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SkillsUSA Florida NLSC26 Delegation Meeting

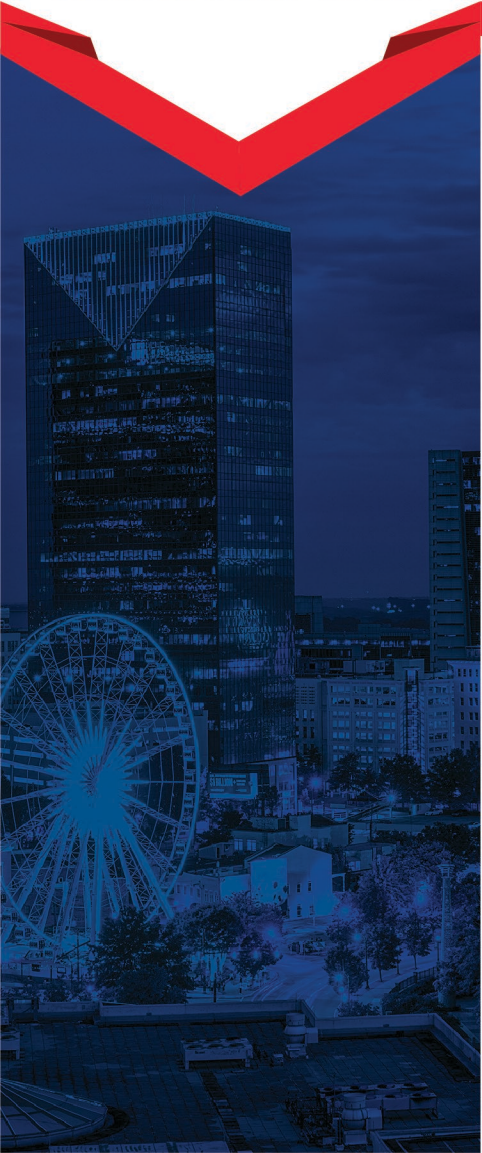
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Welcome!

- Microphones muted
- Camera on 😊
- Use the chat
- Ask lots of questions!
- Yes, this meeting will be recorded and posted with this slide deck at skillsusaf1.org/resources





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Agenda

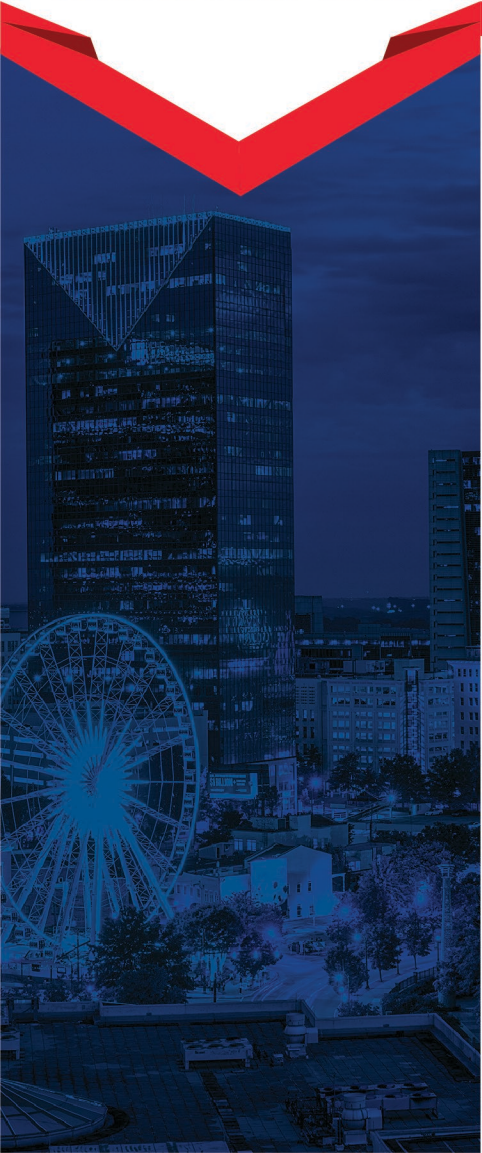
- The Basics:
 - General Agenda and Venue Information
 - Communication plans
 - Cost, Deadlines, and Scholarships
 - For Parents and Other Supporters
- Getting There:
 - Travel to ATL and Parking
 - Hotel Info and Courtesies
 - Competitor Preparation, Pre-work, and Testing
- NLSC Details:
 - When You Arrive
 - State Meetings and General Sessions
 - SkillsUSA LEARN, TECHSPO, and Immersive Experience
 - Champions' Festival



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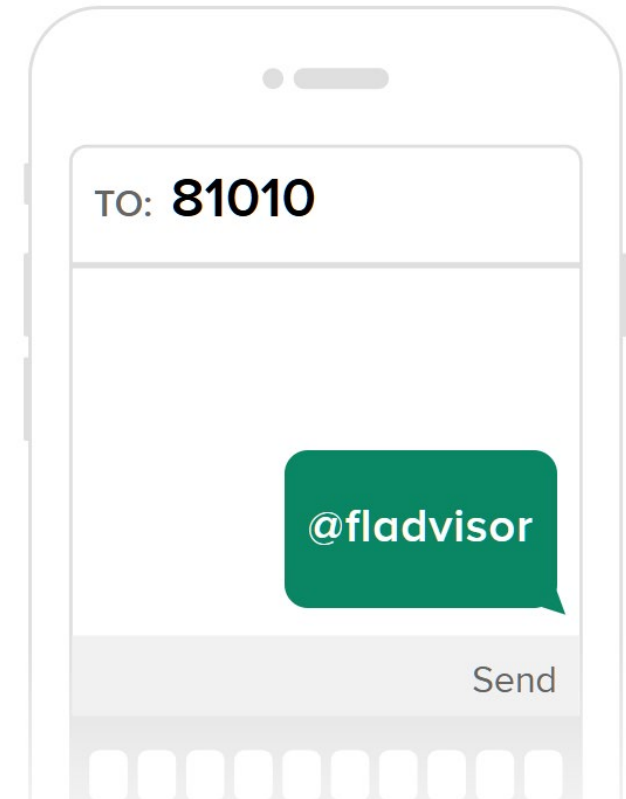
NLSC26 Information

