



FRIDAY FLASH

»» Let Us Know About Your Week of Service Activities

If your chapter conducted a community service project during SkillsUSA's National Week of Service this week, be sure to connect with SkillsUSA on social media by posting photos of your activities. Chapter advisors or officers that email a description of their chapter events to [Gayle Silvey](mailto:Gayle.Silvey@skillsusa.org) will receive a \$15 SkillsUSA logo gift item.



Also, be sure to publicize your projects locally. To locate contact information for your local newspapers, [use our SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#). On the site, click on "Media," enter your ZIP code, and choose up to six outlets. Then, click on "Send a Message." Click on the name of each newspaper in your search results for more detailed contact information.

»» Academy of Excellence Session Offerings at NLSC

If you are planning to attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, don't miss the Academy of Excellence professional development trainings, featuring more than 30 sessions for new and experienced teachers, administrators and counselors. These trainings will take place June 21-23 at the Georgia World Congress Center and feature session topics such as classroom management, teacher burnout prevention, effective learning strategies, neutralizing student arguments, best practices and effective communication. Preregistration is not required. [View the schedule of sessions here](#).



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»» CHARGE: A SkillsUSA Chapter Officer Video Series

It's never too early to plan for next school year! To ensure that your chapter officers feel prepared for a great year of service, SkillsUSA has created CHARGE, a SkillsUSA chapter officer video series. CHARGE covers topics that chapter officers will find useful in the day-to-day management of their local SkillsUSA chapters. Each CHARGE video features an activity guide to lead chapter officer growth and development. Check out all [12 CHARGE episodes and download the activity guides here](#). Here's what's available:

- Getting to Know Your Team
- SkillsUSA Framework Introduction
- Chapter Officer Roles
- Becoming a Four Pillars Chapter Officer
- Personal Communication Style
- Personal Growth SMART Goals
- Personal Contributions
- Work Ethic as an Officer
- Team Values/Mission
- Team Code of Conduct
- SMART Goals
- Celebrating with Your Team

»» Facilitating Video Technologies on SkillsUSA Technical Fridays

Join us for SkillsUSA Technical Fridays, our industry-led workshops that help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. On **May 20**, from 4-5 p.m. ET, the presenter is Webby-Award-nominated filmmaker Mike Chesworth. His session will focus on

teaching practical skills and strategies for videos, including investigative interviewing techniques and filming flowing sequences when gathering supporting footage. Chesworth has worked with a range of celebrities, such as pop star Madonna and NFL MVP and sports icon Tyrann Mathieu. The cost to attend is \$10. [Register here.](#)



»» SkillsUSA Scholarships Open for Applications

Several scholarships are open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of further education or certification in their chosen fields. Help spread the word about these opportunities:

- **Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Travel Scholarships**
Travel scholarships for SkillsUSA high school members in selected trades who are competing in the 2022 SkillsUSA Championships. Eligible members can apply to receive up to \$1,500. *Deadline: May 20.*
- **Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship**
Scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields. *Deadline: May 30.*
- **Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship**
Two \$2,500 scholarships in 2022 to support active SkillsUSA members who plan to further their education in architectural drafting (or a related field). *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship**
Merit-based scholarships for high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education in energy construction (oil and gas pipelines, gas distribution, solar, and wind). *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Clifford T. Rees, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
Multiple \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA high school juniors, seniors or college/postsecondary students in enrolled in a HVACR or a general construction program and who will be pursuing college/postsecondary career training in the HVACR industry. *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) Travel Scholarship**
Up to eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to support a student and/or chapter's travel expenses to attend and compete in the SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta. To apply, download the [2022 ACCSC Scholarship Application for Members of SkillsUSA](#) to review eligibility requirements and complete the application. *Deadline: June 1.*

- **Student Research Foundation Scholarship**

One scholarship to a SkillsUSA high school member who plans to continue their education in a postsecondary program. It recognizes outstanding community contribution. *Deadline: July 26.*

[Applications and more scholarship information are available here.](#)

»» The SkillsUSA Store — Comfort Collection

Dive into summer and be ready to show your style at national conference with our new SkillsUSA [Comfort Collection](#), featuring four classic and on-trend caps. From scripted luxe embroidery to custom patches and curved visors, these hats have it all. This collection also includes SkillsUSA shirts and bags that are sure to become wardrobe favorites.



»» Apply for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teacher Excellence

Applications are still open for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. The prize was launched in 2017 to recognize outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and the teachers who inspire students to learn skills to prepare for life after graduation. In 2022, the program will award more than \$1.25 million in prizes. Six SkillsUSA instructors were recognized as winners in 2021. Applications must be received by **May 20**. Finalists will be announced on June 27 and winners will be announced in October. Learn more and [apply online here](#).