Welcome!

- Please keep your microphone muted
- Video on, if possible
- Enter any questions into the chat
How to Use Zoom

Mute/Unmute

Video On/Off

View the Chat
Agenda

- SLSC21 Schedule
- How will this work?
- Championships Preparations
- Advisor Resources
- Next Steps?
SLSC21 will be held virtually, with competitive events completed at local schools and judged virtually.

Opening Ceremony: April 12 at 6PM EST
Contests: April 13 – 22
Meet the Employer: April 23, 10AM to 1PM EST
Closing Ceremony: April 26 at 6PM EST

Registration deadline/Drop deadline: March 8 at 5PM EST
Payment deadline: March 22, 2021*

*Check payment preferred. Extensions available. 
Credit card payment: givebutter.com/skillsusa-florida
How to Use GiveButter: http://bit.ly/3ugpc6a
WEEK ONE:
April 12: Opening Ceremony (6PM)
April 13 – 15: CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show
April 13 – 16: Contests (8AM to 4PM)
April 13: Advisor Professional Development Sessions (10AM – 1PM)
April 15: Framework Reception and Advisor Business Meeting (11AM – 12PM)
WEEK TWO:
April 19 – 22: Contests (8AM – 4PM)
April 19: Meet the Candidates (3PM – 5PM)
April 20: Delegate Sessions (3PM – 5PM)
April 20: Advisor Professional Development Sessions (10AM – 1PM)
April 22: Champions’ Night (6PM – 9PM)
April 23: Meet the Employer Job Fair (10AM – 1PM)
April 26: Closing Ceremony (6PM)
Contest Schedule

- Available March 1
- Get your registration in – knowing the number of contestants will help us make a final schedule!
- Check Contest Updates page regularly – skillsusafl.org/state-conference/contest-updates
How Will This Work?

- Registrants will receive emails with instructions to create accounts on platforms:
  - SkillsUSALMS.org - All contest materials, competitors only.
  - Socio.events – All conference activities, all registrants.
- Avoid school email addresses for students – firewalls will block these emails and students will not be able to gain access.
  - Anticipated to be sent by April 2, 2021. Early access provided for students to familiarize with platform.
  - Orientation module with videos and documents.
  - Encourage early account creation to identify any issues.
How Will This Work?

- Contests – students will have access to two modules:
  - SkillsUSA Championships Orientation Module.
    - Welcome video.
    - Tech tools – Virtual tools, including Zoom download, testing internet speed, uploading unlisted videos to YouTube.
    - Professional Development Test – April 13 at 8AM through April 22 at 5PM.
    - Resume Upload link – by April 10.
How Will This Work?

- Contest Module.
  - Accessible immediately:
    - Technical standards
    - Virtual Contest Guide
    - Supply/material lists
    - “Before You Begin”
    - Contest Updates
    - Any other preparatory materials
  - Time released:
    - Technical exams
    - Contest variables, projects, prompts, etc.
    - Upload link for materials
Questions?
Championships

• Events are executed locally, judged virtually
• Requires active participation of the advisor and/or instructor
• Local business partners or advisory board involvement is necessary for contest proctoring and facilitation
  • State support is available in some program areas
Pre-Conference Checklist


Gather student information for registration
  • Non-school email. (gmail, Hotmail, yahoo, aol, att, icloud, etc.)
  • Phone number.
  • Competition.
  • T-shirt size.
  • Mailing address. (prizes and medals)
  • Parent/Guardian name and phone.
Changes to registration:

- Until March 8: make changes online register.skillsusa.org
- After March 8, complete Drop/Change Form
  - Two options:
    - Download PDF - https://bit.ly/2NuM6sF and email to contests@skillsusafl.org
Pre-Conference Tech Check

Ensure access to all platforms from school network.

1. Verify access.
   - Conference Activities: [https://app.socio.events/OTY0Mg/auth](https://app.socio.events/OTY0Mg/auth)
   - Contests: [SkillsUSALMS.org](https://SkillsUSALMS.org) and [NextThought.com](https://NextThought.com)
   - Meet the Employer: [https://portal.premiervirtual.com/jobseeker/login/](https://portal.premiervirtual.com/jobseeker/login/)
   - Champions’ Night: [gather.town](https://gather.town)
   - Contest Submissions: JotForm

2. Download [Pre-Conference Tech Check Form](#)

Ensure you have the proper passwords and access needed.

