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SLSC27 Conference Guide

"Chase Your Storm"

April 26-29, 2027

Jacksonville, FL

Don't Forget to Register by March 22!

The information in this guide should be used to help plan for participation in the 2026 State Leadership and Skills Conference and Championships and is subject to change. Check out the Tuesday Times newsletter regularly and our website at skillsusafl.org. Once registration closes, communications will be sent directly to students and advisors registered for the conference, not to general stakeholders.

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Welcome to the 2027 State Leadership and Skills Conference!

As SkillsUSA Florida celebrates our 60th year, we are so excited for what's in store for SLSC27 - more industry partners, bigger competitions, and more chances to learn, grow, and connect!

The state conference is the pinnacle of the SkillsUSA year and is the most exciting showcase of student talent in the state. We host over 100 different technical and leadership competitions, along with additional activities like the Career Expo, Meet the Employer, Champions' Festival, Give and Grow Community Service, and so much more - there's something for everyone at SLSC!

Our competitions are planned, facilitated, and judged by business and industry partners to help ensure students have the skills they need for future career success. Attendees can view almost all competitions, making SLSC a unique chance to see a variety of trades in action. The Career Expo showcases in-demand careers through hands-on exhibits, and the Meet the Employer Career Fair provides the opportunity for students to learn more about current opportunities in a variety of industries.

Students can grow employability skills with Aim Hire Professional Development, and give back with the Community Service Project. Don't miss this incredible opportunity - review this guide so you can be prepared when registration opens for schools on January 1!

We can't wait to welcome you to Jacksonville!

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Conference-at-a-Glance

2027 STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE	
WHO	**SkillsUSA Student and Professional Members**
WHEN	Monday, April 26, 2027 through Thursday, April 29, 2027 *Begins: 7 PM Mon; Adjourns: 12 PM Thurs*
CONFERENCE VENUES	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Prime Osborn Convention Center Florida Theatre Tom Bush Collision Center Tulsa Welding School FSCJ Deerwood *More information here*
REGISTRATION DEADLINE	March 22, 2027 at 11:59 PM
HOTEL INFORMATION	Required to book in established hotel blocks via rooming list by March 22 *(forms to be published by January 1)*
REGISTRATION COST	**Advisors, Competitors, Models, Participants:** $175/person **Courtesy Corps:** $75/person

What's New This Year

NEW REGISTRATION	We've changed "Observer" to "Participant" to better align with national SkillsUSA practices.
NEW CONTEST NAMES	Review competition offerings for any changes to competition names: • Job Skill Demo A & B • Career Pathways offerings
NEW TECHNICAL STANDARDS FORMAT	Review Technical Standards for a new, clearer, more relevant format. They are available to student and professional members through SkillsUSA Pathful.
CHAMPIONS' FESTIVAL	Champions' Festival will be hosted at the Hyatt, as in previous years. Food trucks will be available for purchase; tickets are not provided.
CLOSING CEREMONY	This year, Gold medalists will receive a Champions Banner to display at their school.

General Agenda

Monday, April 26

2 PM to 6 PM	Packet Pickup	*Hyatt, 2nd Floor*
	Courtesy Corps Check-In	
	Conference Help and Assistance Desk (CHAD) and State Store Open	
7 PM to 8:30 PM	Opening Ceremony (doors open 6 PM)	*Florida Theatre*
11 PM	State Curfew	

Tuesday, April 27

7 AM to 4:30 PM	Conference transportation to offsite locations	*Hyatt, Marriott*
7 AM to 4 PM	SkillsUSA Florida Championships	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn, others*
8 AM to 3 PM	CHAD open	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn*
8 AM to 3 PM	SkillsUSA State Store Open	*Hyatt*
8 AM to 4 PM	Advisor Lounge	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn*
9 AM to 2 PM	Career Expo	*Prime Osborn*
9 AM to 3 PM	Aim Hire Professional Development	*Hyatt*
10 AM to 12 PM	Community Service Project	*Prime Osborn*
3 PM to 5 PM	Meet the Candidate	*Hyatt*
5 PM to 7 PM	Meet the Employer Career Fair	*Hyatt*
11 PM	State Curfew	

Wednesday, April 28

7 AM to 4:30 PM	Conference transportation to offsite locations	*Hyatt, Marriott*
7 AM to 4 PM	SkillsUSA Florida Championships	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn, others*
8 AM to 3 PM	CHAD - purchase day passes, discounted parking	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn*
8 AM to 3 PM	SkillsUSA State Store Open	*Hyatt*
8 AM to 4 PM	Advisor Lounge	*Hyatt, Prime Osborn*
9 AM to 2 PM	Career Expo	*Prime Osborn*
9 AM to 3 PM	Aim Hire Professional Development	*Hyatt*
10 AM to 12 PM	Community Service Project	*Prime Osborn*
3 PM to 5 PM	Delegate Sessions	*Hyatt*
6 PM to 9:30 PM	Champions' Festival	*Hyatt*
6 PM to 9 PM	SkillsUSA State Store Open	*Hyatt*
11 PM	Curfew	

Thursday, April 29

8 AM	Doors open for Closing Ceremony	*Hyatt Grand Ballroom*
9 AM to 12 PM	Closing Ceremony	*Hyatt Grand Ballroom*
No later than 1 PM	Travel home!	

PLAN YOUR PARTICIPATION

Registration Overview

Schools will register for the conference at register.skillsusa.org. All attendees must be registered for the conference and have appropriate credentials to access competitions and conference activities. Anyone entered in the online registration at the deadline is considered registered for the conference. Be sure to delete any unnecessary information.

Choose Your Registration Type

	WHO IT'S FOR	FEE	CAN I COMPETE?	DEADLINE	MEMBERS ONLY?
CONTESTANT	Student competitors who meet the eligibility requirements of the contest	$175	Yes	March 22	Yes
MODEL	Student assistant for Esthetics, Nail Care, Job Skill Demo A and B, and any contest requiring a live model.	$175	No	March 22	Yes
ADVISOR	SkillsUSA professional members who will supervise students during the conference	$175	No	March 22	Yes
PARTICIPANT	Student or teacher otherwise participating in the conference, including State Officer candidates not competing	$175	No	March 22	No
COURTESY CORPS	The team that works behind the scenes to make sure the conference runs smoothly	$75	No	March 1	Yes

Additional Opportunities for Students and Advisors

	WHAT IT IS	WHO IT'S FOR	CAN I COMPETE?	DEADLINE
GLAM SQUAD	State officer team hair and makeup for ceremonies	Cosmo student members	Yes	March 1
SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR	Manage SkillsUSA Florida's social media channels during SLSC	All student members	Yes	March 1

Advisor Checklist - What To Do...

