



# SLSC Championships Guide 2025

## About SkillsUSA Maine Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships we believe is the state’s largest hands-on workforce development event for middle-school, high school and college/postsecondary students enrolled in career and technical education programs. SkillsUSA Maine hosts the event at an estimated cost of more than \$100,000, which includes in-kind donations of supplies and volunteer time.

The 2025 event will be held at the Cross Center, Mid-Maine Technical Center, United technologies Center and Eastern Maine Community College; with a few events being held off site in the weeks before the Championships.

The SkillsUSA Maine Championships program has been established to determine who is eligible to compete. The championships are broken down into 3 levels of competition: local, state, and national. The state gold medalist in each category will be invited to represent Maine in Atlanta, GA.

All SkillsUSA members of Chapters in Good Standing are eligible to participate at the local level in competitions and advance in accordance with the 2024 Guidelines established for the SkillsUSA Championships Program.

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## Conference Rules and Regulations

### **Competition Intent**

Each school must declare all competitors they intend to have compete in State Competition by registering them on <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx> by February 6, 2025.

### **SkillsUSA Maine Championships**

The SkillsUSA Maine Championships will be held March 13 & 14, 2025 at the Cross Insurance Center, United Technologies Center and Eastern Maine Community College. Knowledge based testing and any other written test will be given ahead of time on ***February 24, 2025 through March 6, 2025.***

### **Contest Technical Standards**

The SkillsUSA Championship Technical Standards list all contest areas and provide information about equipment, scope of contest, clothing, etc. This OFFICIAL information will be utilized by technical committee members to establish contests for the State Competitions at all sites. Please provide this information to your students so they will fully understand how they will be judged. State only contest technical standards can be found on our website.

### **Written Testing**

A contest specific written test may be given for any contest held as part of the State Championships. The contest specific written test will be offered during the online testing window or as part of the contest on the day of competitions as specified by the Contest Chairs.

A Professional Development test will be required of all contestants and will be available during the online testing window. This will count towards the competitor's final score.

### **Contest Hub**

Once an advisor becomes a professional member, they will be given access to the SkillsUSA Maine Championships Hub. Contestants will be provided access to this resource once they have been registered for a contest. This resource will contain the technical standard, clothing standard, contest updates, a Q&A section, as well as any announcements. Advisors will be able to access information for all contests and competitors will only be able to access information for their contest.

### **Resume**

All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit a copy through the Contest Hub no later than March 7, 2025. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty. The conference coordinator will provide guidance to the contest chairs as to whether these have been uploaded online or not.

### **Membership**

Please be reminded that rosters and student membership dues must be submitted to the National Headquarters. Rosters and dues must be postmarked no later than February 7, 2025. Students not registered with the SkillsUSA National Office will not be allowed to compete at the state level.

# State Leadership and Skills Championships

## **Cheating**

Cheating in any manner or method by adults or SkillsUSA members will not be tolerated. Should a determination be made by the SkillsUSA Maine Director that there is evidence of cheating, the offending school's director will be notified and the contestant(s) in question will be disqualified from further participation in that specific competitive event.

## **Conference Fees**

All schools will receive a Conference Registration Invoice from SkillsUSA Maine the first week of February and will need to make payment by March 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be able to pay via the provided link or send your checks made payable to: Maine SkillsUSA – State Conference. Any issues will be addressed by the State Director. Mail check and invoice to:

Hal Casey – State Director  
SkillsUSA Maine  
88 Cunningham Ridge Rd  
Surry, ME 04684

## **Competition Selection**

SkillsUSA members may compete in any competition their program is eligible for as defined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards. Competencies in the Technical Skill competitions must be a primary component of their local curriculum. By registering for the contest, the school and advisor are certifying that the student has met and passed the appropriate safety training necessary for the contest and has sufficient training in the competencies of the competition. All SkillsUSA members are eligible to participate in Leadership and Occupationally Related competitive events.

## **Competitors with Special Needs**

SkillsUSA Maine Contest sites will make every effort to provide assistance and accommodations, as appropriate, to create equal opportunities and playing field for all contestants. Schools with competitors who require special assistance/accommodations should notify SkillsUSA Maine in writing at least two weeks prior to the State Event. It is the school's responsibility to provide any additional staff/aide that might be needed.

## **Grievances**

The SkillsUSA Maine Championships grievance committee will officially recognize only those grievances filed in accordance with the following instructions:

- The contestant, local advisor, or school administrator will file a written grievance on the form provided describing the situation in question and the violation of the Technical Standards. The completed grievance form will be submitted to the grievance committee within 15 minutes after the completion of the contest.
- Grievance forms can be obtained from the Championships Office at Cross Insurance Center. Decisions of the grievance committee are final!
- After the awards ceremony, protests of awards presented must be filed in writing with the Director of SkillsUSA Maine before 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday following the state conference. Changes in awards may be made only where a contest chairperson determines that one of the following errors existed at the time of the awards ceremony:
  - Error in transposition of numbers in tabulating scores
  - Error in transposition of contestant names
  - Error in announcing of winners
- The SkillsUSA Maine Director reserves the right to make placement changes regardless of whether a grievance has been filed up to the date of departure for the national conference.

