likely change soon into something around the Chapter of Excellence Program). For these 3 new contests they are not changing the tech standards this year. Contact your regional Coordinator to see about Middle School events in your region.

SkillsUSA Washington Design Contest – submissions due 1-26-2018

OFFICIAL RULES

The SkillsUSA Washington State Design Contest (formerly called the State Pin Design Contest) is open to all student members of the organization. Three designs will be selected:

- The 1st place design will be the official Pin of the SkillsUSA Washington Leadership and Skills Conference and receive \$75. The pin will be given to state conference registrants and used for trading at NLSC.
- The 2nd and 3rd place designs may be the official Program Cover or possibly a T-shirt for SkillsUSA Washington at the state or national level and receive \$50 each.

All designs submitted should be appropriate for use on a pin, T-shirt or publication. Students may specify their preference for pin, cover or t-shirt. All entries must be submitted to SkillsUSA Washington and will become property of SkillsUSA Washington. Only five entries per SkillsUSA member permitted.

SPECIFICATIONS - All entries must comply with the following specifications or will be disqualified:

- The design should be something that reflects Washington State.
- The design should include the text "SkillsUSA Washington" and the "year"
- Do not make SkillsUSA two words or separate SkillsUSA by a hyphen or any other means.
- The whole SkillsUSA Emblem cannot be used in the design.
- The design (not including a solid background) may include up to 4 distinct colors, not blended.
- A finished pin will be no larger than 1.5" x 1.5". Please take into consideration the reduction and size. Very small or intricate detail in your design might not be seen in the finished product.
- An ideal t-shirt design will be no larger than 8 ½" x 11" and the state program will be 5 ½" x 8".
- For the T-shirt, the art will be adjusted to fit the front of the shirt, and industry logos may be added to shirt.
- Design team will consider artistic elements of balance, originality, and contrast.
- It is okay to use clip art but no trademark or copywrite designs.
- All entries must include the following: students name and email, advisors name, phone number & email, name of SkillsUSA chapter (on attached form).
- SkillsUSA retains the right to make modifications to the final design as necessary to produce a pin, program cover or T-shirt to our standards and to the manufacturer's specifications and abilities.
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Entries must be received by the SkillsUSA Washington State Director on or before January 26, 2018. Please send all entries to: tlufkin@comcast.net.

Chapters Earn Recognition for Service Through Presidential Honors

SkillsUSA is a certifying organization of the President's Volunteer Service Award, allowing advisors, student members and registered alumni to earn recognition for community service activities and time spent while volunteering.

This award is a presidential honor that recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers across the country who are answering a national call to serve others through their current activities or lifetime efforts. As a certifying organization, SkillsUSA can identify eligible recipients, verify their service hours and distribute the award to outstanding volunteers.

Given participation in ongoing service activities, advisors and students may already meet the requirements to receive the award. To qualify, SkillsUSA members, advisors or alumni can submit a record of their service hours.

For details on qualifying hours and requirements for submission, visit:

www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/presidents-volunteer-service-award. Applications must be postmarked by **March 30**.

SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen field.

Help spread the word so SkillsUSA students can take full advantage of these opportunities:

- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-marsha-daves-memorial-scholarship/. This year's applicants must be from Region 1. Deadline for applications is **May 1**.
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/>. Deadline is **April 15**.
- SkillsUSA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/skillsusa-stem-science-technology-engineering-mathematics-scholarship/. Deadline is **March 15**.

For additional scholarship information, continually check the website at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

WASHINGTON CTE Student Leadership - Civic Engagement Day February 15, 2018 - Washington State Capitol Building

This is a great event for your students and is a valuable way for us to show Olympia the importance of our programs and why CTE must be funded at an enhanced level. Please join us on this day as we help our students understand the legislative process and share their stories with members of our State Legislature and the importance of CTSOs. Watch for information on how to contact your legislators. It's not too soon to schedule appointments!

Focus Your Students on Safety

CareerSafe sponsors a National Youth Safety Video Contest, in which students across the country are challenged to create a two-minute video demonstrating safety in the workplace. All submissions should be sent to CareerSafe by **March 1**. The winning students will receive a SkillsUSA prize pack as well as a scholarship up to \$2,500, and the winning school will receive a prize up to \$5,000. For more information, visit www.skillsusa.org/competitions/careersafe-video-contest/ or the CareerSafe website at: www.careersafeonline.com.