

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2020-2021 #32)

Item #1: 2021 Virtual State Championship Medalist List

Congratulations to all students who competed in the SkillsUSA Maryland 2021 Virtual State Championship! See state medalist by contest list **attached**. This is the order contests were announced at the Awards Ceremony.

Students earning gold medals are eligible and encouraged to participate in the 2021 Virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in June! For more information see NLSC registration instructions – Items # 3 & 4.

Item #2: Lowe’s Gift Cards For All State Medal Winners!

All state competitors earning bronze, silver and gold medals at the 2021 Virtual State Championship are receiving \$25 Lowe’s gift cards. Chapter advisors should have already received the good news emails. If your students earned medals and you have not yet received an email please contact State Director.

Be sure to encourage students to thank Lowe’s for these gifts. We recommend students introducing themselves to store management and thanking Lowe’s on behalf of your school chapter and SkillsUSA Maryland.

Item #3: SkillsUSA Virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference!

It’s time to register for the 2021 NLSC, where Maryland champions will demonstrate contest standards and competencies as outlined in the “**SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards Virtual Edition 2021.**” Although the conference is virtual, Maryland competitors along with competitors from across the country will be completing projects and assignments hands-on, wearing contest-required uniforms and utilizing contest-required tools, equipment and materials. Ideally, students will be competing in their own CTE classrooms and labs, however, you may also consider soliciting local business and industry partners for alternate contest venue options.

The following chart, with contests listed alphabetically, outlines the materials, equipment, pre-contest preparation and submission deadlines, special contest instructions, etc., required to successfully participate in all national competitions. Please review this chart often as information will continue to be added: [National Contests -Material-Equipment List and Instructions](#)

You should also visit the SkillsUSA Championships Updates webpage often to review specific requirements for contestants and organization of contests:

www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/

Additional NLSC important information is available on SkillsUSA CONNECT. If you and/or your students have not yet created accounts visit this page:
<https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/skillsusa-connect/>

Item #4: Virtual NLSC Registration Instructions

The registration fee to participate in the Virtual NLSC is **\$125 per person**. This fee includes a conference t-shirt for all registrants and advisor access to the Academy of Excellence. The deadline to submit the registration is **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**.

Please carefully review the following information/instructions and contact Dennis Peaton, SkillsUSA Maryland Conference Registration Manager, or the State Director, if you need registration help. dennis.peaton@gmail.com

Volunteers: The following groups should contact Darren Gibson at dgibson@skillsus.org to volunteer for conference.

Alumni

SkillsUSA Championships Management Team

Conference Management Team

Courtesy Corps

Judges

National Education Team

National Contest Technical Committee Members

Paid NLSC Participants: Register contestants or anyone attending NLSC at www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx. Use your advisor login and password to enter site. *Do not provide students or parents with website log-on information, as they should not be entering information.* Only the chapter advisor or designated school personnel should be registering participants.

Registrant Types:

Contestant: All students competing in a contest. This includes interview contestants for American Spirit, Chapter Display, Promotional Bulletin Board, Occupational Health and Safety, and Outstanding Chapter. *Esthetics and Nail Care contestants are permitted to use manikins in place of live models due to the Covid-19 pandemic for NLSC 2021.*

Advisor: Teachers of participating students.

Participant: State officers, delegates, national officer candidates or any other attendee who will be attending the virtual conference.

Models of Excellence: Registrants who have achieved the highest honor of the Chapter Excellence Program and will be interviewing as Models of Excellence during NLSC. These chapters were notified that they qualified for this honor by the national Office of Education. Only participants that have been contacted by the national headquarters should register with this type.

Register for Conference:

Log on to: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx. To register; click the Conference tab > My Registrations > click button Add New Registrant. Select registrant type> member name from drop-down menu> select contest if contestant>click button Save & Continue>complete registration form for each participant. Watch help video on top far-right side or contact our Customer Care Team for assistance by chat, email, or phone.

The system will only accept conference registration for contestants if your school's membership invoices are paid and students were registered as members by the March 1 national deadline.

Names added to the registration site are considered registered for NLSC. Be sure to provide:

A valid and unique email for each individual contestant.

A home address for each contestant. Prizes and other materials will be mailed to student's home.

Identify if a participant meets the criteria specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Emergency contact information.

Engage (advisors) and Leverage (state officers): Locate Also Attending: and select Leverage or Engage from the drop-down menu. If the participant is ONLY attending one of these sessions and will not be attending NLSC or the Academy of Excellence check the box for Pre-Conference Attendee ONLY.

Academy of Excellence (advisors only): Locate Attend Academy of Excellence and check the box YES. A new screen will appear that lists the available sessions. Click the drop-down menu in each session box to register for a specific time and date.

Registrants from a Previous Conference:

If registering from a prior conference, use the Look Up Previous Registration button at the bottom of the screen and click the register button next to the name. NOTE: This feature will only work if all membership invoices are paid for your school.

Conference Liability and Release Form: Once the name is registered; click the FORM button that is displayed to the left of the name and ensure all fields are completed. It is critical to provide **accurate birth dates and a valid and unique email for contestants**. We recommend you print the Conference Registration Form and have the participant verify the information is accurate.

A blank Liability Form can be printed ahead of time and given to the participant or parents to fill out. Click the tab Conference > Blank > [Conference Liability & Release Form](#). The form should then be returned to the advisor or designated school person to enter the data on our website as mentioned above.

Advisor Attestation: Ensure that the Attestation Advisor Acceptance box on the bottom of each participant's conference registration record is checked and electronically signed.

Home Addresses: You must provide a home address for contestants and delegates. Contest awards and corporate gifts are mailed to contestant home addresses. Delegates may receive mailings due to the virtual environment.

Drop and Refund Policy: Schools are responsible for paying for all registrants that cancel after the registration deadline. Drops made after the deadline are not eligible for a refund/credit.

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