



Advisor Update January 2012



2011-2012 Membership Registration Deadlines – LAST CALL!

January 15, 2012 is the deadline for your final membership registration to be submitted to the National Office. All students must be paid members of SkillsUSA Michigan by January 15, 2012 in order to participate in regional, state and national competitions and/or conferences. *If you have any questions/concerns about this deadline, please contact me!*

All membership registration **MUST** be submitted online at <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/>. Paper rosters are discouraged. Please make sure that all membership checks are sent directly to the National Office. When registering, be sure to also register your section under the specific program name, not just Mixed Training. This information is very helpful to the national office in determining what programs are at what schools.

100% Membership Sections

When registering online at <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/>, please be sure to answer the question “Are 100% of Students (in your section) in SkillsUSA?” Special incentives and events throughout the year are tied to your answer and you will be left out if you forget to answer this!



2011-2012 Membership Increase Awards

Congrats to the following schools that have already earned the 2011-2012 SkillsUSA Michigan Membership Increase Award. New schools are in **bold**.

- **Huron Area Beauty Academy**
- Midland H.H. Dow High School
- **Oakland Schools Technical Center SE Campus**
- TBA Career Tech Center
- Van Buren Technology Center

Are you close to qualifying for a Membership Increase Award this year? Check out this new chart to see if you are in the running. It will be updated on a monthly basis, so be sure to keep checking to see your status.

http://www.miskillsusa.org/files/2012/SC/2012_Membership_Increase_Award.pdf



2012 Regional Qualifiers Numbers Chart

The 2012 Regional Qualifiers Numbers Chart is now available on our web site at

<http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.

2011-2012 Competition Theme

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2010-2011 year is **SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Skilled and Motivated**. This is the theme for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests. More information is available at <http://skillsusa.org/about/theme.shtml>.

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Regional School Cancellation Policy

In the past, there have been school cancellations on the day of a regional contest, therefore the Advisor Council has approved the Regional School Cancellation Policy at their meeting on December 13, 2011. ***This policy is effective for the 2012 Regional Contests!*** Please be aware that all regional contests should plan two contest dates: the original contest date and a makeup date. The policy has been posted on our web site in three places: <http://www.miskillsusa.org/>, <http://www.miskillsusa.org/regions.html> and <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.

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Regional Contestant Forms

The Regional Contestant Ranking Sheet or a Regional Qualifier Direct to States Form is **REQUIRED** for all contests so that we know what contestants have qualified for States. An accurate contestant count is necessary for contest supply orders, contest site set-up, conference registration, etc. One of these forms **MUST** be filled out for all regional contests (including those contests going directly to States) and for both HS and CPS divisions. ***I cannot stress the importance of these forms enough!*** These forms are on the web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html> and are now Excel compatible.

- ***This form must be signed by the contest coordinator and emailed or faxed to your regional representative no later than 2 days after your contest.***
- ***Failure to submit this form to your regional representative will result in those students NOT being allowed to compete at the State Conference!***
- ***If we receive a State Conference registration for a contestant NOT on the appropriate Regional Contestant Ranking Sheet or Regional Qualifier Direct to States Form, he/she will NOT be allowed to compete!***
- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Intent to Compete on Web Site

The 2012 Intent to Compete Grid is now available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/contests.html>.

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State Contest Chairs vs. Medalists Chart

Now that I have several years' worth of data, I have developed a new chart showing the State Contest chair vs. the medalists from each year. The new chart is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/contests.html>. It will be updated annually.

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No State Run Contest Survey

For those contests that do not have a state-run competition, SkillsUSA Michigan can still send a contestant to Nationals to represent our state! If you are interested in any of the contests below, please let me know by **February 4, 2011**. I already have a pretty big list! If more than one school is interested in a contest, I will contact the advisors involved and

they will have to hold and run a state-level contest at a location of their choosing. The students in these contests need to be on your official roster by January 15, 2011 in order to compete. Information on these contests is available in the 2011-2012 Technical Standards or for demo contests, on the SkillsUSA web site at <http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/demos.shtml>.

- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Broadcast News Production
- Cabinetmaking
- Computer Programming* - open only to students who are NOT in the CIP code 11.1000 (Information Technology)
- Employment Application Process (special needs only)
- Engineering Technology
- Major Appliance Technology
- Mechatronics
- Mobile Robotics Technology
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Principles of Technology
- Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance (formerly Electronics Installation and Maintenance)
- Screen Printing Technology
- Sustainability Solutions (demo)
- Technical Computer Applications* - open only to students who are NOT in the CIP code 11.1000 (Information Technology)
- Telecommunications Cabling* - open only to students who are NOT in the CIP code 11.1000 (Information Technology)
- Video Product Development
- Welding Art/Sculpture

2012-2014 State Officer Coordinator

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012-2014 State Officer Coordinator! This is a paid position (\$1,000 per year) and it is for a two year term, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years and the application is due **January 15, 2012**. All interested advisors are encouraged to apply! The application and position details are available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.

2012 Design Contest

The SkillsUSA Michigan 2012 Design Contest is now available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>. All SkillsUSA members are encouraged to participate. All designs must be sent via US mail to the State Office and received no later than **January 6, 2012**. The three design contest winners will be invited to the State Conference and each will receive a gold medal at the Awards Program. Three things to remember:

- All entries must incorporate the SkillsUSA Michigan



2012 theme “Explore, Expand, Excel!” in the design. The SkillsUSA Michigan 2012 theme wording can be in the design but is not required.

- The member whose design is chosen for the SkillsUSA Michigan National Conference Trading Pin will also compete in the Pin Design contest at the National Conference. Contest details are available in the 2011-2012 Technical Standards.
- The member whose design is chosen for the SkillsUSA Michigan National Official State T-Shirt will also compete in the T-Shirt Design contest at the National Conference. Contest details are available at <http://skillsusa.org/compete/contests.shtml>.

2012 State National Anthem Contest

A SkillsUSA Michigan member will be selected to sing the National Anthem acapella at the Friday Opening General Session on April 20, 2012 at the State Conference. Interested members must submit an audition CD of them singing the National Anthem. Student must be a current member of SkillsUSA Michigan member and must pay the State Conference registration fee. All audition CDs must be sent via US mail to the State Office and received no later than **January 6, 2012**. More information is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.



Chapter Industry Award Donations

SkillsUSA Michigan is striving to have at least one Industry Award for every medalist. To achieve this goal, we are asking each chapter to donate at least **ONE** Industry Award of any value. In order for your chapter to receive recognition for your donation at the State Conference, the State Conference Industry Awards Form must be filled out completely and sent in to the State Office by **April 1, 2012**. This form is available at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>. Please bring all industry awards to the SkillsUSA Michigan Headquarters at the Causeway Bay Hotel by April 21, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

PLEASE!!

SkillsUSA Michigan’s Advisor of the Year

We are looking for a few good advisors! Honor that special advisor that has gone above and beyond the call of duty by nominating them for SkillsUSA Michigan’s Advisor of the Year. The Advisor of the Year form is due to your regional representative by **February 17, 2012**. The nomination form is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.



Advisor State Conference Checksheet

An Advisor State Conference Checksheet developed by Steve Lick, the SkillsUSA state certified trainer, is now available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>. This checklist is a great tool with tips to help you keep on track and organized for the State Conference.

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Leadership Judge Nomination Form

We are in desperate need of qualified Leadership judges for States! We have 16 Leadership contests and we would like a minimum of 5 judges per contest. That's a total of 80 judges! If you know of someone who would be a great judge for a Leadership contest, please nominate them by **February 3, 2012**. The nomination form is available <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.

State Officer Candidate Application

Being a state officer is one of the highest honors a student can achieve in SkillsUSA Michigan. It can also be one of the most rewarding experiences for a student. If you have a student who wants to run for a state office, please have them complete and submit the State Officer Application by **March 2, 2012**. The State Officer Application is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.



