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# FRIDAY FLASH

## »» Celebrate Community Contributions During SkillsUSA's Week of Service

SkillsUSA is asking all chapters to conduct and promote a community service project during SkillsUSA's National Week of Service, May 8-14. The week commemorates the founding of SkillsUSA on May 8, 1965. Connect with SkillsUSA on social media by posting photos of your activities online. Chapter advisors or officers that email a description of their chapter events to [Gayle Silvey](#) will receive a \$15 SkillsUSA logo gift item.



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.

## »» Join the Virtual Career Fair for Women in Manufacturing on May 10

The Women in Manufacturing (WiM) Association — the only national trade association focused on supporting, promoting and inspiring women in the manufacturing sector year-round — will host its fourth Virtual Career Fair on May 10. The online event will feature some of the country's top manufacturing companies that lead with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, including John Deere, Lockheed Martin, Sanofi US, Graco, Southwire, Amgen and many more.

Job seekers can showcase their talents to multiple employers at the same time from the comfort of their laptops. This is an opportunity to connect one-on-one with recruitment representatives to discuss open employment opportunities with companies that encourage a diverse and inclusive culture as they respect and celebrate their employees. Best of all, registration is free.

Micro-learning sessions will broadcast throughout the day, providing tips and advice to job seekers as they navigate a career search. Register [here](#) or visit the [WiM website](#) for more information.

## »» New NLSC Travel Scholarships Announced

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) has announced a new scholarship to help SkillsUSA students attend the National Leadership & Skills Conference. The scholarship award is based on a student's commitment to excellence in technical skills, work ethic and demonstrated leadership, as well as how the student will use the opportunity to compete as an ambassador for the skilled trades. Thanks to donations from ACCSC-accredited schools, 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. The deadline to apply is **June 1**.

## »» SkillsUSA University Session Offerings at NLSC

At this year's National Leadership & Skills Conference, the 2022 SkillsUSA University will feature 27 free educational seminars on a variety of topics for all registered attendees. It is a chance to learn directly from industry expert practitioners and gain field-specific skills which can later be incorporated into classroom instruction. Workshops will be held June 21-23 at the Georgia World Congress Center and feature SkillsUSA programs, the latest trends in technology, career opportunities, safety programs and technical skills demonstrated by career cluster experts. All participants receive a certificate of participation, and many sessions include handouts, software, curriculum previews and other resources for teachers, students and parents. Preregistration is not required. [View the schedule of workshops here.](#)



## »» Facilitating Video Technologies on SkillsUSA Technical Fridays

Join us for SkillsUSA Technical Fridays, new 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.](#)



## »» The SkillsUSA Store — New Official Red Jacket

The *new* [official red jacket](#) was created with our members in mind. Its design is as stylish as it is professional, and the vibrant red is an exact color match to the SkillsUSA official blazer. The lightweight and durable fabric make this jacket a staple for SkillsUSA events and cooler summer evenings.



## »» End of Year Celebration Ideas

The end of the school year provides the perfect occasion to celebrate and reflect on the growth that has taken place over the year. Celebrating gives students a strong sense of individual and team accomplishment and builds enthusiasm to continue the great work into the next year. Here are a few ideas for your celebration.

- Host a banquet and invite the entire chapter and student members' friends and family. Recognize student members for what they specifically accomplished, such as their leadership roles, demonstrated teamwork, and completed projects.
- Host an appreciation circle. Individually, each participant takes the chair at the "head" of the circle, and all the other participants recognize that person very specifically for his or her contributions to the project.
- Host a fun activity at a local facility (bowling alley, miniature golf, swimming pool).
- Post photos and names of students on a bulletin board in the classroom or around campus.
- Put an announcement in the school bulletin or newsletter and website.
- Recognize participants at a school assembly, faculty meeting or school board meeting.
- Have a jar available in the classroom or office where students can write notes of appreciation to each other for peer recognition.

## »» 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.*
- **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.](#)

### »» 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](#).