- General conference information – Vol. 1
- Everything you need to know about the conference – Vol. 2
- Advisor Resources page: skillsusaf1.org/resources
- NLSC microsite: NLSC.skillsusa.org



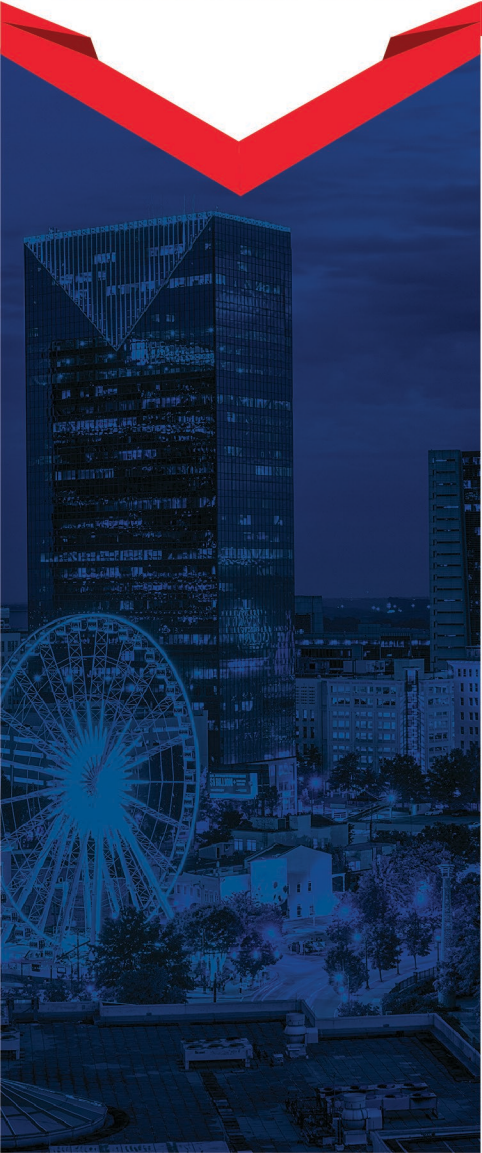
Sign Up for Remind

- Text @fladvisor to 81010 to sign up for our Remind.
- This will be used for time-sensitive notifications during NLSC. Please share with all advisors and chaperones – no students, please.



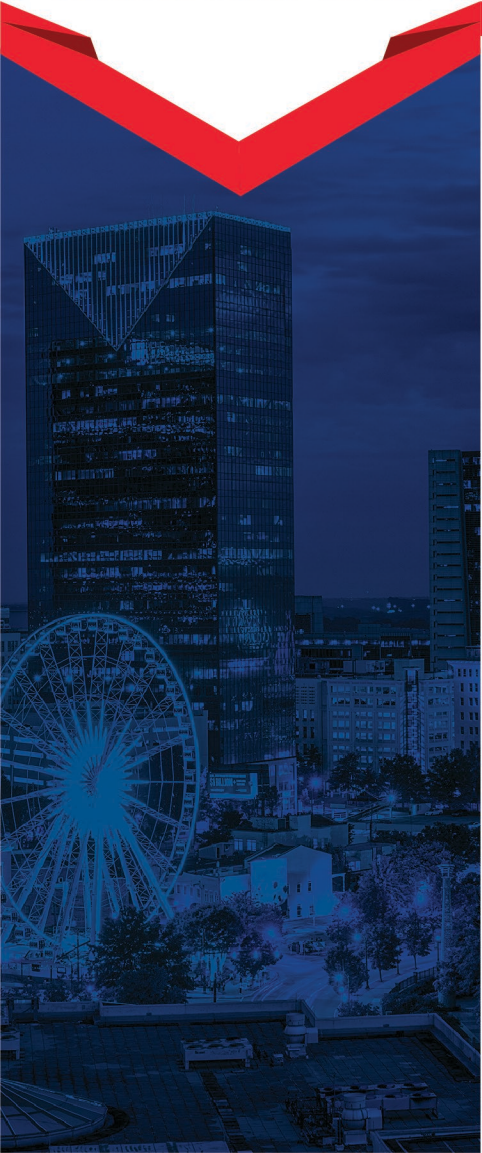
Supervision

- Primary supervision is the responsibility of each school.
- At least one school or district-approved chaperone must be registered through the state office and stay at the state hotel.
- Lead Advisor from each school will sign up for Remind (or similar text service for emergency communications)
- All members of the delegation must stay at the hotel and register through the state office.
- State curfew is 11 PM (schools can designate earlier, if desired)
- Perform room/bed checks each night at curfew.



Conference Venues

- Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)
 - Competitions
 - SkillsUSA LEARN – professional development, credentials
 - Community service
 - Delegate sessions
- State Farm Arena
 - Opening session
 - Closing session
- Hyatt Regency Atlanta – official state hotel
 - Monday Welcome Dinner
 - Friday Celebration Dinner





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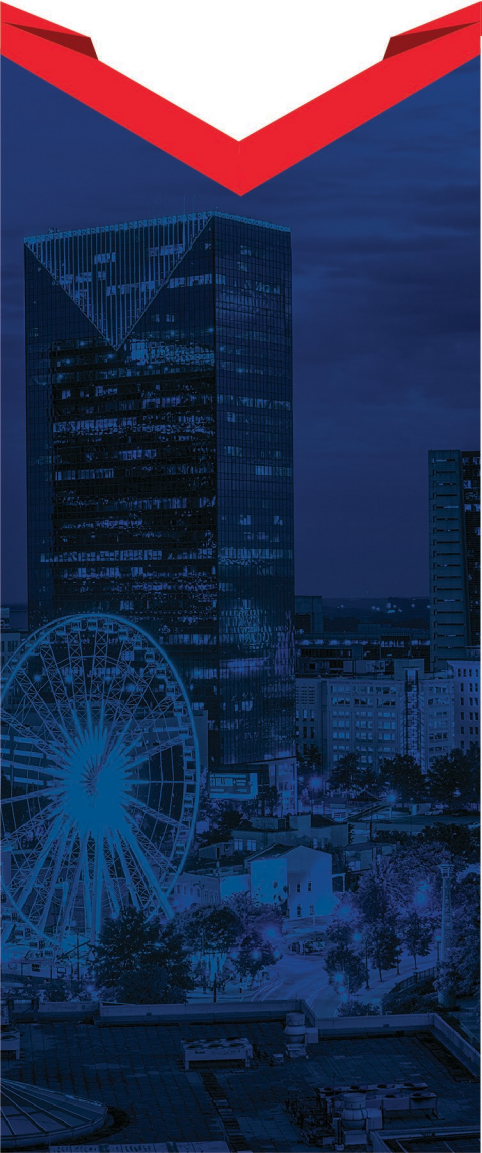
Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Atlanta

