



**2021 SkillsUSA Florida Virtual State Leadership and Skills Conference**  
**“Reaching Past the Stars”**  
**April 12-26, 2021**

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Registration Information

Registration fee:     **\$55 per student (competitor, model, or observer)**  
                              **\$35 per advisor (advisor, instructor or chaperone)**

Register online at [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org)

- If your students are not required to compete in a regional competition, you can register them any time!
- Login and click “Conference,” and then “My Registrations”.
- Select “SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference” as the event.
- Click “Add New Registrant” and follow the prompts to enter information for each registrant.
- **\*NOTE: ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WORKING, UNIQUE EMAIL THAT IS NOT A SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS.** This will provide them access to the necessary online platforms for the conference.
  - No school email addresses
  - Do not use your advisor email address, as they will not be able to access the conference platforms
  - New this year: email addresses will be automatically verified on the invoicing screen when you submit your registration. Any errors or duplicates must be corrected before registration can be submitted.
- Provide a mailing address for each student, i.e., a home address. Medals and prizes will be shipped to either the school or directly to the student, per advisor request, following the conference. Please have the addresses entered to help speed the shipping process following the conference.
- All participating schools must register at least one advisor or chaperone for the conference.
- **Remember: Only SkillsUSA members who are registered and paid by February 1 are eligible for competition!**

Questions or problems with registration? Contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557!



Registration Closes: MARCH 8, 2021 at 5 PM EST

Drop Deadline: MARCH 8, 2021 at 5 PM EST

Payment Deadline: MARCH 22, 2021

Check payment is preferred. If you need a payment extension in order to pay by check, please contact the state office.

To pay via credit card, visit [givebutter.com/skillsusa-florida](http://givebutter.com/skillsusa-florida)

Instructions on how to use Givebutter: <http://bit.ly/38IE3QG>

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING CREDIT CARDS:** Givebutter is a credit card processing platform designed for non-profits. One way they keep platform fees reasonable to organizations like ours is by allowing users to add a “tip” for the platform when they make a payment. A tip is completely optional and supports the platform directly. SkillsUSA Florida does not receive any portion of tips. The instructions above provide step-by-step visuals on how to disable this option. THESE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE - PLEASE ENSURE THE CORRECT SELECTIONS ARE MADE AND REVIEW YOUR PURCHASE CAREFULLY BEFORE HITTING “PAY NOW.”



If you have additions, name changes or substitutions after registration closes on March 8, complete this form: <http://bit.ly/3qlmGLK>. Substitutions may only be made with a current SkillsUSA member who joined prior to the February 1 deadline and meets the eligibility requirements for the contest, and has completed a [Conference Liability Form](#).

Additional registrants require prior approval from the State Director. Payment for any additional registrants is due at the time of registration.

**State Conference Schedule**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

6:00 PM – Opening Ceremonies

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show

11:00 AM – Advisor Professional Development Session - TBD

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show

11:00 AM – Framework Reception and Advisor Business Meeting

UW-Madison is pleased to announce the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Business and Industry Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Resilient Future". The conference will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda includes a breakfast, a keynote address by Governor Tony Evers, a panel discussion on "Building a Resilient Future", and a networking reception. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register now at <https://www.wisconsin.gov/economic-development/conferences>.

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Meet the Candidates Session

UW-Madison is pleased to announce the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Business and Industry Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Resilient Future". The conference will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda includes a breakfast, a keynote address by Governor Tony Evers, a panel discussion on "Building a Resilient Future", and a networking reception. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register now at <https://www.wisconsin.gov/economic-development/conferences>.

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

11:00 AM – Advisor Professional Development

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Delegate Sessions

UW-Madison is pleased to announce the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Business and Industry Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Resilient Future". The conference will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda includes a breakfast, a keynote address by Governor Tony Evers, a panel discussion on "Building a Resilient Future", and a networking reception. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register now at <https://www.wisconsin.gov/economic-development/conferences>.

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Champions' Night Celebration

Join our state officer team for games, music and fun! We'll be giving away prizes for the Most Creative Zoom Background, Most Interesting Hat, and other cool categories. More information coming soon!

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Contests

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Meet the Employer Job Fair

UW-Madison is pleased to announce the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Business and Industry Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Resilient Future". The conference will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda includes a breakfast, a keynote address by Governor Tony Evers, a panel discussion on "Building a Resilient Future", and a networking reception. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register now at <https://www.wisconsin.gov/economic-development/conferences>.

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

6:00 PM – Closing and Awards Ceremony

UW-Madison is pleased to announce the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Business and Industry Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Resilient Future". The conference will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The agenda includes a closing and awards ceremony. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register now at <https://www.wisconsin.gov/economic-development/conferences>.

Full contest schedule will be released after registration closes. More conference activities will be added soon!

## **Platforms and Technology**

Contests will be housed on SkillsUSA Absorb (absorb.skillsusa.org), which is the same LMS that houses our technical standards, Career Essentials, and other curriculum resources. Students will receive a key code to access their contest area, review technical standards and supply lists, receive contest prompts, and submit documents and other files. Live contest sessions will take place via Zoom. SLSC21 and conference activities will be housed on Socio, which is available on a web browser or downloadable from the App Store or Google Play.

