

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2011-2012 #8) **one attachment with this message**

Item #1: MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE REMINDER!! - State and National Membership Dues Deadline is January 31!

This is a reminder that you must submit your SkillsUSA Maryland membership information by January 31, 2012. The instructions provided by SkillsUSA are listed below. **When you finish the online membership process be sure to press the “Submit” button and delete any previous year’s membership information before logging out.**

For schools using block (fall/spring semester) schedules ONLY:

Chapters currently welcoming new spring semester members will have until February 10, 2012, to add new members to the 11-12 membership rosters. Chapters using a block (semester) schedule must submit Fall semester membership information by the regular January 31 deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Bradley, State Financial Officer, with any membership payment questions: ehbradley@gmail.com or 410-535-7417 (work) / 443-532-4351 (cell).

How to Register Electronically

Register students and professional members quickly and easily on our Web site. Using online registration makes it easier to register for state or national conference later in the year.

To register electronically, follow these steps:

1. Before you begin, obtain a purchase order number, a credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or a check number in order to pay for your membership.
2. Prepare your list of students and professional members.
3. **Login at www.skillsusa-register.org.** Type in e-mail address and password, then go to the Membership tab. If you are a New User: click Create Login. Select your state, select your school and enter your e-mail address. Click Create Login and the system will send you a password.

New Chapter (school): If you are a new chapter and your school is not shown in the drop-down list of schools for your state, call the national headquarters at (800) 355-8422 or e-mail Judy Garrison at jgarrison@skillsusa.org to request that your school be added to the database (provide advisor name, school name, address and telephone number). Students may type in membership, but do not share your password with students.

Once logged in, please follow the instructions posted online for entering your membership.

Note: When finished entering your members, click the button that says Submit to National Office. This completes online registration and lets the national headquarters know your membership is ready to be downloaded into our database.

Payment Requirements & Options

By submitting membership online, you are agreeing to pay SkillsUSA membership fees. The

membership year runs annually September 1 through August 31, and services will begin when membership is received. You may pay for membership by using a credit card, check or purchase order.

If paying by check, send a copy of your roster with your check. If using a purchase order, enter the PO number in the Payment Option box on the Web site. If paying by VISA or MasterCard, enter your credit card information as requested (you need send nothing to the national headquarters).

Item #2: 2012 Maryland Leadership and Skills Conference (MLSC) “State Championship” Information

The **39th Annual SkillsUSA 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 Maryland’s premier CTSO event. Additional competition venues may include:

AACO Channel 98
AACO Fire Training Academy
CCBC Catonsville
Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology
North County High School
Northrop Grumman Corporation
Printing Specialist Corporation
Stratford University (formerly BIC)
Stevenson University

SkillsUSA Maryland is returning to the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology (CCMIT) for Friday afternoon and evening activities including: 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 #3: State Championship Contest Participation

Although the 2012 State Championship is still several months away many of you already know of students planning to compete in various events, including new demonstration contests. Please review the “2012 Contest Participation Survey.xls” MS Excel spreadsheet ([click here](#)) and complete the “Pre-registration survey” column.

Important: If students representing your local chapter are planning to participate in the 2012 State Championship you must complete the survey and return to State Director by February 15, 2012. Your prompt attention to this request will ensure that proper contest plans are made to accommodate all students. Don’t hesitate to contact state director for assistance.

Item #4: 2012-2013 State Officer Application

Please encourage your most involved and motivated local officers to run for state office. The 2012-2013 application is available online. Visit www.mdskillsusa.org and click "State Officers," then click "State Officer Application." The application must be completed and returned electronically to State Director by **February 15, 2012**. Please mail copies with original signatures to:

MSDE
DCCER / Chuck Wallace
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Item #5 State Officer Testing/Interviews

SkillsUSA Maryland 2012-2013 state officer testing/interviews is **Saturday, March 24, 2012 9am-12pm**, Calvert County Career and Technology Academy, 330 Dorsey Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20685. Please contact Elaine Bradley for details and directions at 410-535-7417 or bradley@calvertnet.k12.md.us

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