



Friday Flash

October 21st, 2016

Fall Leadership Conference

Last Week to Register for Fall Conference!!!

This year's fall leadership conference will once again be held at Great Bay Community College on November 18th, 2016. The conference will begin with registration being between 8:00AM and 8:30AM and Opening Ceremony starting at 8:30AM and with the conference ending at 1:00PM.

Registration for the Conference is now open online <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx> and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Reminder-students attending do not need to be SkillsUSA members. This event is a great opportunity for students to learn more about SkillsUSA NH prior to choosing to join their local chapter.

Deadline to Register is November 1st, 2016

Meals:

Lunch is included with your \$15.00 fee, I would like to know of any special diet needs. Once you are registered, please email me any special diet needs to SDSkillsUSANH@gmail.com so that I can make sure that we can plan properly for their needs

2016 Fall Leadership Conference Agenda

November 18, 2016

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| 8:00AM - 8:30AM | Registration and Check-In |
| 8:30AM – 9:30AM | Opening General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of 2016-2017 State Officer Team- Opening Ceremony- Welcome to Fall Conference, State President- Introduction of Keynote Speaker, State Treasurer- Keynote Speaker, Tim Lawrence, SkillsUSA Exec. Director- Introduction of State Director, State Secretary- Welcome and Instructions, Joshua Brunk, State Director |
| 9:40AM – 12:00PM | Student Workshop Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:40AM – 10:00AM Session 1- 10:10AM – 10:30AM Session 2- 10:40AM – 11:00AM Session 3- 11:10AM – 11:30AM Session 4- 11:40AM – 12:00PM Session 5 |
| | Advisors Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:40AM – 10:45PM Tim Lawrence, Exec Director- 10:45AM – 11:00AM Break- 11:00AM – 12:00PM Joshua Brunk, State Director |
| 12:00PM – 12:30PM | Lunch |
| 12:30PM – 1:00PM | Closing Session |

- How to apply today to your Chapter, State Vice-President
- Introduction of SkillsUSA BOD Member, State President
- Thanks You from BOD, Board Member
- Closing Ceremony, 2016-2017 State Officer Tea

2016 Student and Advisor Sessions

STUDENTS	ADVISORS
<p>SESSION 1 Why Join SkillsUSA?</p>	<p>9:40AM – 10:45AM Current-Future of National SkillsUSA Tim Lawrence</p>
<p>SESSION 2 SkillsUSA Framework Activity</p>	<p>SkillsUSA Executive Director</p>
<p>SESSION 3 Develop Your Framework Story</p>	<p>10:45AM – 11:00AM Break</p>
<p>SESSION 4 Tallest Tower Team Building Activity</p>	<p>11:00AM – 12:00PM Joshua Brunk SkillsUSA NH State Director</p>
<p>SESSION 5 Social Media Etiquette</p>	<p>11:00AM – 11:15AM SkillsUSA Framework Activity</p>
<p>SESSION 6 Everyday Leadership Discussions</p>	<p>11:15AM – 11:30AM Develop Your Framework Story</p>
<p>SESSION 7 Why Run to be a State Officer</p>	<p>11:30AM – 12:00PM Current-Future of SkillsUSA NH Open Brainstorming Ideas</p>
<p>SESSION 8 Balloon Team Building Activity</p>	

Register Yourself and Your Students as Members of SkillsUSA

Once you have officially established your SkillsUSA chapter, you can begin to register yourself and your students as members of SkillsUSA. Step 5 of the 10 Steps to a Successful Chapter focuses on the benefits of professional membership and the logistics of how to register your members online.

- Why is it important to register yourself as a professional member of SkillsUSA? It's one of the best ways you can demonstrate to your students the importance of the organization and the opportunities that membership will provide. As a professional member, you will receive online access to the following:
 - *2017-2018 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards* (new benefit)
 - *Jump into STEM!* curriculum
 - *Career Readiness Curriculum* (CRC)

SkillsUSA professional members, as a free member benefit, receive the aforementioned items when they have submitted a current and accurate email address along with their membership details. The *2017-2018 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards* is available online only to professional members as part of their paid membership.