- [ ] **RIGHT NOW:**
  - [ ] Add the Important Dates and Deadlines to your calendar and set reminders.
  - [ ] Add students and teachers as members and submit membership by February 1.
  - [ ] Check with your Regional Coordinator about regional competitions.
  - [ ] Remind students to check SkillsUSA Pathful for their contest Technical Standards.
  - [ ] Contact the Customer Care Team with any issues about registration or SkillsUSA Pathful.
  - [ ] Review the Technical Standards and General Regulations at a Chapter Meeting.
  - [ ] Start your Chapter Excellence Program application.
- [ ] **BEFORE YOU REGISTER:**
  - [ ] Pay membership dues by March 1.
  - [ ] Submit your Chapter Excellence Program application by March 1.
  - [ ] Submit nominations for State Level Awards and Recognitions by February 28.
  - [ ] Arrange transportation to and from Jacksonville (do this early - buses fill quickly).
  - [ ] Check the state Contest Updates page regularly.
  - [ ] Gather tools and supplies for each contest (refer to Technical Standards and Contest Updates).
  - [ ] Check uniform inventory and order uniforms as needed. (Reminder: Be sure to review the exceptions for state competitions!)
  - [ ] Register for the conference by March 22.
  - [ ] Submit hotel rooming list to the appropriate hotel by March 22.
- [ ] **AFTER YOU REGISTER:**
  - [ ] Print the Helping Info for Bookkeepers sheet and share it with your bookkeeper.
  - [ ] Submit your invoice(s) and any purchase orders or processes to your bookkeeper.
  - [ ] Submit payment information and tax-exempt paperwork to the hotel.
  - [ ] Pay your registration fees by April 12.
  - [ ] Determine transport/shipping needs for large displays, heavy toolboxes, etc.
  - [ ] Manage online testing procedures and plan how you will administer the online exams.
  - [ ] Submit any substitutions, spelling corrections, or drops.
  - [ ] Plan meals for students (including the way to and from Jacksonville).
  - [ ] Review parking needs and request oversize parking if needed.
  - [ ] Collect signed Code of Conduct forms from all attendees.
  - [ ] Share travel plans with parents and obtain the necessary forms.

- [ ] **RIGHT BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR JACKSONVILLE:**
  - [ ] Take a group photo and post on your school's social media.
  - [ ] Share contact information with your bus driver and discuss the travel schedule, including any needed stops for food and breaks.
  - [ ] Check that students have uniforms, tools, project supplies, and anything else needed for competition.
  - [ ] Share contact information with your students (WhatsApp, Slack, Remind, etc.) and review the competition and conference schedule.
  - [ ] Review the Code of Conduct form and any school rules.
  - [ ] Give your students a pep talk before you leave.
- [ ] **WHEN YOU ARRIVE:**
  - [ ] Communicate with your bus about pickup plans and any other travel throughout the week.
  - [ ] Pick up registration materials on the 2nd floor of the Hyatt on April 26 from 2 PM to 6 PM.
  - [ ] Check in to your hotel room at the front desk.
  - [ ] Make a list of your school's hotel room numbers.
  - [ ] Download the conference app and create your schedule.
  - [ ] Sign up for Expedition: SLSC using the QR codes posted around the conference.
  - [ ] Work with other advisors at your school to set up a room check schedule for each evening.
  - [ ] Meet with your students after they get in their rooms to review safety and security procedures.
- [ ] **DURING SLSC:**
  - [ ] Make sure students know competition locations and schedules.
  - [ ] Check uniforms before they report to competition.
  - [ ] Help students engage in other parts of the conference, including community service, professional development, the Career Expo, and Meet the Employer.
  - [ ] Practice interview skills or presentations.
  - [ ] Check out a local restaurant or attraction.
  - [ ] Move between contest areas throughout the day to see everything going on.
  - [ ] Meet other advisors in your cluster and build your network.
- [ ] **BEFORE YOU LEAVE SLSC:**
  - [ ] Check your students' rooms to make sure they leave them in acceptable condition.
  - [ ] Settle any incidentals with the hotel and check out of rooms.
  - [ ] Submit the Intent to Enter form for gold medalists and pick up Champion Banners.
  - [ ] Take a group photo with your medalists highlighted.
  - [ ] Check for any items left behind.
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Important Dates and Deadlines

Follow our calendar and add important dates to your calendar automatically!

DATE OR DEADLINE	ACTION	WHO IT'S FOR	SUBMIT OR COMPLETE
February 1	Submit membership online	All members	register.skillsusa.org
February 2-3	Attend SLSC27 Orientation for Advisors (virtual)	All advisors	Add 2/2 to your calendar Add 2/3 to your calendar
February 28	Submit State Awards & Recognition Nominations	All members	skillsusafl.org/awards
March 1	Pay membership dues	All members	register.skillsusa.org
March 1	Submit Chapter Excellence Program Application	All Chapters	register.skillsusa.org
March 1	Submit Courtesy Corps Paperwork and Registration	Courtesy Corps participants	skillsusafl.org/slsc/courtesy-corp
March 1	Submit Glam Squad application	Cosmo members interested Glam Squad	Click here for info
March 1	Submit Social Media Ambassador application	Interested Social Media Ambassadors	Click here for info
March 22	Submit SLSC27 Conference Registration	Attending chapters	register.skillsusa.org
March 22	Submit Hotel Reservations	Attending chapters	Submit rooming list to hotel(s)
April 2	Attend Courtesy Corps Orientation Meeting	Courtesy Corps participants	Zoom credentials will be shared with advisors and students
April 5	Online Testing Window Opens	Contestants	Credentials will be shared after registration closes.
April 12	Pay conference registration	Attending chapters	Send to the Jacksonville office or pay via CC
April 13	Attend SLSC27 Advisor Town Hall	Attending advisors	Add event to calendar
April 14	Submit any subs, changes, or drops by 12 PM ET	Any changes to registration after 3/22	https://form.jotform.com/240994041296158
April 16	Online Testing Window Closes	Contestants	Exams must be proctored and completed by 5 PM ET
April 16	Submit bus/oversized vehicle parking request	Any chapter needing overnight bus parking	https://form.jotform.com/213625465474056
May 7	NLSC27 Registration and Hotel Reservation Deadline	Any chapter attending NLSC	register.skillsusa.org

Substitutions, Changes, and Drops

Substitutions are allowed until Wednesday, April 14, 2027. Complete the online form by the deadline and bring the registration form with you to packet pickup. Contestants must meet the eligibility requirements of any competition.

Drops or cancellations are not allowed after the registration deadline (March 22, 2027), and invoices are final. Substitutes must complete the registration form and bring it completed to packet pickup. Out of respect for our industry partners, please alert us of any drops so that we can make the proper adjustments to contest support.

