**SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference Contestants and Advisors**,

In preparation for our State Leadership and Skills Conference I wanted to make sure you were prepared for a few things.

* There is a professional test included in each SkillsUSA Contest. Additional details will follow. Here is the link for the study guide <https://skillsusawashington.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Professional-Test-Study-Guide-2020.pdf>
* For most contests there is a written contest test as well.
* Contestants must submit a resume to contest host. Points will be deducted from scores if none is received.

SkillsUSA is pleased to be able to offer the SkillsUSA Championships, our student competitive events, in a new digital format to continue to meet the needs of our students during these virtual times. To support the delivery of the Virtual SkillsUSA Championships, SkillsUSA has partnered with NextThought,

a leading vendor of learning management systems, to design and build the brand new SkillsUSA Championships Hub. The SkillsUSA Championships Hub gives students access to all of their competitive event content all in one central location. To enroll students in their respective competitive events, SkillsUSA utilizes an automatic enrollment process provided by our vendor, NextThought that relies on the delivery of an authentication email to the email address on file for that student competitor. While SkillsUSA’s national office, our state directors and local advisors make every attempt possible to collect personal email

addresses for each of our members; we often find that the email address supplied for a student is a school‐hosted email address on their district’s domain.

To ensure that authentication enrollment emails are received by our student competitors, we ask that the following domains be whitelisted on your network to allow incoming emails to be delivered to our student competitors.

**nextthought.com**

**alerts.nextthought.com**

**skillsusa.org**

**skillsusalms.org**

* Curious about medals and prizes? Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place in each contest and division. Gold medalists will advance to the national SkillsUSA Championships. Banners and medals will be mailed to schools at two different times with medals being shipped first.
* Registration for NLSC will begin May 3rd at <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx> and will be $150. An advisor must be registered as well.
* Additional National Conference information can be found at <https://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/>
* SkillsUSA Career Competition Technical Standards can be found at [https://mycareeressentials.org/#/public-dashboard](https://mycareeressentials.org/%23/public-dashboard)
* Our SkillsUSA Washington Virtual Conference Center will be live April 15. An Access Guide will be posted at [www.skillsusawashington.org](http://www.skillsusawashington.org) at the SLSC tab and emailed to contestants and advisors via the SkillsUSA mass emailer.
* Brandon Hirst, BHIRST Media, [coordinator@skillsusawashington.org](mailto:coordinator@skillsusawashington.org) will connect with advisors regarding contests.
* Conference activities April 19-30th include: Opening Ceremonies (Monday, April 26-9am), all virtual leadership and skills competitions – prompts beginning April 19th, elections of state officers (Wednesday, April 28-9am), recognition of Chapter of Excellence medalist, and awards ceremonies (Friday, April 30th 9am). A more detailed agenda with links will be available at [www.skillsusawashington.org](http://www.skillsusawashington.org) at the SLSC tab and emailed to contestants and advisors.

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