265 Peachtree St NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

- School rooms are blocked together whenever possible.
- Check in times on Monday may be longer due to volume.
- Food outlets onsite
- Peachtree Center
- Advisors for each school identified to hotel by State Office



Conference Agenda

- ***Monday, June 1***

- 12 PM to 6 PM – Onsite Registration and Packet Pickup, *Hyatt Regency*
- 1 PM to 6 PM – SkillsUSA Store Grand Opening, *GWCC*
- 6 PM to 8 PM – Florida Delegation Welcome Dinner and Meeting, *Hyatt Regency*
 - Pick up registration materials for each attendee
 - Submit Code of Conduct form for [Students and Advisors](#)
 - Dinner will be served!



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Conference Agenda

- ***Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 2-4***
 - SkillsUSA Championships
 - SkillsUSA LEARN
 - SkillsUSA Store and TECHSPO
- ***Tuesday, June 2***
 - 7 PM – Opening Session, *State Farm Arena*
 - *Keynote Speaker: IndyCar Driver Josef Newgarden*
- ***Thursday, June 4***
 - 6 PM – 9:30 PM – Champions' Festival, *Centennial Olympic Park*

Conference Agenda

- ***Friday, June 5***

- 8:30 AM to 12 PM – Community Service Project, *GWCC*
- 4 PM – Awards Session, *State Farm Arena*
 - Come and Go Format
- 7:30 PM to 9 PM – Florida Celebration Dinner, *Hyatt Regency*
- Be sure to settle any outstanding charges with the hotel prior to check out on Saturday!



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Fees and Deadlines

- Package cost is listed per person, based on room occupancy
- Registration deadline: April 22
- Payment Deadline: May 8
- Check or credit card (address/link in guide)
- Includes:
 - Registration fee, including ceremonies and contest floor access
 - Champions' Festival
 - Swag items
 - 5-night (Mon to Sat) or 6-night (Sun to Sat) package options
 - Breakdown of package costs available on the Resources page

Package Costs

OCCUPANCY	5-NIGHT	6-NIGHT
Single	\$1,745	\$2,005
Double	\$1,095	\$1,225
Triple	\$915	\$1,010
Quad	\$800	\$870

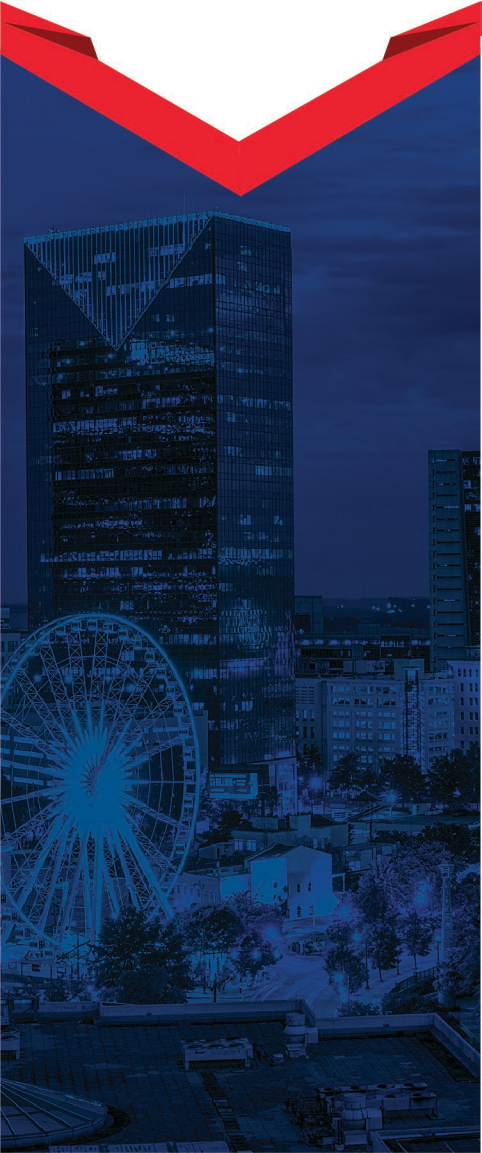
- Registrations are invoiced per person based on hotel room occupancy (booked online through Passkey).
- While the state office can't provide roommate matching services, you can complete this form and we can connect you, in the event another school be looking to pair up: <https://form.jotform.com/251256308189057>

Scholarships and Grants

- **APPLY FOR FUNDING!** Check applications for specific CTE program or competition eligibility
 - <https://www.skillsusa.org/recognition/scholarships-and-grants/>
- Ford Philanthropy Travel Grant: up to \$1500
 - Demonstrate financial need through 300-word essay
- Harbor Freight Travel Scholarship: up to \$1500
 - Includes leadership contests
- Hyundai Travel Grant: up to \$1500
 - Auto Service and MLR only, demonstrate financial need through 300-word essay.
- ICPF Travel Grant: complete steps to enter to win
- Immersive Experience Travel Grant: for IE only.



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QUESTIONS?

Registration, Invoicing, and Payment

Complete all three steps:

1. Complete registration online at register.skillsusa.org.
2. Complete hotel reservations on Passkey: *(linked on registration website)*
3. Request your invoice by emailing igraber@skillsusaf1.org, or one will be emailed to you after registration closes on April 22.
 1. NOTE: Anyone listed on the registration website after April 22 is considered registered for the conference, and your school is responsible for the registration fees for that person. Be sure to delete anyone who is not attending prior to the deadline.



