



2025-2026 Event Calendar

FALL 2025

September 15 - October 15 | Nationwide
Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 | Virtual
Board of Directors Meeting

September 6-8 | Olympia, WA
Regional Coordinator Retreat

Regional Coordinators gather annually to plan, align, and prepare for the year ahead. This year's focus: standardizing project rollouts and communication to ensure a fair, unified experience statewide.

September 20-24 | Washington, D.C.
Washington Leadership Training Institute

Held in Washington, D.C., each September, SkillsUSA's Washington Leadership Training Institute conference (WLTI) offers students and advisors from across the country unique opportunities to advocate for the skilled trades while receiving advanced leadership training.

September 22 | Virtual
All Advisor Meeting

Join us for the annual advisor meeting at the start of the new year. We'll review the calendar of events, Program of Work (PoW), upcoming activities, special dates, and organizational updates.

October | Nationwide
National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October 1, 2, 7, 9, 14 | Virtual
Advisor Training Series

The Fall Advisor Training Series provides key professional development for all advisors—whether you're starting a chapter or strengthening an existing one. Learn SkillsUSA basics, explore advanced tools, and prepare for the new Regional Conference season.

October 8 @ 8 AM - 1:30 PM | Virtual
Elevate

Elevate is an interactive virtual experience for local chapter officer teams that focuses on building successful chapters by equipping officers with the skills to lead and serve their chapter members. The Elevate experience is open to all SkillsUSA chapter officers. Registration is open September 1 - October 3.

Pricing: **\$50** per chapter, regardless of the # of attendees

October 14 | Virtual
Washington ONLY Design Challenges Announced

SkillsUSA Washington design students can compete in exclusive, online-only state challenges just for SkillsUSA Washington members.

October 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 | Virtual
NEW - Career Cluster Meetings

Connect, collaborate, and grow! Our new Cluster Meetings bring together advisors within the same career cluster to share best practices, classroom strategies, and competition prep ideas. It's a great way to build community, strengthen programs, and discuss needs directly with the state office.

October 31 | Virtual
Regional Contest Host Deadline

Is your school able to host a regional contest? Please get in touch with your regional coordinator to secure details.

November | Nationwide
American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month
National Veterans & Military Families Month

November 6 | Puyallup, WA
SkillsUSA Washington 1st Annual Gala: Fueling Futures

Celebrate student success and industry partnerships at our inaugural gala. Join us as we honor those *Fueling Futures* in Washington's skilled workforce.

November 11 - December 10 | Virtual
Regional Contest Registration

Pricing: *Varies by Region*

November 17 | Virtual
Board of Directors Meeting

November - January | Virtual
Regional Contest Projects/Details to ALL Registrants

New this year, all registered regional competitors will receive access to their contest projects and details between November and January. This ensures every participant is prepared and informed ahead of their competitive events, helping create a more equitable and successful regional experience.

SkillsUSA Recruitment Week

SkillsUSA Recruitment Week is a flexible, chapter-led event designed to grow chapters, engage students, and build excitement around joining SkillsUSA. Learn more at skillsusa.org/events/skillsusa-recruitment-week/.



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WINTER 2026

January 5 | Virtual
Board of Directors Meeting

January 30 | Virtual
Washington ONLY Design Challenges Submissions Due

Submissions are due via our website. Winners are recognized on stage at the State Leadership & Skills Conference (SLSC).

February | Nationwide
Black History Month
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

February 1 | Virtual
Chapter Excellence Program Deadline

Every chapter is encouraged to participate in the Chapter Excellence Program (CEP), which recognizes achievement in leadership development through three award levels. Levels One and Two are acknowledged by our state association, while Level Three is honored at the national level.

February 1-3 | Olympia, WA
SLSC Prep for State Officers

State Officers plan the State Leadership & Skills Conference while strengthening leadership, communication, and teamwork through hands-on preparation and professional development.

February 2-6 | Nationwide
SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is celebrated in February each year in chapters nationwide. The event offers state associations, advisors, and student members the opportunity to promote SkillsUSA programs and activities at the local and state levels while highlighting the importance of the skilled trades.

February 3-4 | Olympia, WA
Legislative Advocacy

Legislative Advocacy is open to all students and advisors, offering the chance to learn about CTE and CTSO legislation while meeting with legislators to advocate for policies that shape the future of our programs and students.

Pricing: **Free!** Individual chapters are responsible for any hotel or travel expenses.

February 14 | Statewide
All Regional Contests Concluded

All regional contests must be concluded and scores submitted to ensure ample time for internal processing and the selection of state qualifiers.

February 26 @ 9 AM | Virtual
SLSC Draft

The SkillsUSA Washington SLSC Draft is the official process for assigning competitors to state events, based on regional results and event capacity. Watch the SLSC Draft live to see the full list of selections and celebrate the skilled talent advancing to state!

February 26 - March 11
SLSC Registration

Register and pay for SLSC at skillsusa-register.org/login.aspx. Invoices will be sent to your school's accounts payable, and payment must be received before travel unless other arrangements are made. A \$100 late fee applies after the due date. Online credit card payments via QuickBooks are the preferred method - no merchant fees.

