

SkillsUSA is showing everyone how vital career and technical education is to America's future.



SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

A national student organization **SkillsUSA** is a partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. From health-care to HVAC, construction to cosmetology, SkillsUSA gives students everything they need everything they need to thrive in skilled careers that are in demand. SkillsUSA has been doing this work for more than five decades — always growing, always striving to reach more students and to serve them effectively. Today, our mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens is more critical than ever. Since its founding in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed 13.6 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators. SkillsUSA is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and state departments of education, and it's cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the technical curriculum.



The SkillsUSA Framework serves as the foundational resource from which all SkillsUSA educational programs, resources and products are sourced. The Framework communicates SkillsUSA's definition of the career-ready individual. Within the Framework, 17 Essential Elements are divided among the three components: personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics. The Framework was created because the organization realized the need for students — future employees — to be able to intentionally develop and communicate their abilities with respect to employability skills. The Framework Essential Elements were developed with the direct input of over 1,000 employers. The Essentials Elements represent the skills employers consider the most crucial for a successful hire. The Framework is essential to SkillsUSA's mission because it serves as the blueprint for career readiness, our ultimate goal as an organization. The Essential Elements are in-demand employability skills as defined by industry and serve as the benchmark for measuring student success. This approach defines SkillsUSA's mission. SkillsUSA operates in more than 19,000 classrooms within 4,658 SkillsUSA schools representing 53 state and territorial associations. SkillsUSA serves more than 372,000 active members annually, and 20,598 instructors and administrators are professional members. Our members are known in their schools and communities as leaders and skilled professionals in training.

SkillsUSA Programming

The **SkillsUSA Career Essentials** suite engages students in defining, implementing and measuring their career-readiness skills along every point in their educational journey. Curricula and assessments culminate in students earning the industry-recognized Career Essentials credentials.

The **Chapter Excellence Program** recognizes achievement of the SkillsUSA Framework integration into a chapter's program of work. As a chapter's yearly action plan, the program of work is at the heart of student learning and employability development.

The **SkillsUSA Championships** is a collection of competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the country. Contests begin locally and continue

Classrooms and Schools

SkillsUSA benefits classrooms and schools by:

- Showcasing the school to the community.
- Helping teachers meet educational standards.
- Improving the quality of CTE training programs.
- Providing opportunities for recognition.

Teachers

SkillsUSA empowers instructors by:

- Enhancing the technical curriculum.
- Providing career-ready resources.
- Improving student attitudes.
- Allowing students opportunities to test their skills.
- Providing avenues for local industry support.
- Inspiring greater administrator support.

Students

SkillsUSA empowers student members by:

- Preparing them to be career-ready.
- Providing ways to serve the local community.
- Offering \$1 million in scholarships annually.
- Connecting students with employers.

Industry

SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- Ensuring that programs meet industry needs.
- Providing opportunities for employment.
- Promoting specific industries.
- Offering opportunities to support local programs.

For more information

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SkillsUSA Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships brings together industry and labor representatives, educators and the public to watch students compete in leadership and hands-on skill events. The SkillsUSA Championships begin at the local level with contests in classrooms nationwide. Winners advance through district, regional and state competitions, and only the best make it to the national event. Students benefit no matter how they place in their contests. They test their skills, make job contacts, and earn a chance for recognition. State and national winners receive gold, silver and bronze medallions; scholarships; tools and other awards. The SkillsUSA Championships event requires more than 1 million square feet of floor space, with approximately 6,500 competitors in 106 different events. Business and industry contributes more than \$36 million in equipment, supplies and personnel to support the SkillsUSA Championships, which is considered the largest single-day commitment of corporate volunteerism in America. Every other year, a select few are chosen to compete at the international level in the WorldSkills Competition.



SkillsUSA Championships Events

The official regulations for the following events are published in the *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards*. New contests are added each year.

Leadership Development

Action Skills
American Spirit
Chapter Business Procedure
Chapter Display
Community Action Project
Community Service
Employment Application Process
Extemporaneous Speaking
Job Interview
Job Skill Demonstration A
Job Skill Demonstration Open
Occupational Health and Safety
Opening and Closing Ceremonies
Outstanding Chapter
Pin Design (State Conference)
Prepared Speech
Promotional Bulletin Board
Quiz Bowl
T-shirt Design

Occupationally Related

Career Pathways Showcase
Customer Service
Engineering Technology/Design
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR
Health Knowledge Bowl
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Medical Math
Medical Terminology
Principles of Engineering/Technology
Related Technical Math
Team Engineering Challenge

Skilled and Technical Sciences

3D Visualization and Animation
Additive Manufacturing
Advertising Design
Architectural Drafting
Audio/Radio Production
Automated Manufacturing Technology
Automotive Refinishing Technology
Automotive Service Technology

Aviation Maintenance Technology
Basic Health Care Skills
Broadcast News Production
Building Maintenance
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
CNC Milling Specialist
CNC Technician
CNC Turning Specialist
Collision Damage Appraisal
Collision Repair Technology
Commercial Baking
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Crime Scene Investigation
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Dental Assisting
Diesel Equipment Technology
Digital Cinema Technology
Early Childhood Education
Electrical Construction Wiring
Electronics Technology
Esthetics
Firefighting
Graphic Communications
Graphics Imaging – Sublimation
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Industrial Motor Control
Information Technology Services

Interactive Application and Video Game Development
Internet of Things/Smart Home
Internetworking
Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
Marine Service Technology
Masonry
Mechatronics
Medical Assisting
Mobile Electronics Installation
Mobile Robotics Technology
Motorcycle Service Technology
Nail Care
Nurse Assisting
Photography
Plumbing
Power Equipment Technology
Practical Nursing
Restaurant Service
Robotics and Automation Technology
Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue
Screen Printing Technology
Sheet Metal
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production
Web Design and Development
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture



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