



Championships Orientation 2024

SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference



Welcome!

- Mic off, camera on (if you can 😊)
- Use the chat
- Ask lots of questions
- Stay adaptable and flexible



Agenda

- Advisor Communication
- Conference App
- Inclusivity Statement and General Regulations
- Conference Overview and Activities
- Competition Information
- Closing Ceremony and NLSC Information



Advisor Communications

- Email is primary method. Expect at least one email a week from me leading up to conference.
 - Large chapters – Lead Advisor may receive and distribute information.
 - Review the SLSC24 Conference Guide for important links and information
- SLSC Page – skillsusafl.org/SLSC
- Contest Updates Page – skillsusafl.org/updates
- Advisor Resources Page – skillsusafl.org/resources
- Onsite – Red Jacket Form
 - QR Code to online form for any questions, concerns, needs during conference.



Conference App

- Available at least 1 week before the conference
- Detailed schedule with reporting times for competitions
- Customizable personal agenda
- Social feeds to share photos
- Push notifications and alerts for real-time updates
- Maps of all conference venues
- Free download – Yapp
- Instructions will be shared with advisors once available



Inclusivity Statement and Gen Regs

- Everyone has a home in SkillsUSA. Behavior that makes anyone feel unwelcome, discriminated against, harassed, or bullied will not be tolerated.
- Inclusivity Statement – Zero tolerance policy for violations of the expectations outline. Share with students and review the process for reporting any inappropriate or questionable behavior.
- General Regulations – general rules for state competitions, including grievance policy. All advisors and students should review.



Conference Overview

- Sunday, April 14
- 2 PM to 6 PM – Onsite registration and packet pick up, *Hyatt*
- 6 PM – Doors open for Opening Ceremony, Florida Theatre
- 7 PM to 9 PM – Opening Ceremony, Florida Theatre



Onsite Registration

- Sunday, April 14 from 2 PM to 6 PM
- No distribution outside of these times
- Pick up:
 - Printed roster of your contestants, with shirt size and contestant number listed
 - Name badges and lanyards
 - T-shirts, including special shirts for advisors
 - Lunch tickets for competitors
 - Champions' Night Tickets
- Drop off:
 - Code of conduct forms for each registrant.
 - Requires parent/guardian signature for under 18.
 - No participation without a completed form – get them signed in advance!!!



Name Changes/Substitutions

- Substitutions are allowed until April 8
- Contestant substitutions must be received by Friday, March 29 in order to gain access to exams.
- Submit form online:
<https://form.jotform.com/212523572228048>
- Bring completed Conference Liability and Release form to onsite registration: <http://skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/NLSC-Registration-Form-2014-15.pdf> (available at register.skillsusa.org)
- No drops for refund.
 - In respect of our volunteers' time and resources, please alert us of any drops using the form above.



Day Passes and Observer Registration

- For parents and other supporters, there are two options to attend the conference:
 - Day passes - \$35 per person, per day, on sale at the door only. Provides access to the Hyatt and POCC competitions and can be purchased at either location beginning at 7 AM each day. FSCJ contests are not accessible for Day Pass holders.
 - No pre-registration
 - Full Conference Registration - \$150 per person, includes all activities – Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Champions' Night, etc.
 - Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240293472988166>
 - Also available at the door; t-shirt not guaranteed



Opening Ceremony

Sunday, April 14 at the Florida Theatre

- Doors open at 6 PM – arrive early to get a good seat! The theatre will likely reach capacity!
- State level awards and recognition
- State Officer Candidate Announcement
- Brian Imbus – Hypnotist and Illusionist
- Any last minute announcements



Conference Overview

Monday, April 15

- 7 AM to 5 PM – Conference Transportation
- 7 AM to 4 PM – Advisor Lounge at the Hyatt
- 8 AM to 4 PM – Competitions
- 9 AM to 3 PM – CareerExpo at Prime Osborn
- 10 AM to 12 PM – Community Service Project at Prime Osborn
- 11 AM to 1 PM – Food trucks for purchase
- 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM – Professional Development for Students
- 3 PM to 4 PM – Meet the Candidates
- 5 PM to 7 PM – Meet the Employer
- 5 PM to 9 PM – Food trucks for purchase



