



2021 Virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference

The NLSC Virtual Conference Packet has all the information you need to register for the NLSC. Please be sure to read this whole packet, as it has a lot of very important information regarding this year's conference. (NOTE: Gold Medalists Qualify to compete at the NLSC).

Due Dates:

IMPORTANT – It is of the utmost importance that you adhere to these due dates!

- **April 30, 2021** – Qualifier Not Attending NLSC email due to State Office
- **May 7, 2021** – Online Conference Registration Due at www.skillsusa-register.org
- **May 14, 2021** – Final Cancellations, and Refund Requests due to State Office
- **May 21, 2021** – Payment Deadline due to State Office

Qualifier Not Attending Notification Form:

Please send state office an email if you have a student or team qualify to compete at the National Leadership and Skills Conference and they are **NOT** able to attend. This email is due **April 30, 2021**. This will allow SkillsUSA Michigan to notify the next qualifier in a timely manner.

Conference Registration:

All participants (advisors, contestants, delegates, state officers, etc.) must register for the National Conference. All conference registrations **MUST** be done online at www.skillsusa-register.org by the end of the day on **May 7, 2021**. ***The online registration must be filled out completely for each participant, including all emergency information.***

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTES:

- Student email and student cell numbers are very important in case the contest committee needs to contact a student.
- Participant mailing address must be accurate. Some contests will be shipping contest materials directly to students.
- Name of Teacher/Adult for each student **MUST** be the one-to-one Supervising Advisor – the actual advisor who will be available on the day of the contest supervising the student competitor and needs to have accurate email and cell phone numbers listed. This is in case the contest committee needs to contact the student or advisor in the event of an emergency.
- NLSC Advisor Registration – for every five (5) students registered for NLSC, at least one (1) advisor must be officially registered. **NO EXCEPTION** – students will be disqualified if this requirement is ignored.
- Delegates must register in the conference registration system.
- If student is a State Officer or State Voting Delegate, there is a check mark choice in registration that must be chosen on during the completion of the online registration form.
 - Michigan has 4 HS delegate votes and 2 CPS delegate votes.
 - Mrs. Warning will contact the school if they have been chosen to represent Michigan at the Delegate Meeting.
 - State Officers and / or Voting Delegates - if not competing, will register as participant.
- Engage Training and Advisor Academy for State Advisors must be added to online registration form – add as an event. There is an additional \$50 fee for this training, which is in addition to the conference registration fee.

Student Supervision Requirement:

SkillsUSA’s highest priority is student safety and ensuring that our student members experience an environment that is conducive to learning. The 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) is no exception to this priority. It is imperative that students participating virtually are provided with supervision to ensure:

- A safe environment.
- The ability to troubleshoot technical difficulties.
- The ability to connect to an adult in case of an emergency.
- Access to an individual to advocate on the student’s behalf.

With these goals in mind, the following NLSC Student Supervision Requirement has been established:

- **For every five (5) students registered for NLSC, at least one (1) advisor must be officially registered. NO EXCEPTION – students will be disqualified if this requirement is ignored.**
- A SkillsUSA advisor or other assigned chaperone may supervise up to five students during NLSC, schedules permitting. The only exception to this policy is for team competitions, where one advisor may chaperone all students on a single competition team, even if this number exceeds five students.
- Each student participating in the NLSC as a competitor, contest model, or Models of Excellence Program participant is required to have an adult chaperone. This is ideally the student’s SkillsUSA advisor, but it may be another instructor or staff member. It is recommended that a student competitor have one advisor registered for the conference who represents the program area for which the student is competing in. Specific professional development experiences have been created to provide additional value to the SkillsUSA advisor experience at NLSC.
- **The registered advisor or chaperone must remain accessible at all times while their students are actively participating in NLSC.** “Accessible” means participating with the student in the events as permissible; monitoring the student during skilled competitions to ensure safety practices are followed; and being immediately reachable by cell phone text or email. This policy applies to all student participation in all NLSC activities on all dates. Students who do not have a registered advisor/chaperone will not be allowed to participate in NLSC activities, including competitions.

