

>>> Register Now for ELEVATE!

The SkillsUSA Elevate Chapter Officer Development Conference is Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. This virtual interactive experience for local chapter officer teams focuses on building successful chapters by equipping officers with the skills to lead and serve their local members. Elevate is open to all SkillsUSA local chapter officers and an advisor must participate with each registered team. Participate right in your classroom, and the cost is only \$50 per chapter. Download the Elevate flyer to share with your chapter officers. Register no later than Oct. 3 by visiting skillsusa.register.org.

>>> Apply Now for the ACTE Trade and Industrial Education Division's Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), in partnership with SkillsUSA, is now accepting nominations for the **National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards**, which will be presented at the annual **ACTE CareerTech VISION** conference. (*Please note: the Trade and Industrial Division Awards are separate from the ACTE Excellence Awards.*)

This year's conference takes place **Dec. 9-12 in Nashville**, and the **nomination deadline is Nov. 7, 2025**. Eligible individuals may be nominated in the categories below, and self-nominations are welcome. If you nominate someone else, please be sure to notify the nominee(s).

- Teacher of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

For additional conference information, please visit ACTE CareerTech VISION.

>>> Payments for SkillsUSA Invoices

As we start a new membership year, please take a moment to be sure your school knows where payments for SkillsUSA membership or materials should be sent. Each SkillsUSA office (national and state) operates separately for your invoice payments. You (or your school's accounting office) should have two SkillsUSA vendors in your A/P system: SkillsUSA Inc. (the national headquarters in Leesburg, Va.) as well as your state office.

Before you issue a payment, please double check where the invoice is from and where the payment is to be mailed — this information is right on the document. Include your invoice number when you issue payment to be sure your account is properly credited. Careful checking on the front end will save time and problems later!

To help clarify the SkillsUSA payment process, take time now to ensure your vendors are set up properly in your school system and keep this Where to Pay and How to Shop document as reference. If you have

questions, contact our Customer Care Team at customercare@skillsusa.org or 844-875-4557, and they are glad to assist.

We've streamlined our resources by moving all the details from the former Membership Guide to the SkillsUSA website. Our new <u>crosswalk document</u> will help you easily locate where each piece of information has been relocated.

>>> Celebrate our Past, Help Write Our Future

Join us in celebrating six decades of SkillsUSA! The SkillsUSA Heritage Hub is a digital museum dedicated to preserving and sharing our rich history. From archival photos to the stories of our founders, it's a treasure trove of inspiration.

But our history is still being written, and we want to hear from you. We invite you to share your own photos, stories, and memories to help grow this living collection.



Explore and contribute to the Heritage Hub.

Plan Now for Manufacturing Day

Many SkillsUSA chapters participate in Manufacturing Day, a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation. While the official 2025 Manufacturing Day is celebrated on Oct. 3, you can hold events on any date in October. Activities for students may include a plant tour, a virtual industry tour or an event on campus that highlights manufacturing. SkillsUSA chapters can share their Manufacturing Day photos and stories here. Be sure to tag @skillsusa on social media when you post about your Manufacturing Day activities.