

Arkansas SkillsUSA

2024 Calendar

Dates highlighted are fixed deadlines all others are approximate:

- ✓ **August**
 - **August 28th Fall Conference Registration opens.**
- ✓ **September**
 - **September 1st State and National Membership Opens.**
 - Update your district contact information in the SkillsUSA Registry
 - <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>
 - Elect chapter officers
 - **September 23-27 WLTI. (Contact state office for details)**
 - Download the Chapter of Excellence packet from the registry site.
 - **Register for the Fall Leadership event October 4th UAPTC!**
 - **September 15th Fall Leadership Registration closes.**
- ✓ **October**
 - **Fall Leadership event October 4th UAPTC!**
 - Attend the Fall Leadership event with your students and make sure to sign up for the instructor session.
 - **CTSO Day at the Fair October 17th.**
 - 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 2024 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 29, 2024, 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 23rd 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 22nd Last day for substitutions**
- **March 25th Online Testing begins.**
 - Knowledge tests for Skill Contests must be completed during the online testing window.
- **March 29th Last day for Online Testing**
 - **Tests for the following events will be held during the conference.**
 - **Medical Math**
 - **Medical Term**
 - **Related Technical Math**

✓ April

- Complete local pack out and load out list.
- Ensure all projects are completed to the levels outlined in technical standards.
- **April 15,16,17 Arkansas SkillsUSA State Skill and Leadership Conference**
- **April 18th Start Working on National SLSC Registration (if eligible)**