Special Needs Contestant Form: If you registered a student who has special needs, you need to complete this online form by June 1, 2021. <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/special-needs-contestant-information-2021/>

NLSC Costs:

NLSC Participant, Contestant, and Advisors	\$110 includes a t-shirt
NLSC Engage Training (optional - for Advisors)	\$50 in addition to conference registration fee
NLSC Academy of Excellence (for Advisors)	Free to NLSC advisor participants

Payments:

All payments are to be made to the State Office at the address below by May 21, 2021.

SkillsUSA Michigan
PO Box 980432
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Drops / Cancellations:

Schools are responsible for paying for all participants who did not drop or cancel by the national May 14, 2021 deadline. This includes contestants, advisors, or any paid registrant.

Exceptions to this policy will be made for COVID related illnesses only. To be eligible for a refund a physician’s note will be required. Send documentation to Patty Duncan or attach to the drop change online form.

Travel Scholarships:

If your student(s) received a Travel Scholarship, please deduct the amount from your total due for your SkillsUSA Michigan conference registration.

Conference Scholarships:

NLSC Registration Scholarship

Provided by Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund

SkillsUSA is proud to announce, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund, a scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA members (students and teachers). Eligible members can apply to receive \$95 scholarship to offset the registration fees for the 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference. Applications will be accepted from April 16 – May 14, 2021. Recipients will be announced June 1, 2021. Refer to Scholarship Application for full details including eligibility.

Apply here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

NLSC Career Competition Grant

Provided by Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund

SkillsUSA is proud to announce, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund, a grant opportunity for SkillsUSA members. The Hope Fund was created to support members and chapters in need during times of hardship including natural disaster, financial challenges and most recently economic challenges resulting from the pandemic. The National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) Championships will be conducted in a localized, virtual setting. In most instances, schools or local business will be hosting the competitor. Great efforts have been taken so that materials and supplies are provided by the National Technical Committee. When that is not possible, the local school district and/or local businesses are asked to support the competitor by providing the items. SkillsUSA recognizes that school districts may be experiencing hardships during the pandemic, therefore financial resources have been made available for competitors to receive financial support for competition supplies through the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund. SkillsUSA chapters or school districts can apply on behalf of eligible members to receive a grant to offset costs associated with purchasing materials and supplies to be able to participate in the 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference. Applications will be accepted from April 16 – May 14, 2021. Recipients will be announced June 1, 2021. Refer to the Grant Application for full details including eligibility.

Apply here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Carpentry and TeamWorks Support Grant

SkillsUSA is proud to announce, in partnership with the Carpentry and TeamWorks National Technical Committees, a grant opportunity for SkillsUSA members. Great efforts have been taken so that materials and supplies are provided by the National Technical Committee. SkillsUSA chapters or school districts are eligible on behalf of students to receive a grant to offset costs associated with purchasing materials and supplies to be able to participate in the 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference **Carpentry competition (\$500)** and **TeamWorks competition (\$1,000)**. Forms must be completed between April 16 – May 14, 2021 to be eligible to receive support. Support will be confirmed by May 21, 2021. Refer to the Grant Application for full details including eligibility.

Apply here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Awards Ceremony:

The Awards Ceremony will be hosted LIVE via Zoom on June 24, 2021 from 3:00pm-8:00pm EST.