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## Release of Competition Results

The competition results will first be shared at the Awards Session following the competitions. The Contest Chair or Committee members should not share any scoring details with any competitor or advisor. Competitors will be allowed to see their individual scores following the state competition through our online system.

## Awards

SkillsUSA Championships medals and/or awards may be presented to the top three competitors in each division. Competitors are rated against a standard of performance rather than automatically being awarded first-, second- or third-place medals based on the highest rankings. Medals will not be awarded if the standard of performance, as determined by the technical committee, does not justify the recognition.

- a. No ties are permitted
- b. The state association will determine designation as a finalist
- c. Judges' decisions are final. The state director will make interpretations of all competition rules of the SkillsUSA Championships.

## Tools and Materials

Participants who do not bring the required tools and materials as specified in the individual competition regulations may be penalized two points for each item missing. Such penalties will be assessed by the Contest Chair. The committee may furnish the required item(s) but may still assess a two-point penalty per item.

## Competitor Expectations

It is in the spirit of competition and good sportsmanship to demonstrate professional courtesy to other competitors. Competitors shall in no way disrupt or interfere with the work or performance of fellow competitors or teams. Any competitor or team found to be in violation of this regulation may be at risk of penalty or even disqualification in the case of a serious violation.

## Prohibited Devices

Cell phones or other electronic devices not approved by a contest chair are **NOT** allowed in the competition area. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. The contest chair may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

## Penalties for Prohibited Devices

If a competitor's electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it at any time during the competition, an official report will be documented for review by the SkillsUSA Maine State Director. If confirmed that the competitor used the device in a manner which compromised the integrity of the competition, the competitor's scores may be canceled.

## Observer Rules

During the competition, participants must work independently and without assistance from judges, teachers, fellow students or observers. Competitors will be disqualified for receiving such assistance.

1. No observers, including SkillsUSA advisors, will enter the designated competition areas without the approval of the SkillsUSA Championships technical committee.
2. No observers will talk or gesture to competitors. Doing so may result in penalties or disqualification.
3. Judges may request a penalty or disqualify competitors who interact with or accept assistance from observers.
4. No observers will be permitted in the competition holding room or at the competition orientation meeting unless specifically invited by the SkillsUSA Championships technical committee.
5. Additional rules for observers, such as not entering or leaving a competition area during a demonstration or sequence, may be posted and enforced to protect competitors from unnecessary distractions.
6. The technical committee chair may close the competition to observers if observers are seen to be communicating or aiding competitors in any way or if safety demands such action.

# State Leadership and Skills Championships

## **Models and Assistants**

Nail Care and Esthetics models or assistants in Action Skills, Principles of Technology and Job Skill Demonstrations A and Open must also be registered SkillsUSA student members. Models and assistants are not required to be from the same school as the competitor. They are not considered competitors and are not required to attend competitors' orientation meetings. Since models and assistants are not involved in the written test and are not considered competitors, they are also not eligible to receive medals. They may, however, receive a participation certificate or other form of recognition.

## **Piercings and Tattoos**

Any piercings should not in any way cause a safety issue for the competitor. If the piercing is determined to be a safety liability, the item must be removed for the duration of the SkillsUSA Championships competition. Failure to comply will result in a safety penalty. Safety penalties will vary depending on the severity. Anywhere from a minor 10-point penalty to disqualification/removal from the competition area.

Any tattoo that is vulgar, sexual or morbid should be covered with clothing, makeup or a bandage while competing in any SkillsUSA Championships competition. Failure to do so will result in a scoring penalty. Any penalty here would go under a clothing penalty.

## **SkillsUSA Championships Clothing Requirements**

Competitors in the SkillsUSA Championships must wear the approved SkillsUSA Championships clothing or work uniform specified for their competition or be subject to a penalty of up to 5 percent of the total points available.

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## Important Dates

It is extremely important that deadlines are followed to ensure that contests don't get canceled due to low enrollment, students get registered in the correct contest, nametags are correct, and all other aspects of the conference are accurate.

The dates listed below are no later than dates.