- As a special membership incentive, register at least 15 student members in your training program plus one or more professionals by Nov. 15, and you will receive a SkillsUSA Framework podium banner.
- Instructors who register with 100-percent membership plus one or more professionals will also receive a SkillsUSA Program of Work calendar (value: \$5.95).
- SkillsUSA national dues for student members are \$8 plus state dues, which vary. For instructors, national dues are \$20 plus state dues, which vary. Student members must meet both the state and national deadline to be eligible for national competition, serve as voting delegates or national officer candidates. The national membership deadline is March 1, but many state deadlines fall earlier. The complete listing of state dues and deadlines are contained on the following pages.



- To enjoy full membership services, names submitted by Nov. 15 receive all membership services for the 2016-2017 school year, including free items for teachers when applicable. Student membership runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 each year.
- The Quick Start Guide to Online Membership Registration will quickly move you step by step through the registration process. Gather all the needed information from your students by first using the Membership Form to collect pertinent membership details.
- The Membership Kit contains 24 membership cards for students. For more cards, call 844-875-4557 or email operators@skillsusa.org.

2016-2017 National & State Dues:

Student: \$16.00 (\$8 National & \$8 State)

Professional: \$30.00 (\$20 National & \$10 State)

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2017 Dues must be paid by state deadline. Students' home addresses requested

2017 SkillsUSA NH State Leadership and Skills Conference

As of Oct 21st, 2016, competitions for the 2017 State Leadership and Skills Conference will be March 15th, 16th and 17th, 2017. More information will be forthcoming about the State Conference

Mark Your Calendar: Corrected Dates of Future National Conferences

Here are the dates of the annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference through the year 2020.

- June 19-23, 2017 (53rd)
- June 25-29, 2018 (54th)
- June 24-28, 2019 (55th)
- June 23-27, 2020 (56th)

Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Everyone needs a little help now and then. Let the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline operators help you solve your problems. Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. **Don't have time to call?** Send the operators an **email** at operators@skillsusa.org or **chat** with them online at the membership registration site! Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline Toll Free: **844-875-4557**.

Your Students' Voices Can Be Heard in the National Election

The National Student Mock Election gives those under 18 the opportunity to cast votes for candidates in both the federal and state elections. SkillsUSA instructors can use free materials and curriculum to create thoughtful lessons on democracy and the economy, with a special emphasis on civil discourse.

A total of 60 national civic, educational and business organizations serve as cooperating organizations to the Mock Election, including SkillsUSA. The program builds on the 36-year history of the National Student/Parent Mock Election (NSPME), the leading program in student voting. More than 50 million young voters have participated while learning about the importance of using their own voice to share perspectives on important issues. This year, national student voting culminates on Nov. 3, five days before the nation's election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The Mock Election will feature an online ballot option that's easily accessible from any internet-enabled device: computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. NSPME will tally the votes in real-time. Online ballots feature multimedia candidate and issue profiles. Students, parents and teachers will be able to hear directly from each candidate (video) as well as the leading arguments "for" and "against" the ballot issues before casting their votes.

For more information and to register to vote, go to: www.nationalmockelection.org. Students shouldn't miss this opportunity to let their voice be heard! Voting opens on Oct. 25 and closes Nov. 3 at 9p.m. (Pacific time).

Got a Great Story Involving Lowe's? Get Noticed by Posting Online

SkillsUSA chapters are invited to visit Lowe's online news hub, Open House. This new, dynamic platform can enhance how they share news and human-interest stories about Lowe's and SkillsUSA. It also provides an opportunity to highlight more stories about the positive impact Lowe's and SkillsUSA are making in communities. This news hub will highlight how our organizations partner to revitalize communities.