Pricing: **\$170** per student/advisor, **\$75** per school observer/community member, free for parents. This price does not include hotel or travel expenses.

March | Nationwide
Women's History Month

March 25 - April 8
SLSC Online Testing

All registered competitors for SLSC must complete both their technical and professional online tests, which are scored and combined with on-site performance results. Testing is completed at testing.nocti.org, and advisors will receive and distribute testing credentials provided by the state office.

March 28 | Everett, WA
Boeing Manufacturing Assembler Competition

Hosted annually by The Boeing Company in Everett, the Manufacturing Assembler competition is open to students in Boeing partner programs on an aerospace career path. Competitors showcase skills like riveting and may be interviewed on-site for potential employment.

Pricing: **\$170** per student/advisor. This price does not include hotel or travel expenses.



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SPRING 2026

April 11 | Virtual

Advisor of the Year Deadline

The Advisor of the Year Award honors SkillsUSA's most dedicated career and technical education instructors, as part of our commitment to recognizing outstanding leadership and mentorship in student development.

April 16-18 | Seattle & Lakewood, WA

State Leadership & Skills Conference (SLSC)

SLSC is SkillsUSA Washington's premier event, where students, advisors, and industry partners statewide come together for leadership and technical skills competitions. Top winners advance to nationals, and the event wraps up with an awards ceremony honoring all participants.

>> April 16

> Opening Session @ Clover Park Technical College (CPTC)

>> April 17

> Competitions @ CPTC
> State Officer Elections @ CPTC

>> April 18

> Annual Advisor Breakfast @ Hotel
> Annual Advisor Cluster/Program Meetings @ Hotel
> Annual Community Service Event @ Hotel
> Awards Ceremony & Closing Session @ CPTC
> NLSC Registration @ CPTC

Following SLSC | Virtual

All SLSC Scorecards Released

After SLSC, all scorecards will be released for contestants to review their performance rubrics. These are grading rubrics, not true scoring rubrics, and reflect how each contestant performed relative to others in their event. Scorecards will be available approximately one week after the conference at skillsusawashington.org, following the official review period.

April 18-23 | Virtual

NLSC Registration

Register for the National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) at skillsusa-register.org/login.aspx. Advisors must register both students and adults, and book hotel rooms using the link provided in the system. Invoices will be sent via QuickBooks from state staff.

Do not use the online fee estimate. On-site registration will also be available after the SLSC awards session.

Pricing: **TBD** (2025 pricing was \$500 per student/advisor + hotel and travel expenses).

April 26 - May 2 | Nationwide
National Apprenticeship Week

May 1-31 | Nationwide
Asian American & Pacific Islander Month

May 6 | Nationwide
SkillsUSA National Signing Day

SkillsUSA National Signing Day is a nationwide celebration showcasing our next generation of skilled professionals and the skilled career paths that have been, are and always will be essential to America's future.

May 17-19 | Silverdale, WA
State Officer Training

State Officer training involves attending the Combined CTSO training designed for new state officers. This program equips them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their leadership roles.

May 18 | Virtual
Board of Directors Meeting

May TBD | Nationwide
SkillsUSA National Week of Service

Giving back is central to SkillsUSA's mission. Each May, chapters are encouraged to take part in the National Week of Service by planning and carrying out a community service project in honor of SkillsUSA's founding on May 8, 1965.

June 1-30 | Nationwide
Pride Month

June 1-5 | Atlanta, GA
National Leadership & Skills Conference

SkillsUSA's NLSC is the largest gathering of America's future skilled workforce and the ultimate recognition of excellence in career and technical education. Held in Atlanta each June, the NLSC is a week-long celebration of the skilled trades and the accomplishments of career-ready leaders from across the US.

STATE OFFICE CLOSURES

FALL 2025

September 1, 2025

Labor Day

October 13, 2025

Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 11, 2025

Veterans Day

November 27-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Break

December 22-31

Winter Break

WINTER 2026

January 14, 2026

Winter Break (Continued)

January 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 16, 2026

President's Day

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

May 25, 2026

Memorial Day

June 19, 2026

Juneteenth

June 22-26, 2026

State Office Closed

July 1-31, 2026

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, 8 AM - 3 PM

July 3, 2026

Independence Day (Falls on a Saturday)

Our Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the benefits of SkillsUSA membership is the opportunity to apply for scholarships available only to SkillsUSA members.

Central Welding Supply "Weld Onward" Scholarship

\$1,000 (2 Recipients)

Opened: November 1, 2025 | Closed: January 1, 2026

"More Better" Scholarship

\$1,000 (1 Recipient)

Opened: December 3, 2025 | Closes: February 4, 2026

"New Year, New Limits" Scholarship

\$500 (4 Recipients)

Opened: January 1, 2026 | Closes: January 31, 2026

Rhonda Downing Memorial Scholarship

Full SLSC Registration Cost & Accommodation (1 Recipient)

Opened: February 26, 2026 | Closes: March 11, 2026

Road to Atlanta Scholarship

\$1,000 (2 Recipients)

Opened: April 20, 2026 | Closes: May 25, 2026

Visit our website for more information and new scholarship opportunities.

Stay up-to-date on all our events. Sign up for our newsletter.