- **Drop, Change, Substitute Form:** https://form.jotform.com/240994041296158
- **Registration Form:** https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/YAQBbUFF1H

AICE Testing

ISLSC27 conflicts with some testing for some Cambridge AICE exams. In partnership with Cambridge University, we are proud to offer some AICE testing onsite at the State Leadership and Skills Conference. SkillsUSA experiences and AICE coursework both prepare students for post-graduation opportunities in education and careers. SkillsUSA Florida supports students in any venture that builds their skills and prepares them for the next stage of their lives.

We will offer limited testing onsite for some AICE exams. In general, most exams can be administered in a meeting room at the hotel under testing security guidelines. There may be exams that cannot be executed at the hotel (i.e., Chemistry) that require a lab setting. We realize this may prevent some students from competing, and also understand and respect the necessity of making this difficult decision. There is no one "correct" answer, and each student should decide based on their individual circumstances.

If any of your SkillsUSA members are also AICE students, please verify the testing calendar and competition schedule to identify any potential conflicts. Talk with your SkillsUSA members about the schedule and what they would be permitted to do. Per Florida SkillsUSA Board policy, students may take AICE exams any day except for the day of their SkillsUSA competition. This helps eliminate any disruption to competition due to late arrivals or early departures and gives students the best chance of success in their pursuits; we want our students to show up as their best selves and not worry about their competition while taking such an important exam, and vice versa.

To help us prepare, please fill out this form* with information for your school's testing coordinator and/or AICE contact: https://form.jotform.com/263055267048055

** Cambridge has not yet released the final testing calendar. Once it is released, the form will open for responses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation!*

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Hotels

Schools are encouraged to book early, as blocks will fill quickly. Participating schools are required to book within set hotel blocks at the hotels listed below. Per SkillsUSA Florida policy, schools that do not stay at the designated hotels are subject to disqualification without refund.

Schools will submit a rooming list to the contact at each hotel. Rooming lists will be published in January.

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront - $209/night
Contact: Britt Schultheis, britt.schultheis@hyatt.com
225 E Coastline Dr
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Overnight Parking: $20/night, charged to the sleeping room. Notify the front desk at check-in.

Marriott Jacksonville Downtown - $149/night
Contact: Jessica Lowstetter, Jessica.Lowstetter@marriottjacksonvilledowntown.com
245 Water St
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Overnight Parking: $36/night (valet only). Charged to sleeping room. Notify the front desk at check-in.

FOR PARENTS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS: Parents and other supporters can book within the room blocks beginning March 1, and schools are encouraged to book before that. Reservations will be accepted until March 22. Booking links will be published online.

Required Forms

All attendees must complete and submit the **Code of Conduct** form. Attendees under age 18 require a parent/guardian signature.

- **Student form:** https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Student-CoC.pdf
- **Advisor/Chaperone form:** https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Advisor-CoC.pdf

Each year, schools must submit an **Approved Chaperone Form** listing individuals approved by the school to attend SkillsUSA activities and who have met school or district requirements. The form only needs to be submitted once per program year, and can be updated at any time. Do not submit copies of background checks or other documentation to the State Office.

- **Approved Chaperone Form:** https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Chaperone-Certification-and-Volunteer-Screening-Form.pdf

Meals

Competitors and models are provided lunch on their competition day. Other provided meals and snacks are contingent on industry support and will be shared closer to the event.

We recognize our members' need for quality, affordable food options. Several restaurants in the downtown Jacksonville area have come to expect our students and typically offer specials and deals during the conference.

Our contracts prevent us from bringing outside food or drinks into the Hyatt, Marriott, and Prime Osborn. Please do not use meeting spaces for group meals that are not purchased at the venue or hotel. In other offsite contest spaces, please be mindful and respectful of any space and leave no trash.

As we continue to solidify details with each venue, we'll share discounted menus and food options that will be available at the Hyatt and the Prime Osborn. In some cases, you may be able to purchase food tickets for your students ahead of time. Stay tuned for details!

Suggested Local Restaurants Near Hotels

Bay Street Sports Grill	Ocean Street Tacos	Akel's Delicatessen
Spliff's Gastropub	Cinco de Mayo	Tossgreen
Indochine	D&G Grill	Pizza Dynamo
Casa Dora Italian	Dapper D's Cheesesteaks	Gili's Kitchen (Kosher)

- *A fan favorite among the students: Fizzies and Fare! They serve a full menu along with insane milkshakes and Sweet Pete's Candy store with an incredible selection of candy made onsite.*
- *Other nearby neighborhoods to explore by car that are fun and close by: San Marco, Brooklyn, Riverside*
    - *Fun Things A Little Further Away:*
        - *Jacksonville Beach (30 min)*
        - *Jacksonville Zoo and Botanical Gardens (recently renovated - 15 min)*
        - *Town Center (huge outdoor shopping center with vast array of dining - 20 min)*
- *For a list of recommended dining options around the city: https://www.visitjacksonville.com/food-drink/*
- *Food Delivery is available from DoorDash, UberEats, and similar services.*

Transportation and Parking

Bus transportation is provided between conference hotels and offsite venues. A detailed schedule will be available in the conference app. Additional transportation is provided throughout the day to the Prime Osborn Convention Center so that participants can take part in the Career Expo, community service, and other activities.

	COST	DETAILS	HOW TO PURCHASE
HYATT	**Daily:** $11/day - purchase at the CHAD **Overnight:** $20/day, charged to sleeping room	Garage self-parking. Overnight parking includes in-and-out privileges. Daily parking does not.	Alert the front desk at check-in
MARRIOTT	**Overnight:** $36/day	Valet only with in-and-out privileges.	Alert the front desk at check-in
PRIME OSBORN	**Cars:** free **Buses/Oversized Vehicles**: $150	Buses/Oversized vehicles receive an Uber voucher for 2 trips for the bus driver to travel between hotel and POCC.	https://form.jotform.com/213625465474056
TOM BUSH COLLISION	Free	Go past the building and take the next right. Park facing the shop.	N/A
TULSA WELDING SCHOOL	Free	Ample free parking	N/A
FSCJ DEERWOOD	Free	Ample free parking	N/A
FLORIDA THEATRE	Varies	Limited street and garage parking available.	On your own

PREPARE FOR COMPETITION

Championships Roadmap and Reference Guide

This document contains the most comprehensive information on state-level competitions. Refer to the Championships Roadmap for:

- How SkillsUSA competition works
- Eligibility requirements
- Attire expectations
- Official contest list and schedule
- Scorecards and results
- Grievances and feedback
- FAQ
- And more

Written Exams

A list of specific testing requirements by competition is available in the Appendix. All contests require contestants to take the Professional Development Assessment. A study guide is available on the Contest Updates page. Most technical contests require a technical exam related to the competition's technical knowledge. Details can be found in the Technical Standards; no study guide is provided. Models are exempt from testing. Middle school contestants will complete their exam in person at the competition.

Competitors will receive an email by Monday, March 29, with credentials and login information for testing.

