

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2020-2021 #17)

Item #1: Regional Competition Online Registration and Testing Dates

As announced, (update #15, item #1), SkillsUSA Maryland will be implementing online testing this year for all Regions. The online tests (replacing in-person, regional-qualifying events) will be content-specific by contest, scored and ranked by region, and will determine which students/teams advance to 2021 State Championship competitions. The “SkillsUSA Maryland 2021 Contest Participation Totals for Schools and Regions” MS Excel spreadsheet lists the included contests (regional-qualifying events highlighted in **yellow** on spreadsheet).

Regional online test registration is **February 1-15, 2021**, and the fee is \$10.00 per test. Online tests will be available **March 1-5, 2021**. Registration instructions will be released soon.

Item #2: Virtual State Championship Revised Registration and Conference Dates

In response to the ongoing challenges experienced by members and chapters in a virtual school environment the 48th Annual State Championship registration and facilitation dates have been rescheduled and extended. The new registration deadline is **Tuesday, March 23, 2021**, and the virtual conference will be facilitated periodically over a two-week period, **April 12-23, 2021**. The Award Ceremony is Tuesday, **April 27, 2021**. Stay tuned for more conference information and updates!

Item #3: January 31 Membership Deadline Extended

As chapter advisors continue to adjust and adapt to the current membership year we hope that allowing additional time to recruit and enroll new members will be helpful and utilized. In support of local chapters the SkillsUSA Maryland membership deadline will be extended this year to **Friday, February 26, 2021**.

Item #4: Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Hotline operators and coaches are ready to answer your questions on a wide variety of topics, including, adding/engaging chapter members, strengthening an existing chapter, SkillsUSACONNECT, Chapter Excellence Program and Career Essentials. Operators are on call from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. ET, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. ET, Tuesday and Thursday. Call the hotline toll free: 844-875-4557.

Don't have time to call? Send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org or chat with them online at the membership registration site. **See attached flyer for more information!**

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