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»» Join by Nov. 15 for Member Incentive

Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to receive free SkillsUSA products for your classroom! To earn free resources, you must register, submit and pay for SkillsUSA members before the full-service national membership deadline of Nov. 15, 2025.

When you join at least 15 student members in one technical program plus one or more instructors as professional members by Nov. 15, you will receive a free SkillsUSA Educational Resource.



As an additional membership incentive, if your chapter registers 25 more members than last year by Nov. 15, you'll receive a SkillsUSA Framework banner. If your chapter registers 50 or more members than last year by Nov. 15, you'll receive two Chapter Framework banners.

»» Don't Miss the "Integrating the SkillsUSA Framework" Session Occurring Thursday - Register Now!

Don't let your SkillsUSA member benefits pass you by. Build your resume with professional development opportunities occurring in October, November and December. Get best practices for integrating the SkillsUSA Framework, learn how to integrate business and industry partners into the classroom, and so much more. See the full listing and directions on how to [register on the Advisor Professional Development webpage](#).

»» Advisor Professional Development Sessions Filling Fast – Register now!

Gain practical strategies for bringing the SkillsUSA Framework to life in your classroom and chapter. This session helps educators build a strong understanding of the Framework's purpose and structure and then walks through four clear steps for intentional implementation. You'll also explore how the Chapter Excellence Program promotes Framework integration and chapter growth.

4 p.m. and 7 p.m. ET (90 minutes)

[Registration Instructions](#)

»» Set Your Chapter Up for Success

You have got a lot to juggle this semester. To lighten the load, we have refreshed resources to help you introduce SkillsUSA with confidence: advisor & student lesson plans, administrator and parent letters, chapter website templates, recruitment flyers, modular scripts, and more. Pick one resource and test it with your students or share with your school leaders this week. [Checkpoint 1: Prepare](#)

»» Quiz Bowl and LifeSmarts | Free Competition Resources

Are you an advisor or team member of a SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl team? Do you want to prepare for the LifeSmarts topic questions? Have your team take the LifeSmarts SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Preparatory Quiz during the month of October!

How to Take Advantage of Free Resources:

To compete in the LifeSmarts SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Preparatory Quiz, advisors (coaches) should register at: <https://competition.lifesmarts.org/register>

Important: Set your team type to SkillsUSA QB and to Varsity (grades 9 – 12) or Junior Varsity (grades 6-8)

- The coach designates one student as the team captain. The student who will be the team captain must register at the above location and join the team their advisor has established.
- The SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Preparatory Quiz will only be available to the team captain. The team captain logs in between October 1 – 31, then clicks the “Quizzes” tab on the left side of the page, then opens the “SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Preparatory Quiz” folder.
- The captain leads the team in working together to complete the quiz.
- Only the captain is required to register and log in for the competition. However, all student team members will benefit by registering at the above location and joining the team the advisor has created to take practice quizzes, the daily quiz, and monthly SkillsUSA TeamSmarts quizzes. All team members may use the free [study tools](#). This also makes your team eligible to participate in other LifeSmarts competitions, events, scholarships, and awards!

Questions? Email [LifeSmarts](#). **Get ready now to show *your* LifeSmarts in the SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl!**

»» SkillsUSA Instructors Earn Big Prizes for Teaching Excellence

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools has honored 12 SkillsUSA instructors with teaching excellence prizes in the [2025 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence program](#). \$1.5 million in prizes was awarded this year to 25 outstanding skilled trades teachers in public high schools across America, with awards shared between the winners’ skilled trades program and the individual teachers. One SkillsUSA instructor won a grand prize award of \$100,000 and 11 others won awards of \$50,000. The prize recognizes outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and those teachers who inspire students to learn skills for life after graduation. [Read more here](#).



»» Apply for SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” Scholarships

SkillsUSA members nationwide in select trade areas are encouraged to [apply for the SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” scholarship](#). The scholarship is for SkillsUSA members with direct educational costs for the spring 2026 term at a community college, technical college, certificate program or apprenticeship program. Applications are being accepted until **Nov. 7**. Scholarship winners will receive up to \$5,000 toward tuition, books, tools, on-campus housing or other approved direct educational expenses. Applicants must be enrolled in continuing education or career training in one of these pathways: Construction; Manufacturing; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics; Telecommunications Cabling Training; and Electronics Technology or Industrial Engineering Technology. For more information, review [all eligibility criteria and the flyer](#) ([Versión en Español](#)).

»» Share Your Success Stories with SkillsUSA Nation

The [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) provides new content weekly, from inspiring features to “Spotlight” stories about the great work chapters and partners are doing. To get a special SkillsUSA member’s story considered for publication (even if that story is yours), send us the details through our [“Submit a Story”](#) link.