- **Testing opens:** Monday, April 5, 2027 at 8 AM ET
- **Testing Deadline:** Friday, April 16, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET

PROCTORS: Students taking exams must be supervised. Proctors may be any school employee unrelated to the student and not the student's advisor. The Lead Advisor is responsible for arranging proctors for exams on campus. Remote testing is not allowed.

> **Download proctor instructions here:**
> https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/NOCTI-Proctor-Instructions-2026.pdf

Pre-Conference Contest Uploads

Some contests require materials to be uploaded in advance. Refer to the Technical Standards and Contest Updates for details about each competition. The Technical Standards will outline any requirements; the state update will identify any outlined in the Technical Standards that are required for state competition.

- **Upload link:** https://form.jotform.com/240355956682163
- **Upload deadline:** Friday, April 16, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET
- **Download a list** of state pre-conference upload requirements on the Contest Updates page in January

Resumes

A hard copy of the competitor's resume is required to be submitted onsite for all competitions. A 10-point penalty will be assessed if the resume is not submitted at the start of the contest. **Do not submit resumes in advance.**

Attire and State Exceptions

CONTEST ATTIRE: Our goal is to remove potential barriers to participation for competitors by allowing some flexibility in uniform standards. **These exceptions apply only to state competitions, not national competitions.**

Safety is the highest priority in any contest. Clothing must meet or exceed the safety standards of the competition. Failure to adhere may result in disqualification from the competition. Attire may be worn without the SkillsUSA or related logos at the state contest, provided the clothing item otherwise meets the designated standards (including color). Specific examples are provided in the State General Regulations, such as:

- A plain white polo with no logos, colored buttons, accents, or stitching may be substituted for the official SkillsUSA white polo shirt
- Contestants may wear official attire without a blazer or windbreaker
- Plain royal blue scrubs may be worn in lieu of the official SkillsUSA blue scrubs in Class B attire
- A plain black or white chef's coat is acceptable in lieu of the official SkillsUSA chef coat

Use your best judgment and reach out to the State Director with any specific questions or concerns. Attire must always be clean, wrinkle-free, and professionally presented. More details are available in the State General Regulations. Competition t-shirts will be provided for contestants in the Construction and Transportation competitions.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE: Outside of competition, attendees are expected to adhere to their school/district dress code. Business casual (polo and slacks/jeans) is encouraged.

Dietary Needs and Special Accommodations

The SkillsUSA Florida Championships team will make every effort to provide assistance/accommodations to create equitable opportunities and a level playing field for all contestants. No assistance is provided that could be interpreted as giving a special needs contestant an unfair advantage. Do not submit 504 or IEP forms.

Accommodations Provided to All Participants:

- ASL interpreters at the Opening Session and Closing Ceremony
- Wheelchair ramps and other ADA-accessible access to the stage and all events and activities
- Vegan, vegetarian, and other dietary accommodations ***upon prior notification and request.***

Any conference registrant needing accommodations should notify SkillsUSA Florida in advance by either:

1. Completing this form to list their needs, including dietary, physical, etc by February 20. Advisors may complete the form on behalf of their students.
2. Complete the information on the registration form when registering online by March 22.

ARRIVING IN JACKSONVILLE

Hotel Check-In

Schools arriving by charter bus should drop off at the Newnan Street entrance of the Hyatt and the Water Street side of the Marriott. Visit the front desk on the ground floor of either property to check into your school's rooms and retrieve hotel room keys. Official hotel check-in time begins at 4 PM, but rooms may be available earlier. Contact your hotel directly to request an earlier check-in. Be sure to check with the hotel in advance to finalize your payment arrangements.

In some cases, a hotel may require a credit card for incidental charges at check-in. If this is an obstacle for your school, communicate that to your hotel in advance so we can make the proper arrangements.

Packet Pickup

Pick up your registration materials at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront on Monday, April 26 from 2 PM to 6 PM. Go to the 2nd floor outside the ballroom, and you'll find our team there. Please avoid bringing students, as the area can get crowded. Only one or two advisors are needed to claim your materials.

Courtesy Corps Check-In

Courtesy Corps team members will also check in during this time frame. Look for a table set up near packet pickup, where each student can pick up their T-shirts, shift schedules, and receive their first assignments for Tuesday. This is required for all Courtesy Corps members attending the conference.

What to Bring and What You'll Get

	HOTEL CHECK-IN	PACKET PICK UP
WHERE	Hotel front desk	Hyatt, 2nd floor outside the ballroom
WHEN	4 PM official check-in time. Early arrival may be available based on the hotel.	2 PM to 6 PM
WHAT TO BRING	• Photo ID for Advisors • Final payment • CC for incidentals • Tax-exempt forms • Roommate list to add room numbers	• Code of Conduct forms • Approved Chaperone form • Final payment • Registration forms for any substitutes
WHAT YOU GET	• Hotel room keys	• Conference t-shirt • Name badges and lanyards • Chapter roster with contestant numbers • Other reminders and information

DURING SLSC27

Venues

	CONTESTS HELD	TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED	OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PARKING
HYATT	• Arts and AV (except Video News) • Hospitality • Information Technology • Leadership • Healthcare • Human Service • Law and Public Safety • Engineering (except drones and robotics)	**Yes.** Continuous loop between Hyatt, Marriott, and Prime Osborn	• Packet pickup • Champions' Festival • Delegate Sessions • Professional Development • Meet the Candidate • Meet the Employer • Closing Ceremony
PRIME OSBORN	• Transportation (except collision and refinishing) • Construction • Manufacturing • Robotics • Drones	**Yes.** Continuous loop between Hyatt, Prime Osborn, and Marriott	• Career Expo • Community Service Project
FLORIDA THEATRE	None	**No.**	• Opening Ceremony
TULSA WELDING SCHOOL	• Welding • Welding Fabrication • Welding Sculpture	**Yes.** Roundtrip service (1 trip)	N/A
TOM BUSH COLLISION CENTER	• Automotive Refinishing • Collision Damage Appraisal • Collision Refinishing Technology	**Yes.** Roundtrip service (1 trip)	N/A
FSCJ DEERWOOD	• Video News Production	**Yes.** Roundtrip service (1 trip)	N/A

Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony kicks off the State Leadership and Skills Conference each year with special recognitions and awards, inspirational messages, and any last-minute information. Official attire or contest attire is not required. Chapters are encouraged to wear chapter t-shirts or similar logo attire and bring glow sticks, headgear, and other items to light up the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Attire must adhere to school/district dress codes.

Doors open at 6 PM, and the ceremony begins promptly at 7 PM. The Opening Ceremony will be held at the historic Florida Theatre at 128 E Forsyth Street, approximately two blocks from the hotel. Bus transportation is not provided for the Opening Ceremony. Concessions will be available for purchase before the ceremony. No food or drink is allowed inside the theater. **NOTE:** We expect the theatre to reach capacity for the Opening Ceremony. Schools are encouraged to arrive early!

