

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (2018-2019 #8)

Item #1: Membership Deadline Reminder! – January 31, 2019

I hope your chapter members are busy preparing for regional and state competitions. Thank-you to all advisors who have already submitted membership rosters and dues and a gentle reminder that the 2018-19 membership deadline is

January 31, 2019.

Item #2: Chapter of Excellence Program

I am pleased to announce that eleven (11) Maryland chapters are completing the requirements for the Chapter Excellence Program (CEP). We challenge every SkillsUSA Maryland chapter to complete the online application - it's a great way to have your students and chapter recognized for all the hard work and dedication!

More information about the Chapter Excellence Program visit the following national and state website links: <https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/>
<http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html>

Item #3: 2019-2020 State Officer Application and Interviews

Please encourage your most involved and motivated local officers to run for state office. The 2019-2020 application is available online. Go to: http://mdskillsusa.org/state_officers.html and download “State Officer Application” at bottom of page. The application must be completed and returned electronically to State Director by **February 15, 2019**. Please mail original copies with signatures to:

MSDE
DCCR / Chuck Wallace
[200 W. Baltimore Street](#)
[Baltimore, MD 21201](#)

SkillsUSA Maryland 2018-2019 state officer interviews are **Saturday, March 9, 2019**. Please contact Charlene Zinnel for interview details and directions: zinnelc@dcpsmd.org

Important! State officer candidate written testing (mandatory) is only available online. Results will be shared with candidates before the interviews. See test study guide on State Officer web page:

http://mdskillsusa.org/documents/Officer_Test_Study_Questions.pdf

Item #4: 2019 State Championship Registration Fees

The Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship” is **April 12-13, 2019**. The registration fee for contestants is **\$100.00**. All contest models, delegates, state officer candidates and advisors will be charged a reduced “non-contestant” **\$35.00** registration

fee. Important: every local chapter in attendance is required to have at least one registered advisor accompanying students.

The State Championship registration deadline is **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**.

Item #5: State Championship Official Conference Housing Information

The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology (CCMIT) will continue to be the official hotel for the 2019 State Championship. Chapters planning to stay overnight will be charged a flat room rate of **\$130.00 per room**, with two-four students per room. The single room option is reserved for advisors, chaperones and adults only (note: housing fee does not include the registration fees - see Item #3 for details). All guests staying overnight will enjoy a buffet dinner and breakfast, pool access and Saturday morning shuttle service to CATN. We hope this competitive overnight rate will also encourage/enable more chapters to send delegates to the Friday evening Delegate Assembly. Please make sure student delegates representing your chapter attend the Delegate Assembly!

Item #6: 2019 Contest Technical Standards and NLSC Contest Projects

Advisors who are SkillsUSA Professional members (paid) have access to the most up-to-date contest Technical Standards (2019) and national contest projects that students need to successfully prepare for 2019 State Championship competitions. Access to this important information is available via the national website. Select "Join" at the top of the national SkillsUSA homepage to login: <http://www.skillsusa.org/>

Item #7: Check SkillsUSA Maryland Website for Important State Contest Information and Updates

Be sure to start checking the SkillsUSA Maryland official state website "State Conference" page for important contest-related information and updates. State competition updates will be shared as they are received from contest chairs until Monday, April 8, 2019. Follow this web link and scroll down the page to state contests listed alphabetically:

http://www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html

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