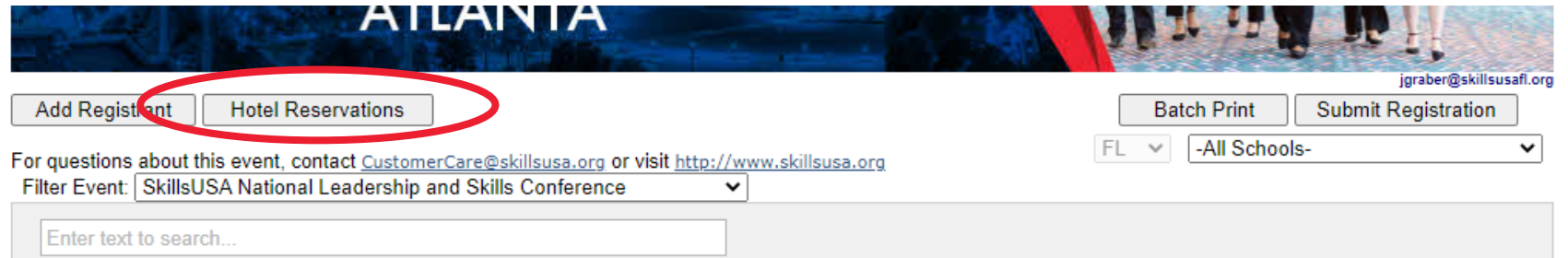
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Online Registration

- Login at register.skillsusa.org
- The procedure is the same as the state conference, until you submit.
 - Valid, non-school email for contestants
 - Dietary restrictions or ADA accommodations – including extended testing time for written exams
 - Onsite emergency contact information
 - Home address – large prizes may be sent directly to students
- Once you submit, you will NOT receive an invoice. You must complete the next step and enter hotel reservations in order to receive an invoice.

Hotel Reservations

- Book hotel reservations on Passkey.



ATLANTA

jgraber@skillsusafl.org

For questions about this event, contact CustomerCare@skillsusa.org or visit <http://www.skillsusa.org>

Filter Event:

- Detailed instructions in NLSC26 Conference Guide.
- Questions and Technical Support:
 - SkillsUSANLSC@HPNGlobal.com
 - (480) 998-9770, Ext: 2

Invoicing

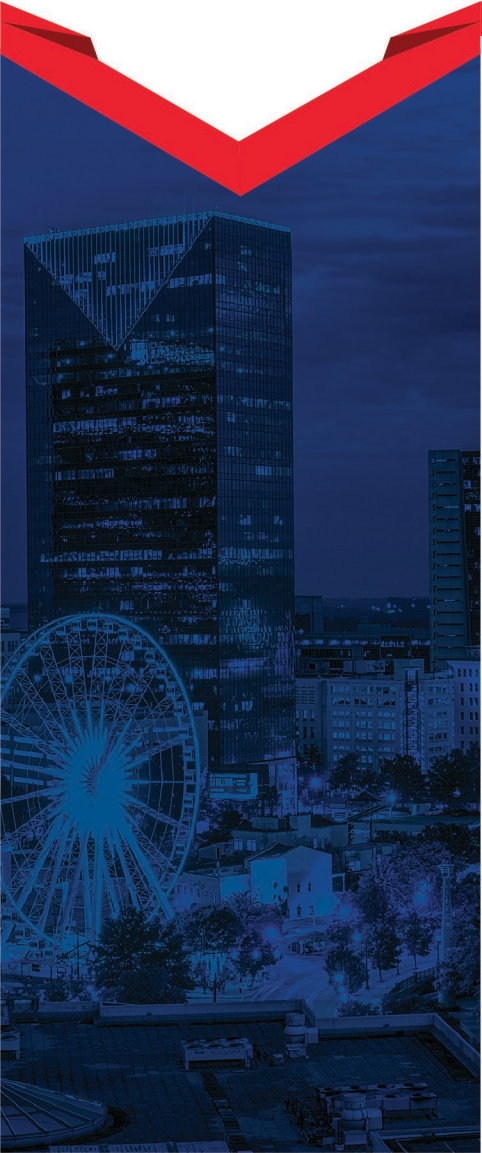
- Once you have completed online registration and hotel reservations, email jgraber@skillsusafll.org to request your invoice
 - Include information related to any separated invoices – for example, if your registration fees are paid from Perkins funds, but hotel is paid from a separate fund.
 - Typical turnaround time is about 24 hours
 - After April 22, all registrations and invoices are final, and schools are responsible for anyone registered.
 - Any schools who have not requested an invoice will receive one no later than April 24.

Substitutions and Drops

- To make a substitution after April 22:
 - Complete this form online by 12 PM ET on Friday, May 22: <https://form.jotform.com/240994041296158>
 - Complete the [Conference Liability and Release form](#) and email it to Jayde at Jaydea@skillsusaf1.org by May 26 – <https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/fl/TFUkbuBmDp>
- To change hotel reservations:
 - Contact SkillsUSANLSC@HPNGlobal.com or (480) 998-9770, Ext: 2
 - Please do not contact the hotel directly to make changes.