- 3:00pm Parade of Champions (Advisors please plan a Watch Party and join the parade)
- 3:30pm Awards Segment 1 – approx. 80 minutes
- 5:00pm Awards Segment 2 – approx. 80 minutes
- 6:30pm Awards Segment 3 – approx. 80 minutes
- The time between each segment will have a live DJ
- Each segment will be broken down by career clusters (*to be announced at a later date*)
- The top 9 competitors in each contest will be recognized and will be asked to join the Awards Ceremony LIVE for the announcement of the first, second and third place winners

Awards Ceremonies Attire: The state office would like for those students who are being recognized during the Awards Ceremony, Delegate Meetings and Championship Contests to be dressed in neat, business casual attire. As an organization, we must portray a professional image to the business, industry, education, and government representatives attending these sessions. We would prefer Official SkillsUSA attire but understand that may not be possible and will accept a nice shirt (polo, button up, blouse, and/or SkillsUSA shirt).

Official SkillsUSA Attire:

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker, or sweater, or black or red SkillsUSA jacket
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie), white blouse (collarless or small-collared) or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket
- Black dress slacks (accompanied by black dress socks or black or skin-tone seamless hose) or black dress skirt (knee-length) (accompanied by black or skin-tone seamless hose)
- Black dress shoes



2021 National Leadership and Skills Conference National Championships Information

Championship Contest Dates: Most of the NLSC contests are being held the week of June 14th. However, there are a few contests that are starting prior to June 14th.

Championships Required Dates and Supplies List: The national office has posted a tentative dates and supplies list on this website. Advisors should review this list to prepare for their student's contest needs https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_CY0V0-V44fmnRF_B5hT_ruefidEnvaYwSk2-VOXBwE/edit#gid=1679607615

Championships Contest Updates: Please be sure to read the contest updates posted on the National web page at <http://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/>.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please be sure to check the contest updates regularly. Your student will not be prepared for the contest without this information. We want all competitors to be aware of this information and any changes!

Video Submission or Zoom Live/Contest Requirements: Please refer to the Contest Technical Standards (advisor member benefits), the above two links (Championship Required Dates/Supplies and Championship Contest Changes), and the LMS/ Championship HUB for information regarding how each contest is being hosted/administered. Each contest committee has set contest requirements and guidelines and it is the responsibility of the advisor and contestant to review all documentation to ensure student is prepared for contest requirements.

LMS/Championship HUB: NLSC Championships will be hosted via the LMS/Championship HUB. Access to the NLSC LMS/Championship HUB Modules will begin on June 1, 2021. **ALL CONTESTANTS SHOULD LOG IN ON JUNE 1st to make sure you have access to the appropriate NLSC modules (orientation and contest).**

National PD Assessment: All competitors will be taking the PD Assessment on the LMS/Championship HUB. The due date for completing the National PD Assessment is June 7, 2021

Résumé: Each student must submit a one-page printed resume by June 7, 2021 within the LMS/Championship HUB.

Contest Documentation Submissions: Several contests have contest documentation submission requirements, such as contest notebooks. Students should access the LMS/Championship HUB (beginning June 1st) for details and deadlines, some deadlines are as early as June 7, 2021.

National Technical Assessments: Most technical contests require students to take the national technical assessment within the LMS/Championship HUB by June 7, 2021.

Clothing Requirement: The clothing requirement for your contest is found in the Technical Standards.



2021 National Leadership and Skills Conference Tentative Condensed Schedule

- June 14 – 18 SkillsUSA Championships
(some events will occur prior to this week and some after but the majority will be held week of June 14)
- June 14 Advisor of the Year Interviews (9 a.m. – noon)
- June 15 Models of Excellence Personal Interviews (10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- June 16 Models of Excellence Workplace Interviews (10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- June 17 Models of Excellence Technical Interviews (10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- June 19 – 21 Leverage and Engage Training *(for those registered for these additional fee trainings)*
- June 22 Delegate Kick-Off and Training Session (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)
- June 22 Delegate Social Activity (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.)
- June 22 – 24 Advisor Professional Development Training
- June 23 Delegate Meet the Candidates (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)
- June 23 Delegate Business Session (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.)
- June 24 Awards and Recognition Session (3:30 p.m.)
- 2021-2022 National Officer Announcement and Installation
 - Advisor of the Year
 - Honorary Life Award
 - Models of Excellence
 - Outstanding Educator Award
 - Pin Design
 - Presidential Volunteer Service Award
 - SkillsUSA Championships including Leadership, Occupationally Related and Skill Competitions
 - Student2Student
 - T-shirt Design



2021 Virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference Training Opportunities

Advisor/Teacher Professional Development:

Members must be pre-registered to attend these sessions, follow the instructions below.

