

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (2018-2019 SkillsUSA Maryland Update #18)

Item #1: Congratulations to All Maryland State Championship Participants - Certificates Attached

Congratulations again to all students who participated in the 46th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship!” Attached are State Competitor and Medalist certificates for your students.

Item #2: **Action Item!** State Gold Medal Winners Unable to Attend NLSC

We hope that every student awarded a gold medal at the 2019 State Championship is planning to attend the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). However, if any gold medalists are unable to attend please contact state director **ASAP** so the opportunity to represent Maryland at the national conference can go to respective silver medalists. Thanks for your prompt attention to this request.

Remember, the registration deadline for the National Conference is **Friday, May 10, 2019!**

Item #3: NLSC Scholarship Opportunities Via Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

SkillsUSA, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, announces a travel scholarship opportunity to the SkillsUSA Championships. Eligible SkillsUSA members can apply to receive up to \$1,500 to assist in attending the 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Louisville, Ky.

Applications will be accepted until **May 10, 2019**. Recipients will be announced May 15. For full details including eligibility, visit: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/>

Awards will be open to students who are members of SkillsUSA chapters at public high schools in the United States, eligible to compete on behalf of their state at the SkillsUSA 2019 NLSC, and are registered to compete in the following contests at the 2019 NLSC:

- Additive Manufacturing
- Architectural Drafting
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- CNC Milling Technology
- CNC Technician
- CNC Turning Technology
- Collision Repair Technology

- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)
- Industrial Motor Control
- Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
- Marine Service Technology
- Masonry
- Mechatronics
- MLR (Maintenance Light Repair) (technology demo)
- Motorcycle Service Technology
- Plumbing
- Power Equipment Technology
- Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance
- Sheet Metal
- TeamWorks
- Welding
- Welding Fabrication
- Welding Sculpture

Students eligible to compete at the 2019 NLSC in the following contests may receive these scholarships, provided they were enrolled in one of the skilled trades program areas listed above during the 2018-2019 school year:

- Action Skills
- American Spirit
- Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial Engineering Technology
- Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources and Agriculture
- Chapter Business Procedure
- Chapter Display
- Community Action Project
- Community Service
- Customer Service
- Employment Application Process
- Entrepreneurship
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Job Interview
- Job Skill Demonstration A
- Job Skill Demonstration Open
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Outstanding Chapter
- Prepared Speech
- Principals of Technology
- Promotional Bulletin Board
- Quiz Bowl

Item #4: mikeroweWORKS Foundation NLSC Travel Scholarships Available

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation, in partnership with SkillsUSA, offers a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA members who have competed and placed first in their state association competition.

The scholarship provides support for SkillsUSA state contest winners who have insufficient personal, chapter, school or community resources to participate at the 2019 SkillsUSA Championships in Louisville, Ky. Scholarships will be awarded, based on need, to offset the costs of travel and participation in the national championships.

The award is based on a student-written, one-page narrative describing the student's financial need for the scholarship including the lack of school or community resources. Preference will be given to applicants from program areas of manufacturing and industrial applications, construction, technical computer applications, firefighting, electronics and transportation.

Students may be nominated with a letter of recommendation written by their SkillsUSA advisor or state director. Applications must be submitted via the online form to the national headquarters of SkillsUSA for review and determination by **midnight ET May 15**. Recipients will be informed on June 1.

Requirements

To apply for the mikeroweWORKS Foundation Travel Scholarship, applicants:

- Must be a gold-medal winner at their 2019 state competition, advancing to national competition
 - Have never attended the National Leadership and Skills Conference prior to this year
 - Be a SkillsUSA member in good standing
 - Must reasonably demonstrate financial need for scholarship
 - Must submit application and attachments via online submission no later than **May 15, 2019, at midnight ET**
 - Will preferably be enrolled in program areas of manufacturing and industrial applications, construction, technical computer applications, firefighting, electronics and transportation

Full details and application can be found at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-mikeroweworks-foundation-travel-scholarship/

Item #5: New Issue of SkillsUSA Champions Magazine

A new magazine issue devoted to SkillsUSA champions and their fun and fulfilling careers has been mailed to chapter advisors and professional members. Please direct students to the digital edition on the SkillsUSA website homepage or using this

link: https://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions_summer_2019/index.html

The Summer issue spotlights health students whose careers changed direction after they became patients themselves. Alumni from coast to coast tell how SkillsUSA opens doors in network broadcasting. Another former member, who had to grow up early, says he's become a kid again while working at Walt Disney World.

Throughout the issue, there are articles about current and alumni members from Virginia, Michigan, Texas, Minnesota, Indiana, Georgia, Louisiana, California, Maryland, New Jersey, Oklahoma, New York and Oregon. A teacher's guide to covering the issue with students is posted alongside the homepage link to the digital edition.

In addition to the news and motivational content in the print issue, the digital edition includes related videos, direct links to external resources and other dynamic material that's responsive to all devices.

A lesson plan for the Summer issue can be downloaded from the SkillsUSA home page or directly at: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/SkillsUSA-Champions-Lesson-Plan-Summer-2019.pdf>

The lesson plan includes guided-reading questions and activities to help students apply the articles to their SkillsUSA experience. The sample below relates to the story "Sharing His Success" included in this issue of the magazine.

Content Discussion Questions

1. How did Bryan Glispie get his first job with ABC?
2. How does Glispie give back to SkillsUSA?
3. Who do you go to for advice?
4. How do you thank people at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?
5. When have you been given a "friendly push" at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

In-Class Activity, 8 minutes

Workplace Skills: Teamwork, Respect and support my team members

Materials needed: Empty CD or DVD cases (20 per small group) and table or floor space

Use "They All Fall Down" from *SkillsUSA Propel* (Page 29). Put students into groups of three or four. Give these instructions:

1. Your team will stand all 20 cases on end in a horseshoe formation on the table.
2. When the final case is positioned, one player must knock over only the first case, creating a domino effect so that the last case falls off the end of the table.
3. You have one minute to complete the task.

After one minute, bring students back together. Facilitate a group discussion by asking questions including:

- What strategies worked well?
- What did not work?
- How did you respect and support your teammates?
- When have you given someone a "friendly push" at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

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If time allows, allow groups to repeat the activity.

Extended Learning Activity

Technical Skills: Job-Specific Skills, Open to coaching and feedback

Put together a résumé for a potential job. Use peers and mentors to edit and make suggestions for improvements.

Item #6: Interested in Becoming Certified In SkillsUSA Career Essentials?

For the first time, SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher training will be held at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky.

This certification training requires full participation in four specific sessions. Each of the sessions will be offered twice — once on Wednesday, June 26, and once on Thursday, June 27. Teachers are welcome to register for the four sessions all on one day, or they may complete some of the sessions on one day and the rest on the other day.

Register [here](#). The registration form allows teachers to select their sessions and includes information about securing a hotel room if needed. Registered teachers will be guaranteed a seat in each respective session. Walk-in participants will be welcome to fill available seats in each session as well. There is a limit of 35 seats per session.

Individuals registering for all four sessions of this training will receive one year of access to one of the *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences* courses, will develop an implementation plan for using the course, and will learn about and develop strategies for teaching it. Those completing all four sessions in full will also earn their certificate as a Career Essentials certified teacher.

Registration will close on **May 20, 2019**. Please direct any questions about this training to SkillsUSA’s senior manager of curriculum and instruction, Anita Foor, at afoor@skillsusa.org.

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