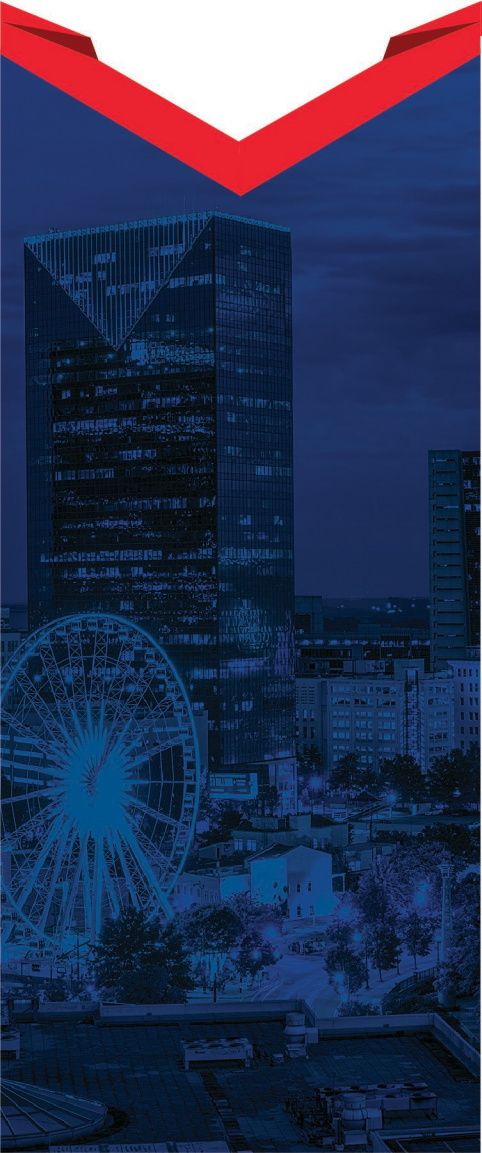
Travel to ATL – Airport and Transfers

- Schools must book their own travel and transfers
- Fly into ATL – Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport
- Airline discounts –
 - Delta - <https://bit.ly/nlsc26-delta>, Meeting Event Code **NM4V2**
 - Southwest - <https://bit.ly/SkillsUSA-SW-F26>
 - United - <https://bit.ly/SkillsUSA-united26>, Discount code **ZRHN852872**
- Transfers:
 - MARTA
 - DART Airport Shuttle



Travel – Parking

- Parking must be arranged by each school
 - Car parking:
 - **At hotel:** valet only, \$60/day with 24-hour in and out privileges (oversized: \$65/day). Local unsecured surface lots available.
 - **At GWCC:** Daily parking \$10/day in advance, \$15/day of
 - Multi day passes available
 - Prepurchase: <https://bit.ly/GWCC-Parking>
 - Bus/Oversized Vehicle parking:
 - GWCC Marshalling Yard on Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd, 24-hour security
 - \$30/day in advance
 - Prepurchase: <https://bit.ly/GWCC-Parking>





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What to Bring

- Signed Code of Conduct forms
- SkillsUSA official attire and/or competition attire
 - Refer to the Technical Standards – state exceptions do NOT apply!!
- Contest tools and materials listed in the Tech Standards
- SLSC26 Conference shirt and pins
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Printed copies of student resumes, and a digital copy saved to flash drive
- Casual attire (school/district dress code approved)
- Chapter t-shirt or polo, or other SkillsUSA logo attire
- Spending money for SkillsUSA Store and Atlanta attractions

Competitor Preparations

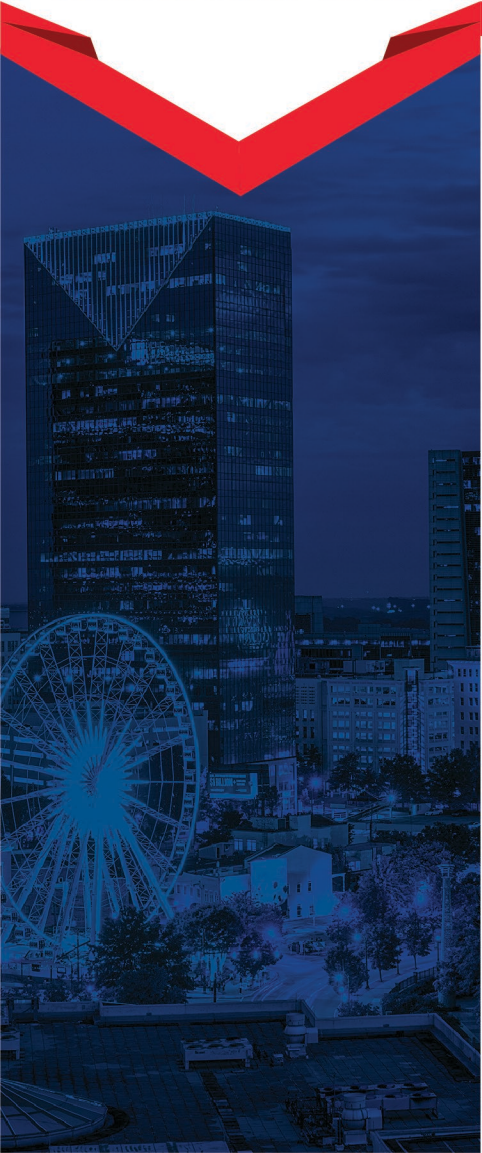
- **Competitor Checklist** – nlsc.skillsusa.org/championships
- **Technical Standards** – THE resource for national competitions. Be prepared with the supplies/tools outlined!
 - Check computer requirements and access
- **Contest Updates** – <https://updates.skillsusa.org>
- **Uniforms** – skillsusastore.org
 - Will be available for purchase onsite, ordering ahead encouraged
 - More info about prepurchase to pick up onsite coming soon
- **Accommodations Request** – add to registration
 - Due no later than May 1 if not included on registration
- **Shipping** – contact Davenport Printing, 770-954-0104
 - Do not ship to GWCC directly!
 - Return shipping, including prep, is the responsibility of the school.