- **Engage Sessions** *optional for Advisors (\$50 in addition to conference registration fee, must pre-register when you register for conference)*
Saturday, June 19, 2021 11:30am – 4:30pm
Monday, June 21, 2021 11:30am – 2:30pm
- **Academy of Excellence Sessions** *optional for Advisors (free, but must pre-register when you register for conference)*
June 22, 2021 – June 24, 2021 (see attached schedule for date and time options)
- **Transition to Teaching*** (part of the Academy of Excellence) is for new teachers (0-3 years of experience). **This program is a \$3000 value and teachers must commit to the whole program June 21-25 (see attached schedule for dates and times)*
- To register; log on to: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login , Click the Conference tab > My Registrations.
 - Engage: Locate Also Attending: and select **Engage** from the drop-down menu.
 - Academy of Excellence: 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 sessions box to register for a specific time and date.

NLSC Engage Training for State Advisors:

Engage is a professional development training conference designed to help teachers better understand and implement educational best practices, as well as leadership development materials and interactive resources available through SkillsUSA. Students and teachers alike have faced an innumerable number of challenges over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you look to next fall, and the likelihood of classrooms being back in school buildings, consider how you will create the loving, caring environment so many students will seek – and that all students deserve. As you reflect on this past year and its variety of learning scenarios, consider the stress you felt personally and the stress your students experienced unique to their own situations. During this year's Engage conference, become equipped with some of the 9 Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom. Educators are bracing for – or are already experiencing – the mental health crisis experts know is plaguing many students because of the pandemic. Come and learn from Dr. Fay, CEO of Love and Logic, a trained Love and Logic facilitator, and a trained facilitator on the SkillsUSA Framework and educational resources. You'll develop skills that will help you engage with students in meaningful, respectful, and caring ways to help them get the most learning out of your classroom. Keep adding tools to your classroom toolbox by learning about new SkillsUSA Framework educational resources as well! You will receive, as a participant in Engage, a complimentary copy of all SkillsUSA resources presented. The resources are valued at more than \$50!

NLSC Academy of Excellence for State Advisors and Transition to Teaching (free to paying NLSC advisors):

Teacher and advisor registrants of the 2021 National Leadership and Skills Conference have opportunities to participate in six different robust and engaging professional development opportunities. Four of these conference strands are offered multiple times, while two are offered with segments continuing over multiple days. Registrants have access to as many strands as they can accommodate in their schedule with no additional fee. Read about each strand below and register to attend on the national registration site.