From the Hyatt: Exit the Hyatt on Newnan Street (below the parking garage Skybridge) and turn right. Cross Bay St and turn left on Forsyth. The theater is on the corner of Newnan and Forsyth.
From the Marriott: Exit the hotel on Water Street and turn left. Follow Water Street for 0.4 mi to Forsyth Street and turn right. The theater is one block up on the corner of Newnan and Forsyth.

Additional Conference Activities

The Career Expo

Career Expo gives students and teachers the chance to meet potential employers, participate in hands-on demonstrations, and connect with local, state, and national business partners. Attendees can explore new technologies and products, engage in hands-on career exploration, and connect with industry. Visit the Prime Osborn Convention Center from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Expedition SLSC

Gather a team from your school and sign up to participate in Expedition: SLSC! Complete tasks, answer trivia, and submit photos and videos to complete challenges and win points - the top team wins a prize!

Aim Hire Professional Development Sessions

Students can develop their Framework skills during our Aim Hire! Professional Development sessions. Sessions will cover essential elements like Leadership, Communication, and Teamwork, with multiple sessions offered each day (1 hour or less). A certificate of participation is provided to each participant. Sessions are facilitated by state and national officers and alumni. A full schedule will be available closer to the conference.

Meet the Candidate and Delegate Sessions

Each year, delegate representatives from each chapter elect a group of student leaders to serve our state association as State Officers. Participating in the Delegate program is a great way to learn about parliamentary procedure and ensure your chapter has a voice in state decisions. Get more info here!

Give and Grow Community Service

Join our state officer team and help give back to the Jacksonville community! A certificate verifying service hours will be provided to each participant. More information is coming soon!

Meet the Employer Career Fair

Bring your resume and dress for success at the annual Meet the Employer Career Fair! Network with potential future employers and learn more about careers in a variety of fields. Join us on Tuesday, March 31 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Hyatt Regency.

Champions' Festival

On Wednesday, April 28, from 6 PM to 9 PM, SkillsUSA students and teachers are invited to celebrate with us! The Champions' Festival will be held on the Hyatt Riverdecks and Coastline Drive, overlooking the beautiful St. Johns River. This year, we have more activities, more competitions, and more fun! Kick back and relax, meet new friends, and celebrate your successes! Dress is casual, and food trucks are available for purchase. Schools will have the option to purchase food truck tickets in bulk ahead of the conference. Conference name badge is required for entry.

AWARDS AND NEXT STEPS

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony is the culmination of all the hard work of the conference, and where we recognize the top students in each contest. The Closing Ceremony will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Doors open at 8:00 AM, and the ceremony begins promptly at 9:00 AM, concluding by 12 PM. Closing Ceremonies will be live-streamed for public viewing, and links will be provided before the ceremony. With over 100 contests and three divisions, the announcements move fast, but don't worry - we have a great team of photographers to capture each group onstage. Photos of the medalists and from the rest of the conference will be available on the SkillsUSA Flickr page for free, high-quality download within two weeks of the conference. View photos from previous events: flickr.com/photos/skillsusaflorida/albums.

Contests are announced in random order in three sections, with a brief break between each section. First, second, and third place in each contest and division are announced, and the medalists will proceed to the stage area. Once all are present, medalists are escorted onstage, are awarded medals, and take a photo from the medalist stand. Encourage your students to show their excitement for the cameras! They will exit the ballroom, take a photo with their contest group, and receive any prizes, if available. During the breaks, we will announce the new 2026-2027 State Officer Team and recognize the 2027 Courtesy Corps team.

Advancing to National Championships

Gold medalists will receive a printed QR code to access the Intent to Enter form, and hard copies will be available to students who cannot access the form electronically. This form is due by the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony. If a student doesn't complete the Intent form, SkillsUSA Florida will extend an invitation to the next qualified medalist. Review general information about NLSC here.

Credentials are required to enter the session. Check out information for ticket purchases here.

Warning: The Opening and Closing Ceremonies may use fast flashing lights and other lighting effects that may cause discomfort and trigger seizures in people with photosensitive epilepsy. Please use discretion.

Hotel Check-Out and Departure

Plan to check out of your hotel rooms before the Closing Ceremony begins. Be sure to settle any outstanding charges before you check out. We suggest providing your students an additional trash bag to tidy up their room.

Buses can pull to the Newnan Street entrance of the Hyatt to load luggage, then must return to the Prime Osborn to wait until the end of the ceremony. Buses can begin staging for departure at the Hyatt at 10:30 AM.

Transportation is not provided from the Marriott to the Hyatt on Thursday. Schools should plan to have their bus drop them off, or to park in the parking garage at the Hyatt.

FAQ

Do I have to supervise my students all the time? Like, the whole conference?

As much as reasonably possible. Schools are responsible for primary supervision of students, and advisors/ chaperones should be prepared to accompany students to activities and events. During competition, the contest committee and volunteers are responsible for supervision, and they will reach out if your student needs assistance or encounters an issue. At all other times, advisor(s) must be present, and students must know how to connect.

Even Champions' Festival?

Yep, especially then. We have some dedicated space that you can hang out with other advisors, but we ask that you stay relatively close in case anything happens. We have security to keep people out who shouldn't be there, and to help manage the crowd - supervision is your job.

Can I drop a student after the deadline because _____?

Short answer: No, but in respect of our volunteers' time, we ask that you let us know if a student is not attending.

Longer answer: No. We start securing materials and purchasing supplies as soon as registration closes, but you can substitute them with someone else. If you don't have another competitor who qualifies, you can substitute in another advisor/chaperone, admin, or another student who can serve as a delegate, participate in Meet the Employer, or any other conference activity. We do ask that you let us know if a student is not attending, out of respect for our volunteers' time.

Can I add someone after the deadline?

Contestants cannot be added after the deadline without the express written consent of the State Director. Schools can add participants and advisors at any time (including onsite, with appropriate payment).

What if my payment is late?

Let us know! We are always happy to grant an extension when the purchasing systems are just taking a long time. It's not your fault that the process is slow, amiright? But we can't help if we don't know - reach out and let us know what's going on, and we are always glad to work with you!

Can I book at another hotel?

Nope. We work to secure the best rate, location, and experience with our official conference hotels. Per SkillsUSA Florida policy, schools may not book outside official room blocks, and risk disqualification without a refund.

Where do I get my login for online testing?

Competitors will receive an email (at the email address they used to register) no later than March 29, and advisors will receive a list of credentials for all students from their schools.

When do students need to be joined as members of SkillsUSA?

No later than February 1 - but students who will be competing at the regional level will need to be members before you can register them for competition.

Is transportation provided?

