

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2011-2012 #9)

Item #1: Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship”

The **39th Annual Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship” is May 4-5, 2012.** We are pleased to be returning to the Center of Applied Technology North (CATN) and extend a special thank you to Principal Dan Schaffhauser and the entire CATN staff for continuing to support this premier event. Competitions will also be held at the Community College of Baltimore County Catonsville (CCBC Catonsville) and we appreciate their continued support. Leadership-related competitions will return to North County High School and we plan to return to Stratford University (formally BIC), Northrop Grumman Corporation, AACO Fire Training Academy, Channel 98, Printing Specialist Corporation and Earbeck Gases and Technologies for various competitions. The Awards Ceremony will return to the UMBC Retriever Field House.

NEW! - We are very pleased to welcome Stevenson University (SU) to SkillsUSA Maryland and are excited that SU will be hosting all Health Science and related competitions at their Greenspring Campus. Click this web link to see the campus:

<http://www.stevenson.edu/explore/locations/index.asp>

The official hotel for the 2012 MLSC is the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology (CCMIT). Friday afternoon and evening activities at CCMIT include: registration material pick-up, Delegate Assembly, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, TeamWorks presentations and Quiz Bowl. **Please note that all registration materials (name badges, programs, etc.) will only be available at CCMIT Friday, May 4, 2012, 3:00pm-6:30pm.**

Item #2: 2012 MLSC Registration Fees

The MLSC “State Championship” contestant registration fee (not staying overnight at CCMIT) is \$85.00. All contest models, delegates, state officer candidates and advisors will be charged a reduced \$25.00 per-person “non-contestant” registration fee. Important: every local chapter in attendance is required to have at least one registered advisor accompanying students. **The MLSC registration deadline is Friday, March 30, 2012.**

“Early-Bird Special” Reduced Registration Fee – contestants registered online by Friday, March 23, 2012, will be charged a reduced fee of \$75.00. Please take advantage of this cost-saving offer. Register students early!!

The per-person registration fee for conference attendees staying overnight at CCMIT is listed below (please note that the following overnight fees do not include conference registration fees):

Quad – (four in a room) \$40.00 per person
Triple – (three in a room) \$50.00 per person
Double – (two in a room) \$80.00 per person
Single – (adults only) \$190.00 per person

Please visit the SkillsUSA Maryland official website (www.mdskillsusa.org) via this direct link www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html to access the MLSC Rooming List. If your chapter is staying overnight you will need to complete this form in addition to completing the online registration. Don't forget to complete the invoice included with the MLSC Rooming List - click the "Invoice" tab located on the spreadsheet.

Item #3: Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) Online Registration

We will be using the SkillsUSA online registration and scoring system for the 2012 MLSC. As most of you know, this is the same system used by SkillsUSA for the annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). Navigating the new MLSC registration system is as easy as the online membership system and utilizes the same e-mail address and password. Please click the following link to get started:

<http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>

If you have difficulties/questions regarding the new online registration system please view the instructional videos located on the registration login page. You can also contact Dennis Peaton, SkillsUSA Maryland Board of Directors, for additional technical support. Dennis will be glad to help you and can best be reached by phone: 443-615-9338.

Online registration will open tomorrow (2/18) at 9 a.m. Be sure to take advantage of the "Early-Bird Special" registration discount!

Charles S. Wallace
Director, SkillsUSA Maryland
Student and Assessment Services
Division of Career and College Readiness
Maryland State Department of Education
(ph) 410-767-8872
(fax) 410-333-2099
cwallace@msde.state.md.us

Maryland's CTE: Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Today