Pre-Con Submissions and Testing

- **May 4** – Competitor Portal Email to Contestants
 - Credentials to upload resume and any other pre-conference requirements (safety letters, eligibility letters, certifications, etc. – refer to the Technical Standards)
- **May 5** – Online Test Credentials Email to Contestants
 - ALL COMPETITORS take the PD test
 - SOME COMPETITORS take Technical Assessment – see Updates page for details
- **May 5 to May 22 at 5 PM ET** – Portal Open for uploads
- **May 7 to May 28 at 5 PM ET**– Online Testing window
- State Director will receive list of credentials to share with Lead Advisors



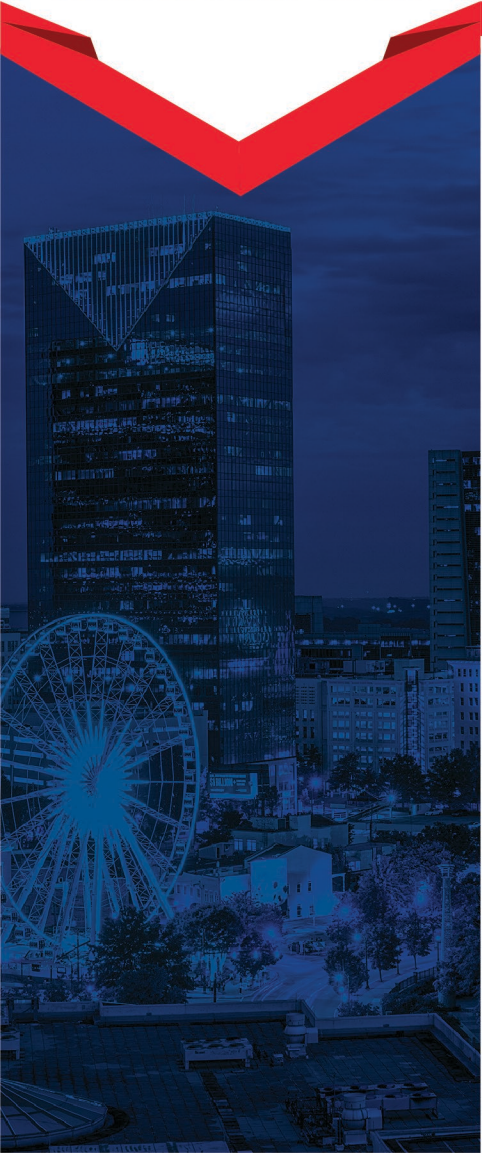
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QUESTIONS?

When You Arrive in Atlanta...

- Head to the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown and check in with the front desk to receive your room keys.
 - A credit card is required as a guarantee for incidentals for all advisor/chaperone rooms. A deposit will be charged by the hotel and returned to the card on check out.
- If rooms are not yet available, the hotel concierge can usually store luggage for you. After 12 PM on Monday, you can also visit us at the state registration area for additional luggage storage options.
- Plan to arrive no later than 4 PM on Monday. Your school **MUST** attend the Monday meeting to get your registration materials!

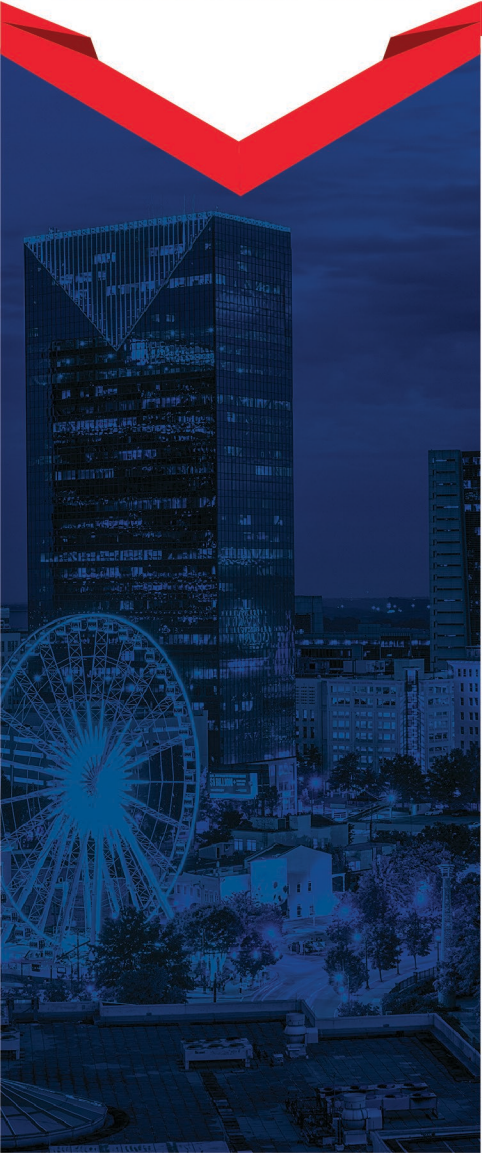




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Monday Welcome Dinner

- Monday –
- Onsite Registration – 12 PM to 6 PM
 - Pick up:
 - Name badge and lanyard
 - State pins, shirt, and hat
 - Other swag
 - Pre-ordered pins and NLSC shirts
 - Community Service, Delegate, and other activity information
 - Turn in:
 - Code of Conduct forms (parent signature under 18)
- Dinner – 6 PM to 7:30 PM
 - Receive conference information and important updates
 - Dinner begins at 6 PM
 - Program begins at 6:30 PM



Pins and Conference Shirts

- Each registrant receives:
 - 10 regular pins (the shell from SLSC26)
 - 3 special high-value pins (image TBD)
 - State delegation t-shirt (image TBD)
- Additional options for pre-order:
 - **SLSC26 Pins (shell):** 1 pin for \$3, 10 pins for \$24 (Limit 10pins per registrant)
 - **EARLY BIRD PRICING: \$4 off each pack of 10 with code EARLYPIN through Thursday, April 16 at 11:59 PM ET.**
 - <https://form.jotform.com/241304067763050>
 - After April 16, orders will be accepted until stock runs out.
 - **NLSC Conference T-Shirt and Backpack: \$16**
 - Shirts also available onsite at SkillsUSA Store
 - Order here: <https://form.jotform.com/250866053191154>

Opening Session

- Tuesday at State Farm Arena
- Doors open at 5:30 PM
- Pre-session starts at 6:25 PM
- Session begins at 7 PM
- Concessions available for purchase
- Designated seating area for our state – please sit together
- Attire: business casual. No t-shirts or jeans.
- Wear your hat!
- National Officer Candidates will be announced – get loud if you hear anyone from Florida!