Yep! Buses will run continuously between the Hyatt, Marriott, and Prime Osborn all day. Offsite locations will have a bus that transports to the location, stays with them, and then returns them to the Hyatt and Marriott.

Can I make substitutions onsite?

For competitors: Only in extenuating circumstances, with a competitor who meets the eligibility criteria, and with as much advance notice as you can provide, and we'll do whatever we can to make it work.

For everyone else: Absolutely!

What are the rooming policies for overnight stays?

We defer to your school or district when it comes to rooming arrangements. The hotel requires that everyone be listed on the rooming list for safety reasons - in case of emergency, we need to know who is accounted for. SkillsUSA Florida does not allow students to stay in the room with an adult who is not their blood relative or charge, and advisors/chaperone should never be alone in a room with a student.

Which activities do students need to sign up for in advance vs. onsite?

In Advance:

- Any contest
- Courtesy Corps
- Glam Squad and Social Media Ambassadors
- State Officer Candidates

Onsite:

- Nothing - anything you want to participate in (except the stuff above), you can just show up!

Can I order pizza for my group and eat it at the hotel or the Prime Osborn?

Unfortunately not. Our contracts don't allow for anyone to bring in outside food to the venues. At the Prime Osborn, you can eat outside in the courtyard, and at the Hyatt you can eat in sleeping rooms or on the Riverdecks. If you have a really big group, you can reach out to the State Office to explore catering options.

How do I book my hotel?

Submit a rooming list - we are confirming the format with the hotels right now, and will have those published by January 1. Best practice is to start with a list of roommates, and then verify that against your registration to make sure no one is missing.

Where do I send payment?

To Jacksonville - our State Office receives mail at:
4446 Hendricks Ave PMB 229
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Or pay by credit card at https://square.link/u/D0gKSQZj (subject to a 2.5% admin fee)

Can my students' parents come?

Of course! We love to have any support for our students, and are always glad to showcase their skills! Supporters can purchase tickets beginning on April 1, and you can download an information sheet to share with folks here.

We encourage younger siblings, too! Students age 13 and under can attend free with a parent/guardian.

What needs to be submitted ahead of time?

The Technical Standards outline everything that needs to be uploaded for national competitions, and we try to match those expectations at the state level. In January, we'll share a list on the Contest Updates page of what is required to be uploaded for state competitions. Expectations will be the same or similar to what is outlined in the Tech Standards.

I'm local - do I have to stay at the hotel?

If you opt not to stay at the hotel, there's a commuter fee of $25 per registrant. That said - we believe in sharing skills and resources, so reach out to us and see if there's something in-kind (contest materials, judges, etc.) that we can exchange instead of $$!

What is the theme this year?

The national theme, which is used in Promotional Bulletin Board, Prepared Speech, and Chapter Display, and at NLSC and other events hosted by the national office:

"Level Up"

Pin Design and T-shirt Design do not have to reflect either theme. The Technical Standards explain what the design should represent.

The state theme, which is used in the state Branding Design Contest and at SLSC:

"Chase Your Storm"

APPENDIX (Helpful Tools and Instructions)

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Quick Links

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ☐ Customer Care Team
    - ☐ Phone - 844-875-4557
    - ☐ Email - customercare@skillsusafl.org
    - ☐ Web - https://www.skillsusa.org/customer-care/
- ☐ Follow our calendar: https://cal.ae/vqk2sqkqgw6h
- ☐ Regional Coordinator Information: http://skillsusafl.org/regions
- ☐ State Contest Updates: https://www.skillsusafl.org/slsc/updates/
- ☐ Courtesy Corps: https://www.skillsusafl.org/slsc/courtesy-corp/
- ☐ State Officer Candidates: https://www.skillsusafl.org/about/state-officers/
- ☐ Glam Squad: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/SkillsUSA-Florida-Glam-Squad-2027.pdf
- ☐ Social Media Ambassadors: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Social-Media-Ambassador-2027.pdf
- ☐ CEP: https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-building/chapter-excellence-program-cep/

FORMS

- ☐ Code of Conduct Forms:
    - ☐ Student: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Student-CoC.pdf
    - ☐ Advisor/Chaperone: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Advisor-CoC.pdf
- ☐ Approved Chaperone Form: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Chaperone-Certification-and-Volunteer-Screening-Form.pdf
- ☐ Drop, Change, Substitute Form: https://form.jotform.com/240994041296158
- ☐ Registration Form: https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/YAQBbUFF1H *(only for substitutes and late additions)*
- ☐ AICE Exam Contact and Information: https://form.jotform.com/263055267048055
- ☐ Oversize Vehicle Parking Request Form: https://form.jotform.com/213625465474056
- ☐ Pre-Conference Uploads: https://form.jotform.com/240355956682163
- ☐ Request Special Needs or Accommodations: https://form.jotform.com/212435080058045
- ☐ NLSC27 Intent to Enter form: https://form.jotform.com/212356009919155

REFERENCE GUIDES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ State General Regulations: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/State-General-Regulations-2026-2027.pdf
- ☐ Championships Roadmap: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Championships-Roadmap-2026-2027.pdf
- ☐ Proctor Instructions: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/NOCTI-Proctor-Instructions-2026.pdf
- ☐ Tentative Schedule: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Contest-Schedule-Fall-Release.pdf
- ☐ Conference Photos: https://www.flickr.com/photos/skillsusaflorida/albums

How to Register

Register online after January 1 at www.skillsusa-register.org. Be sure your membership is submitted before you register any students or advisors for the conference.

- Login to your account, click "Conference," and then "My Registrations."
- Select "SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference" as the event.
- Click "Add New Registrant" and select the correct registration type.
    - **CONTESTANT** - Student competitors joined as members by February 1 and qualified, either through regional competition or advancing straight to state.
    - **MODEL** - SkillsUSA Student member in Esthetics, Nail Care, and Job Skill Demonstration.
    - **ADVISOR** - Instructor, chaperone, or anyone with a supervisory role of students during the conference; includes access to "advisor-only" activities.
    - **PARTICIPANT** - non-competing student or professional who will participate but is not a competitor or advisor; includes access to all general conference activities.
    - **COURTESY CORPS** - members who assist with logistics and pay a reduced fee.
- Select the member you want to register from the drop-down list.
    - For contestants and models, enter the division and contest; select a Team Code, if required.
- Click "Save & Continue."
- Membership information is automatically transferred to the event. Ensure information is correct:
    - Address and phone number.
    - Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy format). This will be used to retrieve scorecards later.
    - Email address. **CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE A WORKING, UNIQUE EMAIL THAT IS NOT A SCHOOL EMAIL** to ensure access to the online testing platform. Use Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, iCloud, or similar. **Do not use an advisor's email for students.**
    - Accompanying adult name and phone number. Not required for professionals.
    - T-Shirt size (unisex cotton/poly blend).
    - ADA needs and/or dietary restrictions.
- After you enter all information, click the attestation at the bottom of the page.
- Click "Save Registration" to return you to the list of all the conference registrations for your school. Click "Add Registrant" and add additional registrants until all are entered.
- Once you have entered all participants, click "Submit Registration."
- Review the email address validation. Correct any errors or duplicates before submitting.
- Follow the prompts to submit, and you will receive an invoice in a pop-up window and via email. If you do not receive an invoice, please email jgraber@skillsusafl.org to request a copy.