You'll find a landing page for SkillsUSA at:
<https://newsroom.lowes.com/tag/skills-usa/>.

You can also use social media channels to support this news portal and to publicize current and future events. Most importantly, sharing stories about SkillsUSA's long-running partnership with Lowe's helps at the local-store level as well as at the state and national level.

SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence helped launch the online news hub by writing a guest blog for Lowe's Open House about how we're filling the workforce gap. You can read it and respond here:
<https://newsroom.lowes.com/serving-communities/skillsusa-guest-blog/>.

Video Contest Encourages Financial Responsibility

The American Bankers Association Foundation wants to encourage financial responsibility among your students. Its "Lights, Camera, Save!" video contest calls on students to educate themselves and their peers about saving and using money wisely. This is the perfect outlet for creative, innovative concepts —your students' imaginations are the only limit to coming up with unique savings scenarios.

Winning videos will be posted on YouTube. The contest is free and open to all students age 13-18, with the videos of local winners moving on to the national competition. The entry period is Oct. 1-Dec. 1. The top three national winners will receive awards of \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000 to fund their saving goals. Equally rewarding, if one of your students is a top-three national winner, your school will win a scholarship to attend the 2017 Jump\$tart National Educator Conference. Winners will be announced in March.

To learn more, visit: Lights, Camera, Save

Teacher Guide Helps Students ‘Dream It, Do It.’

Over the next decade, 2 million manufacturing jobs will go unfilled due to the skills gap. With the help of teachers, we can mitigate this gap and show students the reality of modern manufacturing. The Manufacturing Institute’s “Dream It, Do It” [toolkit](#) provides teachers with activities to expand students’ knowledge and awareness of the manufacturing industry.

Many people of all ages are amazed to learn how much is manufactured in the United States and how diverse the careers are in this industry. Today’s manufacturing is about new innovation, making an impact and a chance to design and build the future. Whether students are interested in design, engineering or even the business side of the industry, there is a place for everyone in manufacturing. Not only does the industry offer a wide variety of demanding and fulfilling roles, it also offers high pay and opportunity for career advancement.

Woodwork Career Alliance Updates Skill Standards, Credentials

The Woodwork Career Alliance of North America (WCA) has released the 2016 Woodwork Manufacturing Skill Standards, the most significant update since 2011. The WCA has also redesigned its Passport, the personal record of a woodworker’s achievements in skill standard credentials.

WCA developed the industry-accepted skill standards to support the industry’s ability to train productive woodworkers. The standards include a voluntary assessment program that allows woodworkers to demonstrate their competency and earn credentials recognized throughout the United States and Canada.

The new standards have also been streamlined and enhanced based on improvements suggested by accredited skill evaluators and credential Passport holders. Each performance standard includes a pre-operation checklist, an operation checklist and considerations for evaluating an operator’s competency of the task at hand. Most skill standards have two levels, basic and advanced.

For more information about the WCA Woodwork Manufacturing Skill Standards, Passport and Accredited Skill Evaluator programs, visit: WoodworkCareer.org.

SkillsUSA Members Can Doodle for Google

Students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the “Doodle 4 Google” contest and create a doodle that tells the world “what I see for the future.” From graphic design to crayons or clay, artists can use any material to bring a creation to life. This could be a fun chapter or classroom activity — or an assignment if you teach graphic design, drafting or the arts. The contest runs through **Dec. 2**. One winning student will receive:

- Placement of his or her doodle artwork on the Google homepage
- A \$30,000 college scholarship
- A \$50,000 Google for Education technology award for his or her nonprofit
- A trip to Google headquarters, a Chromebook, Android tablet and more

For details or to submit completed doodles online, go to:

<https://doodles.google.com/d4g/>.

State Leadership and Skills Conference: Pin and T-Shirt Design Contest

(Please read ALL of the following information carefully before beginning so as not to be disqualified)

One design will be used for the pin and one for the T-shirt. All designs submitted should be appropriate for use on a pin or T-shirt. All entries must be submitted to SkillsUSA New Hampshire **exactly as directed** in the rules below, and all entries become the property of SkillsUSA New Hampshire once submitted.