All students must have access to a 1:1 device with a webcam and microphone. Minimum internet speeds of 2 Mbps up and down are required to use Zoom. Visit [speedtest.net](http://speedtest.net) to test your connection speed.

More information regarding platforms and access will be sent to all conference registrants.

## **Opening & Closing Ceremony - What to Expect**

**Opening Ceremony** kicks off the State Leadership and Skills Conference each year with special recognitions and [awards](#), a super amazing speaker, and any last minute changes to contest schedules or information. Official attire or contest attire is not required, but encouraged. Ceremony starts at 6 PM!

**Closing Ceremony** is the culmination of all the hard work of the conference, and where we recognize the top students in each contest. First, second and third place in each division are awarded medals on stage, and then they will take a photo with their contest group and receive any prizes, if available, and turn in their [Intent to Enter form](#). Winners are announced in three sections, with a brief break between the first and second, and the second and third sections. During the breaks, we will announce the new state officer team and recognize some important contributors to the conference. Ceremony starts at 6 PM and will be live-streamed for public viewing.

On April 27, 2021, all gold medalists and their advisors are required to attend a mandatory meeting about the National Leadership and Skills Conference. More information and meeting link will be posted soon.

Because contests will be held locally, we need your photos! Upload any photos from your competition here: <http://bit.ly/3p0t2jz> - you might see yourself in the recap video!

Opening Ceremony will be streamed live for conference registrants. Closing Ceremony will be streamed live for public viewing. A link to the ceremony will be posted on our social media channels and provided to all conference registrants. Invite your family and friends from across the country to tune in!

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## **Awards and Recognitions**

Nominations are open for our state awards, and encourage you to submit yours today! Each link has a brief description of the award and the submission form, and nominations are accepted until February 28, 2021.

Advisor of the Year: <http://bit.ly/FLAOY>

Rookie Educator of the Year: <http://bit.ly/FLRookie>

Todd Mann Service Award: <http://bit.ly/FLToddMann>

Image Award: <http://bit.ly/FLImage>

Policymaker of the Year: <http://bit.ly/FLPolicymaker>

## **Contest Schedule and Locations**

Official contest schedule will be emailed to registered conference participants (students and advisors) no later than March 15, 2020. Check the SkillsUSA Florida website for more information. Please ensure students and advisor email addresses are entered correctly in the registration system to ensure electronic delivery. We encourage you to also share this information and any other information with others in your school to make sure everyone is prepared for the event and receiving all communications.

## **Contest Preparation, Updates and Supply Lists**

In order to prepare for contests, the [Technical Standards](#) are the first and primary source of information, available online with Professional Membership at [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org). For instructions on accessing the technical standards, click [here](#). In most cases, a sample national project is available to use as a preparation tool. As a reminder, please do not allow students to access the registration portal. Only Professional members should have access. If you are having issues after following the steps outlined at the above link, contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557, or email [support@skillsusa-register.org](mailto:support@skillsusa-register.org).

Each contest has a Virtual Contest Guide that will provide information to prepare for virtual competitions. These guides provide a general supply list and overview of the contest format. Please review the Virtual Contest Guide along with the Technical Standards (Virtual) to prepare for competitive events.

Any changes to the Technical Standards for state level competitions or information about the contest projects needed prior to the conference, including updated supply lists, drawings and plans, and other contest-related information will be posted on the SkillsUSA Florida website at [www.skillsusaf.org/state-conference/updates](http://www.skillsusaf.org/state-conference/updates). Updates and information will be posted here until 2 weeks prior to the conference. After that time, they will be posted online and also emailed to the advisor who registered the competitor AND the competitor. If no update is posted, the supply list in the Technical Standards should be used to prepare. Because of time, equipment, and materials, some benchmarks outlined on the technical standards may not be evaluated during the state competition. Students should be prepared to perform any of the skills outlined in the technical standards. Any updates posted are at the discretion of the contest committee and the state association. Not all contests will have an update.

***Questions about clothing standards or general rules? Check out the Virtual General Regulations on our website!***



**CHAMPIONSHIPS Q&A SESSIONS FOR ADVISORS** via Zoom: review contest formats, ask questions, and find out more about our virtual competitive events

January 25 at 7 PM and January 26 at 10 AM

February 25 at 7 PM and February 26 at 10 AM

March 11 at 7 PM and March 12 at 10 AM

Sign up for all session here: <https://bit.ly/2JJUCS4>

Join Zoom Meeting (*the same link will be used for all sessions*)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86546526554?pwd=Z0hsSzNkUzJKOU16SkR5ZDd5ZHV0dz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4652 6554

Passcode: 868414

## **Proctors**

Most contests require the use of a proctor, who is not a school employee. Local industry partners are preferred. Check with your program's advisory board for volunteers, or have students reach out to the local community. A Proctor Guide will be posted to our website soon! See the General Regulations for more information.