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SkillsUSA LEARN

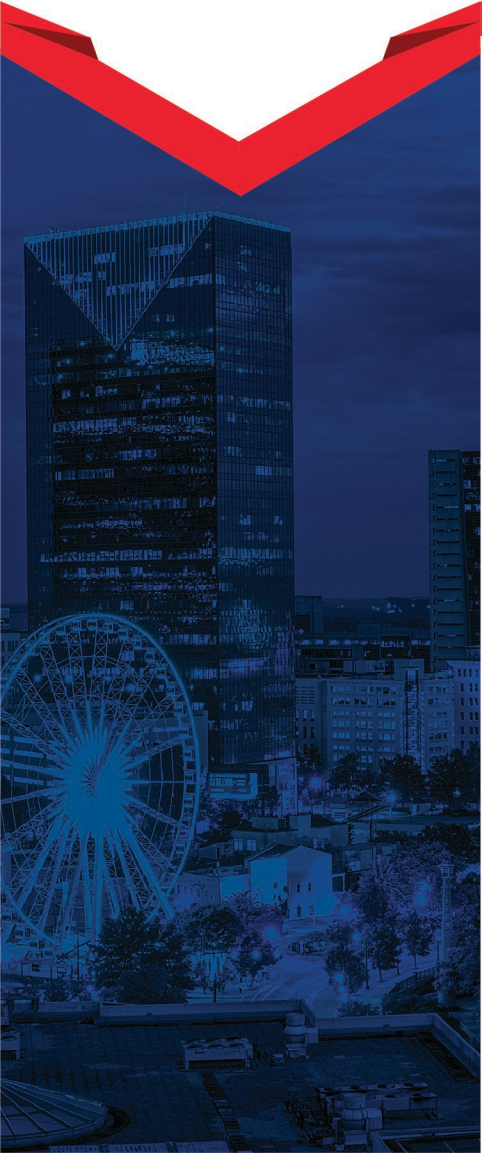
- Professional Development Opportunities: 6 tracks
 - **Student Development** – hands on technical and employability skills
 - **Student Credentialing** – earn industry-recognized credentials
 - **CTE Instructor Development** – Partner-led sessions on technical updates, classroom management, and instructional best practices
 - **Advisor Development** – chapter management, student engagement, and connecting classroom learning and career success
 - **Advisor/Instructor Credentialing** – credentialing pathways that validate educators' technical and instructional expertise
 - **CTE Administrator and Leadership Development** – school and district leaders, focused on CTE advocacy, program growth, and strategic leadership

Additional Activities

- Credentialing Opportunities:
 - Advisors and students: Certify in Autodesk, iCEV, ACT, NC3, and others. Space is limited – sign up in advance!
 - <https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/credentials>
- Leadership Opportunity:
 - **Postsecondary and Middle School Delegate** positions available! Schedule is linked in the conference guide. Apply here by April 27: <https://form.jotform.com/241295184662057>
- Advisor Call to Action:
 - Wednesday morning – interactive discussions, new program highlights, and recognition and celebration.

TECHSPO

- **200+ exhibitors** covering more square footage than ever in Hall A, B, C, BC, and connecting hallways!
- **Try-A-Skill** – we are expanding Try-A-Skill again this year and already have two companies locked into spaces. This is a hands-on focused space in Hall BC and Hall A will bring engaging experiences in the hands of attendees!
- **Experiential is the name of the game!** Back by popular demand, even more exhibitors will have hands-on engagement learning in their booth! Their exhibitor listing will give photos and descriptions of what attendees can do and experience in their space.... learning by **DOING!**



Immersive Experience

What Participants Will Do

- Take part in live construction site visits and guided Lowe's store walkthrus
- Apply technical knowledge through interactive, scenario-based construction challenges
- Engage with employers and industry during an Employer Insights Panel
- Strengthen employability skills—including teamwork, communication, and professionalism—in authentic work environments
- Earn an industry-recognized credential, reinforcing career readiness and occupational identity

Open to high school and college/postsecondary student members enrolled in Building Trades & Renovations, Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC-R, and Plumbing.

Travel grant available from the Bosch Community Fund

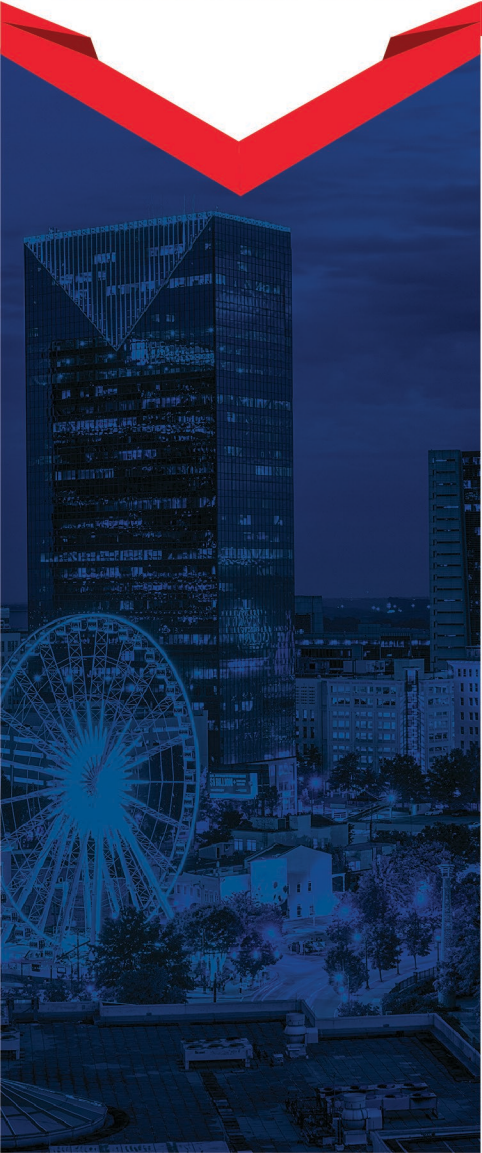
To register: contact the State Office at jgraber@skillsusaf.org and add the student to your registration as a participant. Competitors are not eligible.



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Champions' Festival

- Thursday, June 4
- 6 PM to 9:30 PM
- Attire: Casual (in school/district dress code)
- Conference badge required for entry
- Food trucks, DJ, games, and more!



