



October 23, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a student at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, your child is enrolled as a member of SkillsUSA for the current school year. SkillsUSA is a national student organization that teaches leadership and employability skills to help students succeed, both on the job and in life. Through involvement in SkillsUSA, your child will develop technical skills that are grounded in academics, workplace skills and personal skills that will set him/her apart from his/her peers. He/she will become more employable, gaining a competitive advantage in the job market through SkillsUSA experiences.

I hope you will support participation of this activity by your child. Membership dues for our SkillsUSA chapter are paid by the district. These dues will help cover the cost of local activities for the chapter this school year.

Active SkillsUSA members will have a chance to conduct a variety of professional development activities, including competitions that test their job skills against industry standards. There will also be opportunities to receive credentials that will enhance a job portfolio. Students who elect to participate in skill or leadership events are eligible to represent their school at the local, state or national level and to win industry awards and scholarships. New Jersey state competitions will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup> and conclude on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The national competition will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that a financial contribution will be required from all parents who are electing to have their child compete at the SkillsUSA national level. The parent contribution for those students who competed in 2019 was \$600.

For more information about SkillsUSA, please visit [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org), or the New Jersey SkillsUSA website at [www.nj-skillsusa.org](http://www.nj-skillsusa.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a SkillsUSA advisor at 908-526-8900 x7171 or send an e-mail to [SkillsUSA@scvts.net](mailto:SkillsUSA@scvts.net). We appreciate your support of this activity.

Sincerely,

SkillsUSA Advisors

Michelle Fresco ([mfresco@scvts.net](mailto:mfresco@scvts.net)), Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator, ext.7275  
Mike McClain ([mmcclain@scvts.net](mailto:mmcclain@scvts.net)), Electrical Construction Teacher, ext. 7111  
Pratima Patil ([ppatil@scvts.net](mailto:ppatil@scvts.net)), Science Teacher, ext. 7185  
James Strickhart ([jstrickhart@scvts.net](mailto:jstrickhart@scvts.net)), Coordinator of CTE, ext. 7169