Prof. Dev. Events	Professional Development Description	Options
Work-Based Learning and Student Employability Skill Development	<p>Start this professional development opportunity by learning how to engage students in workplace experiences – even when in a virtual environment. Continue by completing the Career Essentials Implementation training so you'll be equipped to engage students in a high-quality project-based curriculum that will help them explore career options and develop the skills needed for success no matter the career they choose.</p> <p>*Completers of the Career Essentials Implementation certification during the 2021 NLSC will receive one free student access to a Career Essentials course of their choice.</p> <p>Product: Career Essentials implementation plan Certification: Career Essentials Certified Teacher Time Commitment: 4 hours live; 2 ½ hours self-paced CEUs: 4 hours without certification; 6 ½ hours with certification</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 22nd Part A: 11am – 1pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd Part A: 11am – 1pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Thursday, June 24th 10:30am – 2:30pm</p> <p>*Parts A and B required in sequence.</p>
High-Quality CTE Program Development	<p>Ready to start or build the highest-quality career and technical education program possible? Complete this professional development to evaluate all aspects of your CTE program against the 12 ACTE high-quality CTE program self-evaluation instrument. Then, collaborate with peers to develop your program improvement plan to achieve standards of excellence for career and technical education. Learn how to engage your school or building administrator in actualizing your plan and be well on the way to a program of excellence.</p> <p>*Be among the first CTE programs associated with SkillsUSA to complete the self-evaluation, create the plans to advance, and be recognized for program quality at the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference!</p> <p>Product: CTE Program Growth Plan Certification: Program of Excellence Planning Time Commitment: 4 hours live; 5 hours self-paced CEUs: 9 hours</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 22nd Part A: 11am – 1pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd Part A: 11am – 1pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Thursday, June 24th 10:30am – 2:30pm *Parts A and B required in sequence.</p>
New SkillsUSA Advisor Training	<p>Come learn the essentials of starting your work as a SkillsUSA advisor! Through this professional development built intentionally for advisors in their first, second, or third year, you will be advising a high-quality, engaging chapter in no time. You'll be equipped to engage your students as leaders and to avoid becoming an overwhelmed advisor; you'll be ready to truly advise.</p> <p>*This track is like the Programs of Work that Work track for advisors who have been serving in that role for more than three years.</p> <p>Product: Plans to engage students as leaders in developing a high-quality chapter Certification: Beginning Advisor Chapter Excellence Planning Time Commitment: 4 hours live CEUs: 4 hours</p>	<p><u>Offered in 3 Segments</u> Tuesday, June 22nd 1pm – 2:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd 1pm – 2:30pm Thursday, June 24th 2:30pm – 3:30pm</p>

Prof. Dev. Events	Professional Development Description	Options
Programs of Work that Work	<p>Are you eager to empower your students to develop a SkillsUSA chapter that engages all members in Framework skill development? This professional development experience will help you do just that – advise students in owning and developing an outstanding chapter. Learn how to engage students in self-evaluating their SkillsUSA Framework skills, guiding the students to make program of work decisions driven by the chapter’s Framework skill data, and learn how to support students in completing the Chapter Excellence Program application.</p> <p>Product: Plans to engage students as leaders in developing a chapter that serves and engages all members. Certification: Chapter Excellence Planning Time Commitment: 4 hours live CEUs: 4 hours</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 22nd Part A: 11am – 1pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd Part A: 11am – 1:00pm Part B: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Thursday, June 24th 10:30am – 2:30pm *Parts A and B required in sequence.</p>
Transition to Teaching	<p>Are you teaching in a career and technical education program without having completed a teacher preparation training program or without a teaching degree? This rigorous and intense professional development experience will help you get started on the basics as you prepare for the upcoming school year. Explore topics such as lesson planning, classroom management, lab management, and SkillsUSA chapter management.</p> <p><i>The target audience for this experience includes teachers in their first, second, or third year of teaching, but all teachers who want to improve their teaching skills and who did not receive formal teacher training are welcome to register.</i></p> <p>*Take advantage of this opportunity being included in your registration this year. It’s a \$3,000 value available to you for just \$95 (your conference registration). Product: Lesson plans, classroom documents, classroom management techniques and more! Certification: SkillsUSA Transition to Teaching Time Commitment: 18 hours (combination of on- and off-line) CEUs: 18 hours **Valued at over \$3,000; participants must commit to the entire training time.</p>	<p>Monday, June 21st 2:30pm – 5:30pm Tuesday, June 22nd 11:30am – 5:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd 11:30am – 5:30pm Thursday, June 24th 11:30am – 3:30pm</p> <p>*Participants of Transition to Teaching must commit to participating to the entire training and will be unable to complete any other Academy of Excellence opportunities</p>
E-Resource Overview	<p>As a bonus gift for your registration and participation in the 2021 NLSC virtual teacher professional development opportunities, receive a complimentary 60-day access to five e-modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SkillsUSA Framework • CTE Knowledge • Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a SkillsUSA Leader • Communicating with Authenticity in Informal Situations • Building Self-Motivation in Student Leaders <p>This 60-minute session will be a simple overview of the resources available to you as an attendee in at least one track of the Academy of Excellence in CTE and SkillsUSA professional development offerings. *When you complete the work associated with the SkillsUSA Framework and CTE Knowledge modules, you also have the opportunity to achieve their respective certifications.</p>	<p><u>3 Options Available</u> Tuesday, June 22nd 4:30pm – 5:30pm Wednesday, June 23rd 4:30pm – 5:30pm Thursday, June 24th 2:30pm – 3:30pm</p>



