

SkillsUSA Announcements 1 15 2019



SkillsUSA Week

FEB 3-9, 2019

SkillsUSA Week sponsored by Channellock is Coming Soon! Here's How to Celebrate Effectively

You can participate in SkillsUSA Week (Feb. 3-9) many 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. For a complete calendar of events, and resources including a sample proclamation, go to: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week



We encourage you to plan activities to follow the daily schedule of events that will be celebrated in chapters nationwide:

- Monday, Feb. 4, is Appreciation Day. Plan an event to celebrate and honor the support of advisors, teachers and administrators.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5, is Advocacy Day. Plan local or state public relations activities including presentations to legislators, school board members, administrators and community group leaders.
- Wednesday, Feb. 6, is Member Outreach Day. Involve members in the recruitment of middle and elementary school students into your CTE programs, or plan appreciation activities that honor current members.
- Thursday, Feb. 7, is SkillsUSA Serves Day. Rally around your community focusing on a day of giving through service projects or fundraisers.
- Friday, Feb. 8, is SkillsUSA Day. Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA shirt, planning a celebration and posting the event to media.



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The SkillsUSA Store has created a SkillsUSA Week T-shirt for \$18. Visit www.skillsusastore.org to order your shirt and other SkillsUSA products to support your week of celebration.

Recipients will be announced Jan. 15 for a new SkillsUSA Week grant opportunity. Eligible chapters who applied by the Jan. 11 deadline may receive up to \$1,000 to assist in creating a SkillsUSA open house during SkillsUSA Week and Career and Technical Education Month to increase community awareness and support student recruitment.

Special thank you to Channellock as the lead sponsor of SkillsUSA Week and to Toyota for their additional support of this program.

State Conference Registration is open now for Aerospace Assembler Competition

This competition will take place February 23, 2019 at Boeing in Everett. Registration **DEADLINE** is January 25th. This competition requires advisors to choose their top 3 students to compete. All schools are welcome. Students must be registered as SkillsUSA members and then for the Washington State Skills and Leadership Conference. Choose – **Locally hosted** contest, the fee will be \$50. Advisors do not have to register (you will if you come to Yakima for the state conference). Kit information is on the contest flyer. Students need to bring their resume and will participate in a mock interview. Take this interview seriously! Good things could happen! This is a great opportunity to tour Boeing, hear about internships and employee opportunities. **Next year** the goal is for SkillsUSA Washington schools to have regionals to help select who will participate at the state Boeing sponsored contest. Technical standards have been developed and we are working on getting this competition to Nationals! Contact tlufkin@comcast.net if you need assistance with a hotel near the Everett Boeing campus. Boeing will send out information for badges to be on the Boeing campus.

SkillsUSA Washington State Conference – April 25-27, 2019

Training Sessions for advisors or even students provide a 1-2 training during the state for advisors? Great opportunity to share what your chapter! If you have a STEM presentation, even better! Contact tlufkin@comcast.net if you are interested, this will impact the Clock Hours available.



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SkillsUSA Washington Leadership and Skills Conference Invitation List

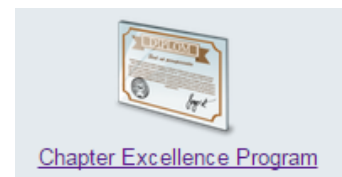
Invitation list for state will be available February 26, 2019

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 you have logged into your school account (www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx) and click on the Chapter Excellence Program



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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>

CEP Applications due February 28, 2019!

Advisor Training

Need training to get started as a SkillsUSA advisor? Video Training now available! Contact Adam Scroggins, ascroggins@bethelsd.org to set up a session.

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2019

<http://www.skillsusawashington.org/advisor-information/state-advisor-of-the-year/>

Now Available: National Officer Candidate Application

The [2019 national officer candidate application](#) and updated [national officer program guide](#) are now available on the [national officer selection process](#) page of the SkillsUSA website. The application deadline is June 1.

Contact Kim Hegedus, khegedus@skillsusa.org or 317-544-8750 with any questions.

Get Ready, SkillsUSA! New Year, New Blazers Coming Your Way!

The new year is just around the corner, and for SkillsUSA Store staff, it means “out with the old and in with the new” for 2019.

The SkillsUSA Store is excitedly preparing to launch the highly anticipated and newly redesigned SkillsUSA blazers. The store elves are busy making room, opening boxes, stocking shelves and updating the website for a new year launch of the new blazers at: www.skillsusastore.org

With a new lower price point of \$99, bulk-buy discounts as low as \$79 and upgraded features, you can update your closet and outfit your students less expensively for competitions throughout the new year.

The entire SkillsUSA Store team wishes you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season. Make the SkillsUSA Store your first stop in the new year!



Nominations Open for Honorary Life Membership, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator

If you would like to nominate someone for SkillsUSA’s national Honorary Life Membership or Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, please submit your nomination by going to the following assigned links and completing the online application. The deadline for both applications is **Feb. 15**.

- Honorary Life Membership: skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/honorary-life/
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator: skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/outstanding-educator-nomination/

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Rauch at lrauch@skillsusa.org or 703-737-0619.

Design Contest Submissions Due (Pin & Conference Program): January 25, 2019

Regional Contest Scores: Due to your regional coordinator by February 9, 2019

Schedule a One-on-One Demo with Career Essentials Coach

To learn more about the *SkillsUSA Career Essentials* curriculum and to gain a greater understanding of how to implement it within your program, we encourage you to sign up for a one-on-one, 15-minute demonstration of the curriculum. To sign up, click on the following link, complete the short information form and a coach will contact you to set up your demo:

<https://goo.gl/forms/jIS73zAkkDXSI80d2>.

For additional questions and assistance, please contact us at 844-875-4557 and ask to speak with a *SkillsUSA Career Essentials* coach.

To visit the website, go to: www.careeressentials.org.

Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

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. Call the hotline toll free: 844-875-4557. Your students must be members before they compete. Additional memberships accepted all year!

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. They can help with your regional registrations as well!

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