



### »» Spotlight Your Students to the Nation on Signing Day!

**CALLING ALL CHAPTERS!** [SkillsUSA National Signing Day](#) (NSD) registration is **NOW OPEN!** Register online by March 29 to receive chapter grant and scholarship opportunities, free Signing Day T-shirts, hats and more! Visit the [Signing Day Resources Hub](#) to download an event planning toolkit, social media toolkit and many other resources to help you plan a powerful celebration your school and community won't forget!

Also, make sure you take part in the ["Trades Stars" campaign](#) from the Lowe's Foundation — held in conjunction with NSD — to celebrate your students even further! Get all the info at [signingday.skillsusa.org](#). With your help, we'll show the nation the future is in good hands ... because it's in SKILLED hands! Early bird registration opened **March 13** and runs through **March 29**. Registration closes **April 23**. Signing Day is sponsored by the Lowe's Foundation, State Farm® and Constellation.



#### **National Signing Day chapter opportunities**

- Signing Day supply bundles valued at \$500 will be awarded to 10 chapters (schools must register five or more students and complete the [supply bundle application](#) by March 29 to be eligible).
- Signing Day [school grants](#) of \$250 will be awarded to 25 schools to enhance their event (schools must register five or more students and apply by March 29 to be eligible).

#### **Early registrant opportunities**

- Signing Day Starter Kit: Signing Day table runner, pack of 10 certificates, 10 pens, while supplies last (schools must register five or more students).
- Signing Day T-shirts: The first 2,000 student registrants receive a National Signing Day T-shirt.
- Signing Day Baseball Caps: The first 1,000 student registrants receive a National Signing Day cap.
- Lowe's Gift Cards: The first 100 advisors receive a Lowe's gift card (schools must register five or more students).

### »» SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Deadlines

Exploring and applying for SkillsUSA scholarships has become a seamless process. SkillsUSA student members can discover eligibility criteria, scholarship amounts and applications in one location: [SkillsUSA Scholarship Application Hub](#). The available scholarships are listed below, as well as their close date. Please encourage your SkillsUSA student members to apply and take advantage of these incredible scholarships!

### These scholarships close on April 15:

- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship
- The AHRI Clifford "Ted" Rees Memorial Scholarship
- The Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship
- The Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship
- The Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship
- The Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship
- The National Technical Honor Society Scholarship

### Scholarship closing on May 6:

- 2024 Robert Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship for Leverage Conference

### NLSC scholarship open March to May 22 only:

- Harbor Freight Tools for Schools
  - SkillsUSA is proud to announce, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, a scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA high school members. Applicants can receive up to \$1,500 to attend the 2024 National Leadership & Skills Conference.

### Closing May 31:

- The Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship

For scholarship resources and tips on how to submit a quality application, visit the [SkillsUSA Scholarships and Grants webpage](#). If you have questions, contact [Jordan Sewell](#).

### »» College Gable Grants from Lowe's

The Lowe's Foundation has launched Gable Grants: a commitment to preparing the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Through the Gable Grants program, the Lowe's Foundation will provide \$50 million over the next four years to community and technical colleges and community-based nonprofit organizations. Those funds will help prepare 50,000 job-ready skilled tradespeople to build a stronger infrastructure that supports communities for the long term. Lowe's is looking for community and technical colleges working to increase the number of young and diverse people in the workforce, especially from underrepresented and rural communities. [Lowe's is currently accepting unrestricted grant applications from community and technical colleges through March 31.](#)

### »» Graduation Regalia on Sale at the SkillsUSA Store on March 18

With graduation season around the corner, the SkillsUSA Store will have a **ONE-DAY ONLY FLASH SALE** on **Monday, March 18**, featuring 20% off Tassels, Double Honor Cords, Honor Stoles and the Graduation Regalia Kit, which includes it all. Mark your calendars and visit the SkillsUSA Store's [Graduation Regalia](#) category on 3/18 to shop the sale! You must order that day only to receive the 20% discount — no exceptions.