Regardless of submitted status, anyone listed on your school's registration page will be considered registered at 11:59 PM ET on March 22, 2027. Schools are responsible for the fees associated with anyone registered at the deadline. Be sure to delete registrations for individuals no longer attending.

Credentials and Tickets

Only individuals registered for the conference and holding official credentials may enter contest areas, participate in conference activities, use conference transportation, and attend designated conference events, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Failure to provide credentials will result in removal from the conference facility. Replacement name badges are available for $35 each.

Supervision Requirements

SkillsUSA provides security for conference activities to help ensure attendee safety and maintain a secure area for students to enter. However, **schools are responsible for primary student supervision.** Each school must register at least one advisor/chaperone to supervise students. **All participating schools must register and pay for at least one advisor or chaperone to attend the conference and actively supervise students.** Security provided by SkillsUSA Florida is not intended to serve as chaperones during events and activities, including Champions Festival. **At least one advisor or chaperone per school must be present and available for all conference activities in which the chapter's students participate.**

Visitor Access to the Conference

Parents and other supporters have three options to visit the conference: Conference Badge, Competition Day Passes, and Closing Ceremony Tickets. Ticket sales begin at 12 AM ET on April 1, 2027. Online purchases in advance are encouraged! Please share the information with anyone who wants to attend in support of their students. This registration is only for parents and other supporters attending outside of your school's official delegation; student competitors and advisors must register through the SkillsUSA online registration system.

Get more information and purchase admission here: https://skillsusafl.square.site/

All purchases are final, and no refunds will be issued. Children under age 13 are admitted at no cost, and must attend with and be supervised by an adult (age 21+). By purchasing admission, individuals agree to abide by all posted rules and regulations. Entry to events is permitted only with proper credentials. Some competitions may not be accessible, and purchasing admission does not guarantee visual access to any specific event or competition.

- ➔ Download an information sheet with purchasing information here: https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/SLSC27-Visitor-Access-to-Conference.pdf

CONFERENCE NAME BADGE - $175 per person

COMPETITION DAY PASS - $35 per person, valid March 31 and April 1

CLOSING CEREMONY TICKETS - $25 per person

Children 13 and under may attend all activities at no cost, provided they are supervised at all times by an adult over the age of 21. Download the sheet linked above for more details on what each pass covers.

Payment Information for Schools

Payment Deadline: April 12, 2027

You may combine registration invoices into a single payment. Be sure to list any invoices covered by the payment so they are applied to the correct account. Provide this helpful information sheet to your bookkeeper, including more details on processing registration and hotel payments.

We accept checks, credit cards, and ACH/wire payments. Contact the State Office if you need an extension. Fees must be received in order to participate.

Download our current W-9 from the Advisor Resources page on our website.

- ➔ **MAIL CHECKS TO:**

  SkillsUSA Florida
  4446 Hendricks Ave PMB 229
  Jacksonville, FL 32207

- ➔ **TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD:** Visit https://square.link/u/D0gKSQZj

  Enter the invoice amount, and list your school name and invoice number on the next screen.

  - ➔ NOTE: A 2.5% administrative fee is added to each credit card transaction.

- ➔ **TO PAY BY ACH/WIRE:** Reach out to the State Office at info@skillsusafl.org for account information

Testing Requirements

COMPETITIONS	TECHNICAL TEST	PD TEST
3D Visualization and Animation	Online in advance	Online in advance
Action Skills	None	Onsite - Tie Breaker
Additive Manufacturing	Online in advance	Online in advance
Advertising Design	Online in advance	Online in advance
American Spirit	None	Online in advance
Architectural Drafting	Online in advance	Online in advance
Audio Production	Online in advance	Online in advance
Automated Manufacturing Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair	Online in advance	Online in advance
Automotive Refinishing Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Automotive Service Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Baking and Pastry Arts	Online in advance	Online in advance
Barbering	None	Online in advance
Basic Health Care Skills	Online in advance	Online in advance
Cabinetmaking	Online in advance	Online in advance
Career and Technical Educator	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Business, Digital Technology, and Finance	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Construction, Logistics, and Manufacturing	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Creative Arts, Hospitality, and Tourism	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Education, Health, and Public Service	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Multiple Career Clusters and Cross-Cutting	None	Online in advance
Career Pathways-Resource Management and Sustainable Energy	None	Online in advance
Carpentry	Online in advance	Online in advance
Chapter Business Procedure	Online in advance	Online in advance
Chapter Display	None	Online in advance
CNC 2-Axis Turning Programmer	Online in advance	Online in advance
CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer	Online in advance	Online in advance
CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer	Online in advance	Online in advance
CNC Programmer	Online in advance	Online in advance
Collision Damage Appraisal	Online in advance	Online in advance
Collision Repair Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Commercial Roofing	Online in advance	Online in advance
Commercial sUAS Drone	Online in advance	Online in advance
Community Action Project	None	Onsite - Tie Breaker
Community Service	None	Online in advance
Computer Programming	Online in advance	Online in advance
Cosmetology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Cosmetology Quiz Bowl	Onsite - hard copy	Online in advance
Crime Scene Investigation	Online in advance	Online in advance

COMPETITIONS	TECHNICAL TEST	PD TEST
Criminal Justice	Online in advance	Online in advance
Culinary Arts	Online in advance	Online in advance
Culinary Quiz Bowl	Onsite - hard copy	Online in advance
Customer Service	None	Online in advance
Cyber Security	Online in advance	Online in advance
Diesel Equipment Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Digital Cinema Production	Online in advance	Online in advance
Early Childhood Education	Online in advance	Online in advance
Electrical Construction Wiring	Online in advance	Online in advance
Electronics Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Emergency Medical Technician	Online in advance	Online in advance
Employment Application Process	None	Onsite - Tie Breaker
Engineering Technology-Design	None	Online in advance
Entrepreneurship	None	Online in advance
Esthetics	Online in advance	Online in advance
Extemporaneous Speaking	None	Online in advance
Facilithon-Leadership in Facility Management	Online in advance	Online in advance
Firefighting	Online in advance	Online in advance
First Aid-CPR	Online in advance	Online in advance
Graphics Imaging-Sublimation	Online in advance	Online in advance
Health Knowledge Bowl	Online in advance	Online in advance
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio	None	Online in advance
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Online in advance	Online in advance
Industrial Motor Control	Online in advance	Online in advance
Information Technology Services	Online in advance	Online in advance
Interactive Application and Video Game Development	Online in advance	Online in advance
Internet Of Things (IOT) Smart Home	Online in advance	Online in advance
Internetworking	Online in advance	Online in advance
Job Interview	None	Online in advance
Job Skill Demonstration A	None	Online in advance
Job Skill Demonstration B	None	Online in advance
Marine Service Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Masonry	Online in advance	Online in advance
Mechatronics	Online in advance	Online in advance
Medical Assisting	Online in advance	Online in advance
Medical Math	Onsite - hard copy	Online in advance
Medical Terminology	Onsite - hard copy	Online in advance
Mobile Robotics Technology	None	Online in advance
MRE Challenge	Online in advance	Online in advance
Nail Care	Online in advance	Online in advance