2021 National Leadership and Skills Conference
Qualifier Not Attending Notification Form

Please send this information in an email to cwarning@emich.edu

Please complete this brief form if you have a student or team qualify to compete at the National Leadership and Skills Conference and they are **NOT** able to attend. This will allow SkillsUSA Michigan to notify the next qualifier in a timely manner.

School: _____

Qualifier Not Attending: _____

Qualifier's Event: _____

Advisor's Signature

Date

***Email this form or information to cwarning@emich.edu
by April 30, 2021***



2021 National Leadership and Skills Conference Advisor Registration Instructions for 2021 Virtual NLSC

VOLUNTEERS:

If you wish to volunteer: 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

NLSC REGISTRATIONS:

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 advisor, school personnel or state director 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.
- **Advisor:** Teachers of participating students.
- **Participant:** State officers, delegates, or any other attendee who will be attending the virtual conference but not competing.
- **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.**

How to Register for Conference:

1. Log on to: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.
2. Click the Conference tab > My Registrations
3. 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 the Customer Care Team for assistance by chat, email, or phone.*
4. **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.**
5. 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.
6. Names added to the registration site are considered registered for NLSC whether you click on the Submit button or not.
7. When you are finished, click the Submit button to generate an invoice to give to your bookkeeper.

Engage

Advisors only, a \$50 fee in addition to the conference registration fee, must pre-register:

Locate Also Attending: and select **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, free to all registered NLSC advisors, but must pre-register:

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 sessions 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 participants conference registration record is checked and electronically signed.
- **Home Addresses**: You must provide a home address for Contestants, Delegates and State Officers. Contest awards and corporate gifts are mailed to contestant home addresses. Delegates and Officers 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.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How can I print a report of my NLSC registration?

Click [Conference](#) > [Registration Summary](#). You may also select the following reports from the Conference tab> [Fee Summary](#), [Fees Per Program](#) or [Fee Details](#).

Where do we send our money?

All payments are to be made to the State Office at the address below by May 21, 2021.

SkillsUSA Michigan
PO Box 980432
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Why can't I view all my school's participant records?

To view and update all records of your school participant(s), you must own them (you created the record). If you are responsible for registering everyone and are unable to access, contact our Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 to change your user access.

Why can't I get the record to save?

Required information may be missing: Look for alerts in red typed script. Example: Birth date must be entered as MM/DD/YYYY (a four-digit year).

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.

Why can't I enter my participant in a contest?

To enter a contest, you must select the registration type Contestant, then select the contest.

How do I correct a student's mis-spelled name when the system will not allow me to change?

A contestant name must match the spelling in the membership record. Only national staff can correct the spelling of a member name. To request a correction, click the link above the Participants name; [Click here to request a spelling correction for Contestants](#) in the conference registration record.

What is the Submit button?

This button will generate an invoice for you to remit for payment to your school bookkeeper. Your registration is complete upon adding the names to the conference registration website. Everyone registered for the conference - whether you click on submit or not – is required to pay the conference fee, and if applicable, any optional trainings that have been selected.

Who do I call for registration support?