## »» Postsecondary Leaders Can Apply for a Fellowship at Advance CTE

Advance CTE is searching for state career and technical education (CTE) leaders working in postsecondary education, industry or workforce development for cohort 3 of the Postsecondary State CTE Leaders Fellowship at Advance CTE, sponsored by the ECMC Foundation. Learn more about the 15-month fellowship by attending an upcoming informational session with Fellowship lead and senior advisor at Advance CTE, Dr. Kevin Johnson, Sr., on March 28 from 1-2 p.m. [Watch the recruitment video and read more about the fellowship](#). For questions, contact [Amy Hodge](#) or [Dr. Kevin Johnson](#). Applications close **April 5**.

## »» Calling Young Social Entrepreneurs for International Opportunity

WorldSkills, along with their partner, the HP Foundation, with support from UNESCO-UNEVOC, has announced that applications for [BeChangeMaker 2024](#) are open. BeChangeMaker is a series of social entrepreneurial skill training projects that enable youth between 18 and 35 years old with skills and great ideas to explore their career potential as a social entrepreneur. A total of 30 teams will be chosen to participate in three months of virtual coaching, training and online pitch competitions to select the top five teams that will present during WorldSkills Lyon 2024 in September. The winning teams will receive cash awards plus additional customized post-program coaching. See the [Official Rules](#) and [apply here by May 25](#). For questions, contact WorldSkills Projects and Member Services Manager [Oliver Dubois du Bellay](#).

## »» NLSC 2024 Courtesy Corps Members Needed

SkillsUSA needs National Courtesy Corps (NCC) members to support the 2024 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC). This much-appreciated group supports the technical committees and the overall conference experience, and it's a great way for students to network with industry partners and other SkillsUSA students from across the nation. NCC members receive free housing, local transportation, meals and free NLSC registration. NCC participants are housed at the Georgia Tech Woodruff Residence Hall in Atlanta. An advisor must also join the Courtesy Corps team and serve as a chaperone for their participating students. NCC candidates should seek approval of their [state SkillsUSA director](#). For eligibility and timeline requirements, visit the [National Courtesy Corps webpage](#). For questions, contact [Boyd Hestand](#). The deadline for [nominations](#) is **May 1**. Candidate status notification will be sent to each NCC nominee by May 9. This email will include an acceptance form if a position on Courtesy Corps is available along with conference attendee information.

## »» Advisor PD Opportunity: End-of-Year Recognition and Officer Elections

We encourage you to attend SkillsUSA's last two virtual professional development trainings for this school year. On Thursday, March 14, we will be presenting best practices and ideas for recognition and end-of-year ceremonies. On Wednesday, March 20, we will be reviewing the Chapter Officer Election Guide. We offer both trainings twice, so you can choose the time that works best for you. [Register](#) and spend an hour with our SkillsUSA professional development team!

## »» Press Release Template for State Conference Participants

New on the [SkillsUSA Advocacy site](#) is a press release template for state conference participants and their advisors to share competition results with your hometown media. Parents, instructors, students or anyone

can send these emails. Please spread the word about SkillsUSA in your community. Share this advocacy resource link at your school and at your state conferences. For questions, email [Jane Short](#).

### »» Presidential Honors for Selfless SkillsUSA Service

At the 2024 NLSC, SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, your students may have already met the requirements! For details on how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications must be received by **March 31** for recognition at the 2024 NLSC.

### »» Seeking Musical Talent to Perform National Anthem at NLSC

Do you have a musical gift to share with the SkillsUSA community? If so, apply to perform the national anthem at the opening session of SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference this June. The chosen performer will be offered complimentary conference registration if their sole purpose of attendance is to perform the national anthem. [Apply](#) by 5 p.m. ET on **Tuesday, April 2**. For questions, contact [Melinda Lloyd](#).