Community Service

- **DONATE: to benefit City of Refuge**
- Bring new full-size toiletries
- Hall BC
- Tuesday from 8 AM to 5 PM
 - Shampoo for textured hair (brand ex: Shea Moisture, Cantu)
 - Conditioner for textured hair (brand ex: Shea Moisture, Cantu)
 - Deodorant
 - Body Wash
 - Body Lotion
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
- **FLEXIBLE: to benefit Foundation for Hospital Art PaintFest**
- Painting art for display in schools; 60 volunteers at a time, drop in
- Hall BC
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM


Community Service

- **TRADITIONAL: to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace**
- Sign up **required** on conference registration

Add-On Events

Also Attending: [More Info](#)

Pre-Conference Attendee ONLY

Participate in Community Service Project on Friday? YES 

IMPORTANT! The Community Service Project conflicts with Delegate and some post [check THIS list to see if your contest has a conflicting debrief](#) that would prevent you Community Service Project.

- Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM
- Build 120 beds, including mattresses and bedding



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Awards Session

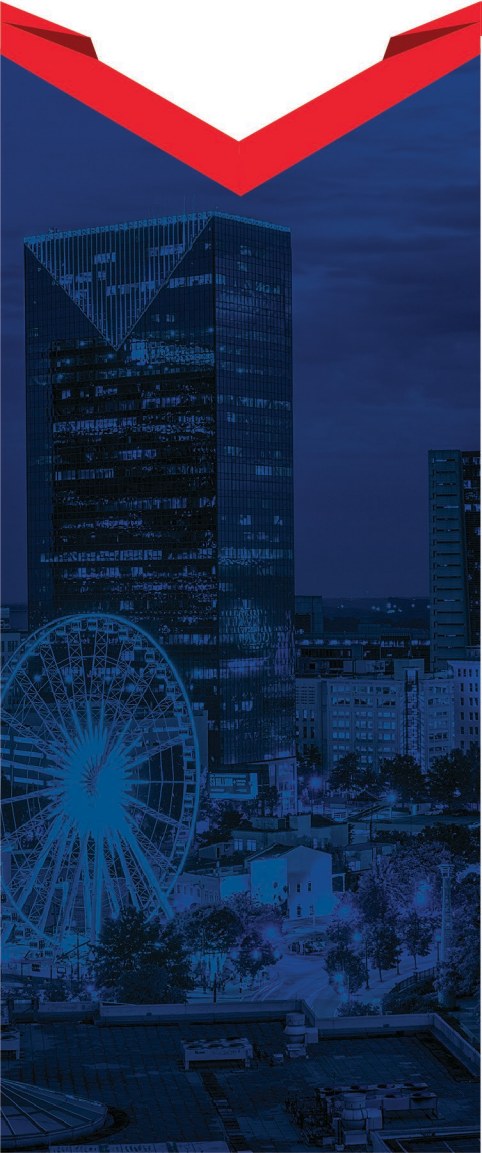
- Friday, State Farm Arena
- Doors open at 3 PM
- Pre-session starts at 3:25 PM
- Ceremony starts at 4 PM
- Concessions available for purchase
- Attire: contest or official attire for contestants. Casual for all others (jeans and logo t-shirt or polo is appropriate).
- Will be streamed – link posted to SkillsUSA website on June 5.
- **NEW FORMAT: Come and Go Style session**
 - Full instructions in conference app, including award presentation times
 - Contestants should arrive in building at least 30 min before announcing, and on the floor at least 15 min before announcing.



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Friday Celebration Dinner

- Friday – 7:30 PM to 9 PM
 - SkillPoint Certificates presented
 - Special state-level recognitions
 - Advisors can receive the final overall score and placement for their contestants. Full detailed scorecards are available by August 1.
 - Taco Bar begins at 7:30 PM and continues until 9 PM
 - Brief program begins at approx 8 PM
 - Scores and certificates available until 9 PM



Hotel Courtesies

- Tipping:
 - Tip \$1-\$2 per bag for luggage assistance or delivery to your room
 - Tip 18-20% for room service or full-service meals
- Respect other guests
 - Keep voices low in common areas including lobby, hallways, elevator
 - Respect posted quiet hours
- Guest Room Protocol
 - Keep sleeping rooms neat, clean, and organized. Ask for trash bags if needed.
 - Use the in-room safe for valuables
- Safety and Security
 - Identify individuals before opening the door
 - Never throw objects from windows/balconies – take home medals not charges
 - Do not damage, alter, or remove anything that belongs to the hotel
 - Respect hotel staff and security and all safety regulations
 - Familiarize yourself with emergency exits and procedures
 - Follow the Code of Conduct

Safety and Security

- Download the App
- Remember your badge – no admittance without a badge!
- Follow designated walking paths— specific paths outlined on conference app that are safest and most heavily patrolled
- Use the buddy system
- Be observant – if you see something, say something
 - Hotel elevators are key card access only!
- Use Atlanta Ambassadors – need directions, separated from group, need escort. Look for red and blue uniforms on bikes.
- Know Emergency Numbers:
 - 911
 - Police: (404) 614-6544
 - Fire: (404) 546-7000
 - Downtown Ambassadors: (404) 215-9600

Parents and Supporters

- Parents and other supporters can purchase conference passes online beginning May 5.
 - <https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/nlsc-passes>
 - Full details and options outlined - \$195 full badge, \$45 per day for a day pass (Tues-Thurs), \$60 awards only
- Housing information
 - <https://book.passkey.com/gt/220866580?gtid=6b4e22dfa2cb c7d7d71a1bc4247c1919>
 - We are provided a set number of rooms for our official state delegation. Parents and supporters should book using the link above.

FAQ

- Can I substitute members of a team between state and nationals?
 - You can substitute up to 50% of a team with a member who was registered by March 1 and meets the eligibility criteria
- Can my student make changes to their project between state and nationals?
 - Yes, but be careful to limit changes to only minor tweaks. You should not overhaul or restart any projects.
- What if they don't have my uniform size?
 - They will be on sale onsite. If there are further stock issues, the SkillsUSA Store can issue an exemption letter for the student to present to the judges. If this is the case, please let me know!