SkillsUSA Michigan Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Where</u>
Jan 15, 2012	Final Membership Registration Due www.skillsusa-register.org	National Office
Jan 6, 2012	Design Contest Entries Due	State Office
Jan 6, 2012	State National Anthem Contest Audition DVDs Due	State Office
Apr 20-22, 2012	State Conference	Lansing
June 23-28, 2012	National Conference	Kansas City, MO

From the National Office –



State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarships

Scholarships are being provided by the State Farm Companies Foundation. For information and applications, go to <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>. Please encourage interested students to take action as soon as possible, as there is a 360 application limit. High school seniors with a GPA of 2.5-3.2 can apply for the 26, two-year, \$2,500 per year, scholarships to be used for higher education or technical school attendance.



Webinars Coming in 2012

Three national web conferences are scheduled for 2012. It's your chance to hear from and communicate with national staff. We'll provide some training and information on

professional development, some updating and motivating advice and tips on being a national leader.

Please join us for one or all of these events. Invite students, officer teams, key advisors, fellow instructors, alumni and others.

Value of Professional Development - January 18, 2012, 1 p.m. (EST)

No matter who you are or what you do, professional skills can make or break you. Business and industry look for quality employability skills, not just technical skills. Find out why this set of skills is important to your future success.

URL: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=4471090>

Telephone: 888-222-0475

Attendee code: 5692952

SkillsUSA Week: Skilled and Motivated - February 7, 2012, 1 p.m. (EST)

Use this webinar to help kick off SkillsUSA Week celebrations. Hear from your SkillsUSA leaders on the state of the organization. Listen to a special guest speaker on what it means to be “Skilled and Motivated” which is this year’s theme. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

URL: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=1736891>

Telephone: 888-222-0475

Attendee code: 5692952

So You Want to Be a National Officer? - March 14, 2012, 1 p.m. (EST)

Have a student you think would make a good national leader? Have they wanted to run for a national SkillsUSA office but weren’t sure how? Then this webinar is for those advisors or students! Our experts will provide an overview of the national officer candidate procedures and national officer responsibilities. They will also get to hear first-hand experience from a current national officer.

URL: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=8705179>

Telephone: 888-222-0475

Attendee code: 5692952

SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarships opportunities available for students on the SkillsUSA website. Please pass the word.

- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship (four @ \$1,000 each) - Deadline, **April 1, 2012** - go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/students/nths.shtml>
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - Deadline, **April 30, 2012** – go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/scholarships/smmscholarship.pdf>
- Alumni Merit Scholarship (two @ \$500 each) - Deadline, **May 15, 2012** – go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnischolar.shtml>

National Conference Pin and T-Shirt Contest Reminder

February 1, 2012 is the deadline for the entries to the SkillsUSA National Conference pin and T-Shirt competitions. This event is open to all paid student members of SkillsUSA and it's a great way to have a student and advisor from your state recognized in front of a national audience. A plaque for the teacher and student, plus a school grant to the advisor of the winning student will be awarded. Rules are in the membership kit and are also posted on the SkillsUSA website at <http://skillsusa.org/compete/pindesign.shtml>. Questions may be directed to Heidi Ambrose at 703-737-0615 or to hambrose@skillsusa.org.



Call for SkillsUSA Talent

Do you have a talented singer in your state who would enjoy a special performance opportunity? SkillsUSA seeks talented singers for the opening ceremony or awards ceremony during the 2012 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. We are looking for a SkillsUSA student member to sing the national anthem or another patriotic song appropriate for opening a general session. Singers may sing a capella or to a pre-recorded instrumental track. Send in all audition videotapes on DVD, postmarked by **February 1, 2012** to: Heidi Ambrose, SkillsUSA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176. Questions may be directed to Heidi at 703-737-0610 or hambrose@skillsusa.org.