Contact the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team at customercare@skillsusa.org or 844-875-4557 or by chat on the SkillsUSA conference registration website.



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◆ **5 YEARS OF THE PRIZE** ◆



The 2021 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence

About the Prize for Teaching Excellence

- Harbor Freight Tools for Schools announced Wednesday, March 24 that applications are now open for its 2021 Prize for Teaching Excellence.
- The prize will award cash prizes totaling over \$1 million to 18 outstanding public high school skilled trades teachers and their programs.
- This is our 5th year of hosting the Prize for Teaching Excellence!
- Harbor Freight Tools for Schools awards the prize because skilled trades teachers are heroes who help students develop their talents and pursue great careers.

Key Information

1. Applications are open from March 24 to May 21, 2021.
2. Applicants must be skilled trades teachers at U.S. public high schools.
3. Apply and learn more at <https://hftforschoolsprize.org/>.
4. Questions? Email prize@hftforschools.org.

Our Definition of Skilled Trades

The prize is focused on U.S. public high school instructors who teach skilled trades classes that emphasize the expert use of tools and materials to build, repair and maintain products and structures. Most applicants will come from the following broad fields:

- Agriculture Mechanics
- Carpentry
- Construction
- Electrical
- HVAC (Heating, ventilation, air conditioning)
- Manufacturing
- Plumbing
- Transportation mechanics and repair
- Welding

Advisors, please share this information with your graduating seniors and alumni:



The **FREE** Michigan Apprenticeship Program Plus (MAP+) is now online and available to any Michigan resident.

- June 21 – August 14, 2021
- Classes in shop arithmetic, blue-print reading, industrial safety, trade preparation
- Online, flexible format
- Earn Industrial Readiness Certificate from Macomb Community College, if requirements meant.
- Career and academic seminars from college staff

Get the easy application by emailing Brianne at bstele@misd.net. Applications accepted through June 1, 2021, until spots are filled.

FAQs

What is the purpose of MAP+?

This program prepare individuals for apprenticeship or other entry-level work-based employment opportunities related to the skilled trades. This program is relevant to students pursuing any skilled trades, including those on the top 50 jobs in Michigan list.

How does it connect students to employers?

Students who successfully complete the program will be invited to a virtual networking and interview event with employers in Macomb County. (Most beneficial for those in Southeast Michigan).

How many hours a week is it?

It will take about 19 hours a week, less if with have strong math skills. Most of classes are completed on your own schedule, except for career seminars, tests, and a few assignments.

Could I do the program another time?

No, this will be the last MAP+ program as the U.S. Department of Labor American Apprenticeship Initiative grant is ending.

Who can apply for the program?

Any Michigan resident over the age of 18 or high school students graduating in June 2021.

What is the application like?

The application is short, but requires supporting documentation, such as a high school transcript.

Who do I contact with my questions or for my information?

Brianne Steele, MAP+ Outreach and Recruitment, at bstele@misd.net or 586.226.4586.

Use this form if your school is interested in ordering additional shirts for those who are not attending the National Conference.

All paid conference participants will receive a shirt through the registration portal.

2021 SkillsUSA State T-shirt Order Form

This year we wanted to offer schools the opportunity to order SkillsUSA State T-shirts from the State Office.

The shirt design will be based on the winning T-shirt design from the State Conference.

Shirts will be packaged by school and shipped to school shipping address.

Cost of \$15 per shirt includes shipping costs. (NOTE: 2X and above requires an additional \$2/shirt).

				Number of shirts in each size (\$15 each)					
School Name	Shipping Address	Responsible Advisor	Advisor phone number	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2X-Large (+\$2)	3X-Large (+\$2)
Cost:									
Total Cost:									

Orders are due May 15, 2021.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Payments are to be made to the State Office at the address below by May 21, 2021.

SkillsUSA Michigan

PO Box 980432

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

If you choose to pay by credit card, please use this form:

http://miskillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/billing_creditcardform.pdf