



SkillsUSA Florida 2023-2024

Statesman Study Guide and Information

The purpose of the Statesman Award is to recognize the demonstration of SkillsUSA knowledge and civic awareness and is presented each year during the Fall Leadership Conference. This award recognizes students and advisors who have demonstrated leadership skills and mastered specific requirements. The Statesman is the highest honor a SkillsUSA Florida member can earn at the state level. Those who complete the requirements will be awarded a SkillsUSA Florida Statesman lapel pin and certificate of competition during the closing ceremony of Maximize, and will be recognized on SkillsUSA Florida's social media channels following the conference.

To receive the award, participants must score 80 or more points out of 100.

- Complete the Framework Certification by November 1, 2023 (online)
- Complete and pass the Statesman Award Exam by November 1, 2023 (online)
- Deliver their Framework Story (no more than 3-4 minutes) to their conference chapter group during Maximize
- Demonstrate civic and SkillsUSA knowledge verbally to a state officer or official Statesman Signer during the Maximize
- Attend and actively participate in all Maximize sessions and functions

Use the guide on the following pages to prepare. Find answers and information on the SkillsUSA national website (skillsusa.org), the SkillsUSA Florida website (skillsusafl.org), the SkillsUSA Member Handbook or Leadership Handbook, and internet searches. There are no additional costs to complete any requirements of the award.

COMPLETE THE FRAMEWORK CERTIFICATION (30 points)

The SkillsUSA Framework outlines the traits and skills identified by employers as necessary for career success. SkillsUSA empowers our members to become world-class workers and leaders by developing these skills in our students and providing teachers with the resources to teach these skills. **All students participating in the conference must complete the Framework Certification in advance of the conference.** Through the Framework Certification, students will learn about SkillsUSA and how it ensures the development of world-class workers, leaders, and responsible citizens through the SkillsUSA Framework. Students will articulate the meaning of SkillsUSA's mission and vision statements, explain the Framework through a brief Framework story, describe the six components of the Program of Work and select appropriate activities that align with it. The certification is entirely self-paced, online, and takes about 60-90 minutes to complete. The certification consists of:

- Why SkillsUSA? E-module
- Short knowledge check
- Completion and submission of a learning journal and development of Framework Story
- Review of Essential Elements Definitions and Behaviors
- 20-question Framework Assessment

Students must achieve at least 80% on the assessment in a maximum of 2 attempts. Advisors will receive login information after the close of registration, and prework must be completed by November 1. A testing proctor is not required.

COMPLETE AND PASS THE STATESMAN EXAM (maximum 20 points)

The Statesman Exam tests knowledge related to civics, government, career and technical education, and SkillsUSA. The exam will be taken online, and students will have 1 attempt to score at least 75% to receive the full point allocation. If a score of 75% is not attained, students will be awarded a point value that correlates to their score on the exam (see chart below).

The topics listed in this section should be used to prepare for the exam. The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions and should take less than an hour to complete.

SCORE ATTAINED	POINTS ASSIGNED
75% - 100%	20
65% - 74%	10
55% - 64%	5
Less than 54%	0

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1. What is SkillsUSA's mission? What is the core message?
2. What are the main points of the SkillsUSA creed?
3. What are the main points of the SkillsUSA pledge?
4. What are the three components of the SkillsUSA Framework? List at least two essential elements in each component.
5. What are SkillsUSA's official colors? What does each color represent?
6. What are the parts of the SkillsUSA emblem? What do they represent?
7. Describe the official attire for a SkillsUSA member.
8. What are the six categories of the Program of Work?
9. What is the Chapter Excellence Program? How are chapters recognized?
10. Who is the SkillsUSA Florida State Director? (first and last name)
11. Who is your Regional Coordinator? (first and last name)
12. Who is the national Executive Director? (first and last name)
13. Who is the current Secretary of Education at the federal level?
14. Who are Florida's Governor and Lieutenant Governor?
15. What is the congressional district where you live? Who are your state senator and representative for your district?
16. Who are the senators at the federal level for the state?
17. Who is the federal representative for your district?
18. What are the five rights guaranteed by the first amendment?
19. What is the Bill of Rights? What is its purpose?
20. What are the three branches of government?
21. What is the Strengthening Career and Technical Education in the 21st Century Act? What does it do?

DELIVER YOUR FRAMEWORK STORY (30 points)

Through the Framework Certification, students will develop an outline for their Framework Story, which helps them to articulate skills they learned through their CTE program and their experience in SkillsUSA. The Framework story highlights an essential element the student has grown in and provides tools to describe their experience related to career-readiness.

At Maximize, students are divided into small groups, or conference chapters. These conference chapters will work together to plan and execute a lip sync performance during our annual Battle of the Chapters on Monday evening. On Tuesday, students seeking the Statesman Award will deliver their Framework Story to their conference chapter group.

The Framework story should be 2-5 minutes long. It is important for students to practice in advance. The Framework Certification will lay the groundwork for students to develop their story. An additional lesson plan and video examples are available in the Framework Integration Toolkit at absorb.skillsusa.org (available as a benefit of Professional Membership).

DEMONSTRATE CIVIC AND SkillsUSA KNOWLEDGE (maximum 20 points)

Students will complete a verbal assessment to demonstrate their civic and SkillsUSA knowledge. At designated times during the conference, State Officers and Statesman Signers will be available to sign off for the completion of each item. A sign-off sheet will be provided at check-in. Students are encouraged to practice before the conference, as limited time will be provided to complete this task. Four points will be earned for each successful response.

1. Recite the SkillsUSA Pledge.
2. Recite the 2023-2024 SkillsUSA national and state themes. What do they mean to you?
3. What does leadership mean to you? Identify three ways you have demonstrated this skill during Maximize.
4. List one category of the Program of Work and describe an event your chapter could plan that would fit the category.
5. Why is committee work important, and how does it serve your chapter?