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Conference Overview

Tuesday, April 16

- 7 AM to 5 PM – conference transportation
- 7 AM to 4 PM – Advisor Lounge at the Hyatt
- 8 AM to 4 PM – Competitions
- 9 AM to 3 PM – CareerExpo at Prime Osborn
- 11 AM to 1 PM – Food trucks for purchase
- 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM – Professional Development for Students
- 12 PM to 2 PM – Framework Luncheon and Advisor Business Meeting
- 3 PM – Delegate Session and State Officer Elections
- 6 PM to 10 PM – Champions' Night



Transportation

- Buses will run on a continuous loop for all attendees (name badge required)
- Hyatt to FSCJ and POCC
 - Monday and Tuesday, 7 AM to 5 PM
- Doubletree to Hyatt, FSCJ, and POCC
 - Sunday, 4 PM to 9 PM – to Hyatt only (later if needed)
 - Monday, 7 AM to 5 PM
 - Tuesday, 7 AM to 10 PM
 - Wednesday, 6 AM to 9 AM – to Hyatt only (no returns to DT after 9 AM)
- Detailed schedule in conference app



Advisor Lounge

- Monday and Tuesday, 7 AM to 4 PM
- 4th Floor, Matthews
- Coffee from morning till lunch
- Light snacks
- Access to the 4th floor Riverdeck
- Advisor Social – Tuesday 6 PM to 9 PM
 - Must have Advisor name badge for entry
 - Desserts and coffee
 - Door prizes



CareerExpo

- CareerExpo and CONNECTED Expo – Prime Osborn and Hyatt; interactive booths and exhibits, immersive experiences in construction and transportation
- Virtual reality experiences. Opportunities for students to experience virtual reality scenarios that simulate being in trench excavations and climbing ladders.
- Professional simulators, used by future heavy equipment operators. Opportunities for students to climb into these machines and see and feel what it's like to operate real heavy equipment.
- Hands-on electrical activities, including wire cutting, wire stripping, wire crimping, heat shrink, Building Information Modeling (BIM) navigation, prefab examples, wire pulling and conduit threading.
- Nail driving competitions and opportunities to operate real, professional-grade hand and power tools.
- Free hard hat, safety glasses, industry swag, and photo opportunities throughout.
- More than 30 local construction employers, eager to help students understand the many career paths into construction and construction-related industries.
 - **Expedition: SLSC** – gamification option for students to complete tasks and earn points. Winning students get prizes at Closing!



Professional Development and Community Service

- Professional Development for Students – facilitated by state and national officers; three sessions per day on Monday and Tuesday. Sign up not required.
- Community Service Project – help turn old t-shirts into tote bags and dogs toys to support local organizations. Monday, 10 AM to 12 PM at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/240724888273062>
 - Participation limited to the first 100 students!



Delegate Activities

- Meet the Candidate, Delegate Session and State Officer Candidate Elections
 - Parliamentary Procedure workshop – Monday, 1 PM
 - Meet the Candidate – Monday, 3 PM, Grand Ballroom Foyer
 - Delegate Sessions – Tuesday, 3 PM, River Terrace 2
 - State Officer Elections – Tuesday, 4 PM (must attend Delegate Session to vote)
 - Delegate counts are based on membership per chapter and were emailed to advisors – contact the state office for more information
 - Delegate Sign Up:
<https://form.jotform.com/240665476204053>



Meet the Employer

- Monday, April 15 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Hyatt in River Terrace 1
- Sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/240725130505041>
- “Speed Networking” – students will visit with employers in groups of 3-4. Every 15 minutes we will rotate, and students will have the opportunity to leave a resume at each table.
- Professional attire is appropriate, and students should bring 10 copies of resumes.
- Great for interview experience and learning about future careers.
- Students control the information provided to employers.



Framework Luncheon & Advisor Business Meeting

- Tuesday, 12 PM to 2 PM in River Terrace 1 at the Hyatt
- Lunch is provided for registration advisors (name badge required)
- State and national updates
 - Discussion of fall All-Hands Meeting, new timing of Advisor Business Meeting
 - Dr. Jason Scales, SkillsUSA Inc. Chief Operations Officer
- Advisor at Large elections – 2 seats up for election
- Nominate yourself or someone else here:
<https://form.jotform.com/213636519031047>
- Give 2-3 minute speech on why you should be elected.