- Check that outside devices can connect.
- Check that multiple devices can connect.
- No program downloads.
  - Zoom download is helpful but not required; can be accessed through browser.
Check signal strength

Check Wi-Fi and cell phone signal is all contest areas.

• Create an account on Zoom and start a meeting.
• Have multiple students connect to test connection speed.
• With multiple devices on network, go to speedtest.net and test the speed (2 Mbps up/down required).
Arrange for Proctors

- **Proctor Guide** – provides guidance for advisors and potential proctors on roles and responsibilities.
- Beneficial to have someone with knowledge of the subject area.
- Four types:
  - Exam Proctors.
  - Local Proctors.
  - Second Camera Proctors.
  - Virtual Proctors.*

*Secured by SkillsUSA Florida.
Arrange for Proctors

Where to look:

• Advisory boards.
• Local industry partners.
• School employees (may not be the student’s teacher).
• Check with the State Office.
Questions?
How to Prepare for Contests

  - Absorb.skillsusa.org

- Virtual Contest Guides – contest overview, supply/tool list, exams, other details.
  - skillsusafl.org/state-conference

- Contest Updates – supply, material, and tool lists, changes to contests, other contest notifications.
  - skillsusafl.org/state-conference/contest-updates

- Virtual Contest Information (NEW!) – spreadsheet of contest codes, exams, proctor needs, and format
How to Prepare for Contests

- Virtual General Regulations - rules and regulations for state-level virtual competitions. Provides outline of contest delivery methods, advisor responsibilities, clothing requirements, and other important details.
  - Review (and have students review) prior to competition
  - https://bit.ly/36E5z0f
Contest Supplies & Materials

- Schools will provide their own consumables, materials, equipment and supplies
- Schools must test their own equipment prior to the competition.
  - Equipment failure – judges will try to find solution to continue competition, but cannot guarantee
Contest Supplies & Materials

- Contest Prep Box – sent to each school following registration to include basic materials
  - Tape measure or ruler
  - Large-face digital clock
  - Roster, t-shirts and pins
  - Other basic supplies
  - Contest materials for some events
    - Variables shipped to schools must remain sealed to be opened on camera
Local Support

- Lowe’s Gift Cards – electronic delivery to advisors.
- Various denominations depending on contest needs. Receipts are not required.
  - Leadership contests requiring display – Chapter Display, Career Pathways Showcase, Promotional Bulletin Board.
  - Urban Search and Rescue.
  - Team Engineering Challenge.
Local Support

- Automotive Refinishing and Collision Repair.
  - Fenders, bumper covers provided by Universal Collision Repair.

- Broadcast News.
  - All teams receive access to Rundown Creator to use for NRCS.

- Crime Scene Investigation.
  - Evidence provided.

- Early Childhood Education.
  - Each contestant will receive 3-4 children’s books for use in the contest.

- Internet of Things.
  - Consumables provided. Contestant must provide all tools.

- Marine Service.
  - Contest materials provided by Yamaha.

- Masonry.
  - Materials provided by Florida Masonry Apprenticeship and Education Foundation.

- Plumbing.
  - Cast iron pipe, fittings and couplers provided by the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute.

- Promotional Poster.
  - All materials provided.

- Team Engineering Challenge.
  - Kit provided with all materials.

Additional details and support added regularly – check contest updates page and email for details!
Championships Orientation

- Championships Orientation – required for one advisor per chapter to attend one session
  - March 25 at 7PM or March 26 at 10AM
  - Sign up: https://bit.ly/37xTLw1
Advisor Resources

- Call, text or email me anytime!
  - 850-284-8534
  - jgraber@skillsusafl.org
  - Schedule a one-on-one call online: https://bit.ly/2IfBWJK

- Customer Care Team – registration website, contest platform (LMS)
  - 844-875-4557
  - support@skillsusa.org
Next Steps

- Register students for SLSC at register.skillsusa.org.
- Pay your invoice by March 8.
- Check the Contest Updates page for any new information.
- Procure supplies and materials for the competitions.
- Test your technology and submit the Pre-Conference Tech Check by April 1.
Questions?