COMPETITIONS	TECHNICAL TEST	PD TEST
Nurse Assisting	Online in advance	Online in advance
Occupational Health and Safety	None	Online in advance
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	None	Online in advance
Outstanding Chapter	None	Online in advance
Photography	Online in advance	Online in advance
Pin Design	None	Online in advance
Plumbing	Online in advance	Online in advance
Power Equipment Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Practical Nursing	Online in advance	Online in advance
Prepared Speech	None	Online in advance
Principles of Engineering-Technology	None	Online in advance
Promotional Bulletin Board	None	Online in advance
Promotional Poster	None	Online in advance
Quiz Bowl	Online in advance	Online in advance
Related Technical Math	Onsite - hard copy	Online in advance
Restaurant Service	Online in advance	Online in advance
Robotics and Automation Technology	Online in advance	Online in advance
Robotics-Urban Search and Rescue	Online in advance	Online in advance
Team Engineering Challenge	None	Onsite - Tie Breaker
TeamWorks	Online in advance	Online in advance
Technical Computer Applications	Online in advance	Online in advance
Technical Drafting	Online in advance	Online in advance
Telecommunications Cabling	Online in advance	Online in advance
T-Shirt Design	None	Online in advance
Video News Production	Online in advance	Online in advance
Video Production	Online in advance	Online in advance
Web Design and Development	Online in advance	Online in advance
Wedding Cake Design	Online in advance	Online in advance
Welding	Online in advance	Online in advance
Welding Fabrication	Online in advance	Online in advance
Welding Sculpture	Online in advance	Online in advance

Helpful Info for Bookkeepers

Contact the SkillsUSA Florida State Office for assistance: info@skillsusafl.org, 850-284-8534

Registration Payment Information:

- The Lead Advisor at your school will register students for the conference. Once they submit registration, the system will generate an invoice that is emailed to the advisor. Use this invoice to process payment. **Your Lead Advisor is: _____.**
- Invoices are issued when registration is submitted; additional invoices are not sent in response to purchase orders. Contact the State Office if you need a copy of any invoice.
- **Invoices are final at the close of registration on Friday, March 22, 2027, at 11:59 PM.** Any registrants entered online at that time are considered registered and the school is responsible for payment.
- **Payment is due by April 12, 2027.** Contact us if you need an extension – we are always happy to work with you! Schools may be refused entrance to the conference if payment is not received.
- Invoices may be combined into a single payment or paid separately. Be sure to note all invoice numbers.
- **Verify that the payee is Florida SkillsUSA Inc or SkillsUSA Florida (EIN 59-3147458)**. We are unable to accept checks issued to SkillsUSA Inc. in Virginia.
- Download a current copy of our W-9 at skillsusafl.org/resources.
- **Payment is accepted by check, credit card, or ACH.**
    - Mail check payment to:
        - SkillsUSA Florida
        - 4446 Hendricks Ave PMB 229
        - Jacksonville, FL 32207
    - Contact the State Office for ACH/wire information.
    - To pay by credit card, visit: https://square.link/u/D0gKSQZj
        - Subject to a 2.5% administrative fee.
        - If a P-card limits daily transactions, payments may be split into smaller amounts over separate days. Advance notice not required.

Hotel Payment Information:

The Lead Advisor at your school will make hotel reservations within our designated hotel blocks. You can find reservation information in the SLSC27 Conference Guide on our website at skillsusafl.org/resources. We encourage you to contact the hotel property early to ensure that they are in your school's vendor system.

Each school must make payment arrangements directly with the hotel, including providing tax exemption documentation. Contact the hotel directly regarding hotel billing arrangements. Cancellation fees are at the discretion of each hotel property; schools should cancel any unneeded rooms early to avoid unnecessary charges.

Hotel Contacts:

- **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront:** Britt Schultheis, britt.schultheis@hyatt.com, (904) 588-1234
- **Marriott Jacksonville Downtown:** Jessica Lowstetter, Jessica.Lowstetter@marriottjacksonvilledowntown.com, (904) 355-6664

State Awards and Recognitions

Advisor of the Year (advisors) - A SkillsUSA chapter is only successful with the support of an Advisor who has dedicated themselves to career and technical education by intentionally integrating the SkillsUSA Framework and ensuring students can articulate the skills they have developed. Selected state Advisors of the Year who complete Level 2 of the Chapter Excellence Program will be submitted for national Advisor of the Year consideration. https://form.jotform.com/213626182510145

Cornerstone Award (administrators) - This award recognizes and celebrates the cooperative relationships that have been established between school administrators and SkillsUSA chapters. Each chapter's success relies on the collective efforts of dedicated school administrators, including superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, and school personnel, who have unselfishly committed their professional and civic talents in support of our students. https://form.jotform.com/213626470840151

Distinguished Service Award (business and industry partners) - This award was established to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions made by organizations, agencies, businesses or other groups to SkillsUSA and CTE on the state level. https://form.jotform.com/213625947637163

Hall of Champions Award (formerly Honorary Life Award) - This award is an honor bestowed upon those who have dedicated their lives, at a state level, to helping youth develop the components of the SkillsUSA Framework necessary to be successful in a changing world. Their legacy in the state will continue long after their career ends. https://form.jotform.com/213625680675159

Pillars of Success Award (volunteers) - The award recognizes the vital support of volunteers who have contributed time, talent, and financial support to SkillsUSA. Their generous support of the state association serves as one of the pillars of our success. https://form.jotform.com/213626035485052

Regional Leader Award - This award is given by each Regional Coordinator to an individual, chapter, business, or organization to recognize stakeholders who have made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of SkillsUSA Florida in their region. Recipients are selected by the Regional Coordinator

Rookie Advisor of the Year (new advisors) - Advisors within their first 4 years as a SkillsUSA Advisor who have made outstanding contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs, and have shown a professional commitment in their careers with SkillsUSA Florida. https://form.jotform.com/222435344249152

Todd Mann Service Award (students) - The award recognizes individual students in the field of career and technical education for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of SkillsUSA Florida, representing the fundamental principles and purposes of our organization. https://form.jotform.com/213626652521149