## **SkillsUSA Professional Development Career Readiness Exam**

The SkillsUSA Professional Development Career Readiness Exam will be counted as a scored portion of each state contest. All contestants must complete this exam. The study guide below will assist in preparing students for this written exam.

Study Guide: <http://bit.ly/PDCRStudyGuide>

## **Champions Night**

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, all conference registrants are invited to our special online Champions' Night Celebration! The event will begin at 6PM and conclude at 9PM. Join our State Officer Team for games, music, and a whole lot of FUN! Prizes awarded for Most Creative Zoom Background, Most Interesting Hat, and other fun awards!



### **Accommodations Request**

The SkillsUSA Championships management team will make every effort to provide assistance/accommodations as appropriate to create equal opportunities and a level playing field for all contestants. No assistance will be provided that could be interpreted as giving the special needs contestant an unfair advantage. Advanced identification of the contestants and their special needs will be required. The following are examples of the types of assistance that are allowed:

1. Special tables will be allowed for contestants who need to use wheelchairs.
2. Signers will be allowed to translate oral instructions given by the technical committee to deaf or hearing-impaired contestants.
3. Special tools and devices will be allowed for contestants with prosthetics or physical challenges such as a club foot, burn injury or amputation.
4. Contestants with dyslexia or other learning disabilities will be allowed assistance as determined by the complexity of the contest assignment.
5. Readers will not be allowed in contests where the use of technical manuals is required.
6. Hearing-impaired contestants may provide a sign language interpreter at contest orientations, at the startup of the competition (and throughout the day if permitted by the technical committee) and for the contest debriefing. ASL interpreters will be provided for Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
7. Translators for language issues must be provided by the school/chapter and approved by the state prior to arrival at SLSC. Translators must be unassociated with the student.

Any conference registrant in need of accommodations of any kind should fill out [this form](#) to list their needs. Please include all restrictions, including dietary, physical, or other. This form must be received in order for an accommodation to be made. (<https://goo.gl/forms/AYcJUHwBQksuw29w2>)

### **Alumni**

If you know any alumni looking to give back to the organization, have them check out our SLSC Event Committee Key Alumni Application [here](#). For more information, reach out to [alumni@skillsusaf1.org](mailto:alumni@skillsusaf1.org).

# ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES:

## Delegate Sessions

Each year, a group of student leaders are elected to represent our state association as State Officers. We need your students to act as delegates to elect them! Your students will develop responsibility and decision making skills during the sessions, as well as parliamentary procedure. Each school is allowed delegates based on the total number of members registered.



7-12 members	1 Delegate
13-24 member	2 Delegates
25-49 members	3 Delegates
50-79 members	4 Delegates
80-200 members	5 Delegates
201+ members	1 Delegate per 100 additional members

Having delegates represent your chapter is a great opportunity to learn about the democratic process and parliamentary procedure, and for your chapter to be involved with decisions made at the state level. For more information, reach out to [dmoye@skillsusaf1.org](mailto:dmoye@skillsusaf1.org). Sign up your delegates [here!](#)

Do you have a student interested in running for a State Officer position? Check out the 2020-2021 State Officer Application on our website, or email Dave Moye at [dmoye@skillsusaf1.org](mailto:dmoye@skillsusaf1.org) for more information!

## Meet the Employer Job Fair - April 23, 10 AM - 1 PM

Join local, state and national industry partners and find out about the opportunities they have available! Bring your resume and dress for success. Students will create a job-seeker profile and connect with employers who are looking to hire. More information coming soon!

## Framework Reception and Advisor Business Meeting

We appreciate all the work that you do! On Thursday, April 15 at 11:00 AM, all SkillsUSA Advisors are invited to a special reception. Join us for informational updates from the state and national offices and Advisor at Large elections. We will discuss the 2021 National Conference, upcoming state and national events, the new fall leadership conference format, and other important information. No RSVP is required!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85057463044?pwd=K21mUmhWQXpyR2dVMVo5ekNZR1Nzdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5746 3044

Passcode: 513168

Advisors at Large serve as representatives for the SkillsUSA advisors to the Board of Directors. They serve two year terms, and are elected in alternating years. At SLSC20, two Advisor at Large seats are up for election. If you are interested in running, please contact [jgraber@skillsusaf1.org](mailto:jgraber@skillsusaf1.org), or [thomas.thoss@ocps.net](mailto:thomas.thoss@ocps.net) for more information. To nominate yourself or another advisor, use this





form: <http://bit.ly/AALNomination> Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the business meeting.

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- Must be an active Professional Member of SkillsUSA for the 2019-2020 school year, and have an active chapter (at least 6 students and 1 professional member)
- Understand and embrace our mission to serve the students, teachers, and industry of Florida to provide our state with a quality workforce
- Serve as a voice for SkillsUSA Advisors in the strategic planning of the organization, and have a role in the future of our organization and how it serves its students.
- Are able to attend three Board meetings per year, virtual or in-person
- Participate in local, regional, and state activities and events
- Travel with expenses paid for required SkillsUSA-related events
- Have opportunities for additional training and professional development