Champions' Night Celebration

- Tuesday, 6 PM to 10 PM at the Hyatt and Coastline Drive
- Food trucks (at least 10!) – dinner provided for all attendees
- Live performance art
- Airbrush tattoos
- Photo booth
- Caricature artist
- Board games
- Friendship bracelets
- Speed Puzzle Competition – open to all conference participants! Sign up here:
<https://form.jotform.com/240515971223048>



Contest Schedule and Information

- Contest schedule is online at skillsusafl.org/updates
- Most contests are one day – review the schedule for contests that are two days
- Lunch is provided on competition days.
 - Display contests – if presence is required for public display, lunch is provided
- Review Contest Updates for specific information that differs from the Technical Standards.
- Resume requirements – outlined on updates page
- Attire – review Tech Standards. Exceptions are outlined in the state Inclusivity Statement and General Regulations (Contest Updates page)



Online Testing

- Sunday, April 24 – Advisors were emailed a list of testing credentials for their school.
- Monday, April 25 at 8 AM ET – testing window opens
 - Tests must be proctored onsite at school
 - Proctor instructions, user guide on Updates page
 - No time limit
 - Failure to complete an exam = zero score
 - If you have trouble logging in, contact Customer Care.
- Friday, April 5 at 5 PM ET – testing window closes. Exams taken after this deadline will not be counted.



Online Testing

- When students login, they will see an icon for each exam they need to take.
 - NOTE: Students do NOT need to create an account on Absorb, ProProfs, or any other site. Their login was automatically generated and sent to advisors.
- Provide students with the SLSC Online Testing User Guide, available on the Contest Updates page.
- Professional Development exam study guide is available on Contest Updates page.
- Hospitality contests – ACF testing
- Exempt from testing – middle school, non-contestants (including models), Action Skills, Employment Application Process, Community Action Project



Lunch for Competitions

- Competitors and models will receive lunch ticket(s) in registration packets for each day they are required to be in competition.
 - Display contests with public viewing – two day contests
- On competition days, lunch will be available:
 - Delivered to the contest site, for contests that will take place during the lunch hour. Judges will collect tickets in the morning.
 - Available for pick up at the Hyatt in River Terrace 3, the Lunch Lounge. Turn in tickets to receive.
- Dietary restrictions/ allergies – if not listed on registration, you must complete the Accommodations Request form as soon as possible!
<https://form.jotform.com/212435080058045>



Grievances and Contest Feedback

- Grievances – filed only for rule violations during the contest
 - Only contestants can file a grievance.
 - Must be filed before they leave the contest area.
 - Contestant will request a form from a judge.
 - Judge will alert state staff of the form.
 - Grievance committee will review (comprised of at minimum, one advisor from a different region of the complainant, one industry partner, and one Board of Directors member)
 - For rulings that would affect overall standings, action will be taken immediately.
 - All other complaints will be answered about 2 weeks following the conference
- Provide constructive feedback for competitions here:
<http://bit.ly/ContestFeedback>



Conference Overview

Wednesday, April 17

- 7:30 AM – Doors open for Closing Ceremony
- 8:30 AM – Closing Ceremony begins
- Immediately following – NLSC delegation meeting
- 1 PM - Adjourn



Closing Ceremony

- Wednesday, April 17 at the Hyatt, Grand Ballroom
- Doors open at 7:30 AM
- Ceremony begins at 8:30 AM
- Live streamed – link provided prior to the ceremony and shared on social media
- Announce 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division and contest
- Medalists will go to the front of the stage. Once all are gathered for a contest, they will be escorted onstage. Then, they will leave the ballroom to proceed to the prize area to receive prizes and take photos.
- Gold medalists will receive QR Code for Intent to Enter form. Must be submitted by the end of Closing Ceremony to secure your invitation to NLSC.



NLSC Delegation Meeting

- Immediately following Closing Ceremony in River Terrace 1 at the Hyatt
- Review important deadlines and information
- Ensure Intent to Enter forms are complete and that we have accurate advisor contact info for each competitor
- NLSC24 Conference Guide – available April 1 on Advisor Resources page.

