

Arkansas SkillsUSA

2024-2025 Calendar

Dates highlighted are fixed deadlines all others are approximate:

✓ September

- **September 1st State and National Membership Opens.**
- **September 2nd Fall Leadership Conference Opens**
- Update your district contact information in the SkillsUSA Registry
- <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>
- Elect chapter officers
- **September 21-25 WLTI. (Contact state office for details)**
- Download the Chapter of Excellence packet from the registry site.
- **Register for the Fall Leadership event October 16th UAPTC!**
- **September 13th Fall Leadership Registration closes.**

✓ October

- **Fall Leadership event October 16th UAPTC!**
- Attend the Fall Leadership event with your students and make sure to sign up for the instructor session.
- Start working on your Chapter of Excellence documents and supporting information.
- Check the SkillsUSA Arkansas Website often <https://www.arskillsusa.org/>

✓ November

- Continue to update Chapter of Excellence documents.
- Start thinking about what contests you want to compete in and working with your students on
- Build your local community involvement with a community service project or a Program Showcase event.

✓ December

- Check the Arkansas SkillsUSA website for approximate contest lists and limits.
- Use those limits to start building your contest and contestant roster.
- Access the SkillsUSA Absorb system and start downloading 2025 Technical Standards for any contest you are thinking about entering students in.
 - Advisors who have paid and submitted their professional memberships will have access to the technical standards.
 - Reminder that a student can only enter one contest.

✓ January

- Host a local contest if needed to narrow down contestants (skill contests)
- Start working on leadership contest projects. (State Pin Design, Promotional Bulletin Board, Community Service Portfolio, National Pin Design, and others.)
- Start Working on State Officer Candidate Packets if you wish to run a student for state office. (State Officer Candidates are allowed to enter contests)
- Submit Membership for any new or additional students you wish to make eligible for conference.
 - Only students whose memberships have been submitted will be eligible for the state or national conference.

○ **January 20, 2025, State Conference Registration will open.**

✓ February

- **CTSO Day at the Capitol**
- Start preparing students for knowledge tests associated with skill contests.
- **February 15th State Membership Deadline**
 - **Last day to submit student membership to be eligible for state contest.**
- **February 21rd Conference Registration closes**
- **February 28th State Officer Packets Due to State Office.**

✓ March

- **March 1st National Membership Deadline**
- Build rooming lists and start making hotel reservations.
- Make sure to collect resumes from all students.
- Complete all local paperwork needed for travel.
- **March 14th Last day for substitutions**
- **March 17th Online Testing begins.**
 - Knowledge tests for Skill Contests must be completed during the online testing window.
- **March 21st Last day for Online Testing**
 - **Tests for the following events will be held during the conference.**
 - **Medical Math**
 - **Medical Term**
 - **Related Technical Math**
- **March 24 - 29 Spring Break**

✓ April

- Complete local pack out and load out list.
- Ensure all projects are completed to the levels outlined in technical standards.
- **April 14, 15, & 16 Arkansas SkillsUSA State Skill and Leadership Conference**
 - **Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs Arkansas**

- **April 17th Start Working on National SLSC Registration (if eligible)**