Only one entry/design per SkillsUSA member is permitted.

Eligibility

This contest is open to all registered SkillsUSA New Hampshire student members who are enrolled in a career and technical education program at a high school or college/postsecondary institution with an active SkillsUSA chapter. Membership for the 2016-17 school year will be verified by the State Director (the name must appear on a roster for this school year).

Only one entry/design per SkillsUSA member is permitted.

Deadline

All entries must be received (not postmarked) in the SkillsUSA New Hampshire office by close of business on January 2nd, 2017, by mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS, etc.) only. Do not send electronic entries due to issues receiving large electronic files, printing files with accurate colors, etc.

Judging

All entries will be judged by the SkillsUSA New Hampshire State Director and SkillsUSA New Hampshire Board of Directors. The winners of the contest will be announced at the Awards Ceremony of the 2017 State Leadership and Skills Conference.

Materials and Specifications

All entries to this challenge **must comply** with the following materials and specifications or they will be disqualified:

- All entries must be rendered in color (full color or two color)
- Preferably, entries will be created in a design software package such as Illustrator, Photoshop or InDesign.
- All entries should be submitted with two versions of the art on a single page. The larger version is for judging the T-shirt contest. The smaller version is for judging the pin contest. The larger version should be approximately 7 inches wide by 7 inches tall. The smaller version should be approximately 1 inch wide by 1 inch tall. Both versions should be identical. The art does not have to be square, nor to these exact dimensions.
- Dimensions of the pin when produced will be approximately 1 inch tall by the necessary width. For the T-shirt, the art will be adjusted to fit the front or back of the shirt, and industry logos may be added to shirt.

- All entries **must** include the following **exact** wording (no other words/wording allowed):

**SkillsUSA
NLSC 2017
New Hampshire**

- The SkillsUSA emblem or SkillsUSA logo (whole or elements of either) cannot appear on the design.
- All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design.
- Please label the back of your artwork with the following:

**Student's name
Training program
School name and full mailing address
Advisor's name, e-mail address and daytime telephone number**

- The student must keep a copy of his or her original design until results are announced. Upon notification, the winner will be required to submit his or her artwork in the native software file to the state office by e-mail or other means, for production purposes. SkillsUSA NH will not return any materials.
- SkillsUSA NH retains the right to make modifications to the final design as necessary to produce a pin or T-shirt to our standards and to the manufacturer's specifications and abilities.
- Incomplete entries or those that do not comply with the above requirements will be disqualified.
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Entries must be ***received (not postmarked)*** by January 2nd, 2017.

Please note the following:

- Do not render your art on a T-shirt backdrop. Follow rendering directions as indicated above. Designs chosen will be designated as the pin or the T-shirt by the judging committees.
- Do not use the SkillsUSA conference theme or slogan in your design.
- Do not make SkillsUSA two words or separate SkillsUSA by a hyphen or any other means. **SkillsUSA should appear as one word on a single line.**
- Do not use the SkillsUSA logo or any part of it in your design.

Submitting Your Design

Create your design according to the above specifications. When your design is ready to submit, mail it to:

**Joshua Brunk
SkillsUSA New Hampshire
486 Old Homestead Highway
Swanzey, NH 03446**

Entries must be ***received (not postmarked)*** by January 2nd, 2017.

Questions? Submit any questions by e-mail to SDSkillsUSANH@gmail.com

There will be one winner for the pin design and one winner for the T-shirt design. Each winner will receive the following, provided by SkillsUSA New Hampshire: A Gold Medal for the two winners. A copy of the Pin and T-Shirt.

The Pin and T-Shirt design will be the official pin and t-shirt of SkillsUSA New Hampshire for use at the 2017 National Leadership and Skills Conference