January 1, 2025	State Championships Registration Opens
February 7, 2025	Membership Deadline - State dues paid for all participants
February 3, 2025	National anthem audition tapes due
February 3, 2025	State Nominations Due for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Advisor of the Year</li><li>● Honorary Life Member</li><li>● Cornerstone Award</li><li>● Pillars of Success Award</li></ul>
February 2-8, 2025	SkillsUSA Week
February 7, 2025	Contestants registered by name and contest <i>No additions to contests after this date!</i> <i>Any name change made after this date will be charged a \$10 per change fee.</i>
February 14, 2025	National Nominations Due for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● National Honorary Life Member</li><li>● Outstanding Career and Technical Educator</li><li>● Hall of Champions Award</li></ul>
February 24-March 6, 2025	Online Testing Window <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Professional Development Test for ALL competitors</li><li>● Contest specific written tests (if applicable)</li></ul>
March 5, 2025	Marine Service Technology Contest at Mid-Coast School of Technology

## Conference Fees

Competitor - High School/ College/PS	\$75.00
Competitor - Middle School	\$35.00
Advisors/Observers	\$75.00
CTE Director	\$35.00
Bus Driver	Free
Award Ceremony Tickets (Non-Conference Registrants)	\$10.00

# State Leadership and Skills Championships

## Conference Schedule

### Thursday, March 13

<b>9:00 am</b>	Registration opens for Middle School	CIC Arena
<b>10:00 am</b>	Registration opens for all others Courtesy Corps Contestants Report	CIC Arena CIC Arena
<b>10:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	Techspo opens	CIC Arena
<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>	Middle School contests	CIC Arena
<b>2:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	State Officer meet the candidates Leadership Contests	CIC Arena CIC Arena
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Doors open for Opening Ceremonies	CIC Arena
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Opening Ceremonies/ Middle School Awards	CIC Arena

### Friday, March 14

<b>6:00 am</b>	Competitors for Courtesy Corp, Criminal Justice report to contest sites.
<b>6:15 am</b>	Competitors for Information Technology Services, Technical Computer Applications, Welding, Wedding Cake Design, Baking and Pastry Arts, and Culinary Arts report to contest sites.
<b>6:45 am</b>	Competitors for Video News Production, Video Production and Electrical Construction Wiring report to contest sites.
<b>7:15 am</b>	Competitors for 3D Visualization & Animation, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Cabinetmaking, Collision Repair, Collision Appraisal, Commercial Roofing, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Photography, Technical Drafting, Automotive Refinishing, and First Aid/CPR report to testing sites.
<b>7:30 am</b>	Job Interview
<b>7:45 am</b>	Competitors for all contests that start at 8am report to testing sites.
<b>9:00 am</b>	Techspo Opens
<b>12:00 pm</b>	All SkillsUSA contests end. Students are required to remove all equipment from testing sites.
<b>4:30 pm</b>	Doors Open for Closing Ceremonies
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Closing/Awards Ceremony – Cross Center Techspo closes.

\* Check the SkillsUSA Maine Hub for any changes to the schedule.

\*\*All students must be in competition dress or full SkillsUSA Dress to go onstage to receive a medal.



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## Competition Quotas

Contests	Middle School	High School	College/PS
3D Visualization and Animation (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
3D Printing - Middle School	5		
Action Skills	6	3	3
Advertising Design		2	2
Architectural Drafting		2	2
Audio Production (Team of 2)		1 team	1 team
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair		1	
Automotive Refinishing Technology		1	2
Automotive Service Technology		1	3
Auto Tool Identification (State Only)		1	3
Baking and Pastry Arts (previously Commercial Baking)		1	2
Basic Health Care Skills		1	1
Cabinetmaking		1	3
Career Pathways (Team of 3)		1	1
Carpentry		1	3
Carpentry Knowledge Test (State Only)		2	2
Chapter Display (Team of 3)	1 team	1 team	1 team
CNC 2-Axis Turning (formally CNC Turning)		1	1
CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer (formally CNC Milling)		1	1
CNC Programmer (formally CNC Tech)		1	1
CO2 Dragster – Middle School only (State Only)	10		
Collision Appraisal Technician		2	2

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Contests	Middle School	High School	College/PS
Collision Repair Technology		1	2
Collision Repair Tool Identification (State Only)		2	2
Commercial Roofing		1	1
Community Action (Team of 2)	5 teams	2 teams	2 teams
Community Service (Team of 3)	3 teams	2 teams	2 teams
Computer Programming		2	2
Cosmetology		1	1
Courtesy Corp (State Only)		3	3
Crime Scene Investigation (Team of 3)		1 team	1 team
Criminal Justice		1	1
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl (Team of 5)		1 team	1 team
Culinary Arts		1	3
Customer Service		2	3
Cyber Security (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
Diesel Equipment Technology		3	2
Digital Cinema Production (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
Early Childhood Education		1	1
Electrical Construction Wiring		2	2
Electrical Construction Wiring Knowledge Test (State Only)		2	2
Emergency Medical Technician (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
Employability Knowledge Test (State Only)		2	2
Employment Application Process		3	3
Entrepreneurship (Team of 4)		2 teams	2 teams
Extemporaneous Speaking	3	1	3

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Contests	Middle School	High School	College/PS
Facilithon-Leadership in Facility Management		1	1
Fire Fighting		2	2
First Aid/CPR		1	3
Health Knowledge Bowl (Team of 4)		1 team	1 team
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio		2	2
Heating (State Only)		2	2
Heavy Equipment Operations		2	2
Information Technology Services		1	3
Interactive Application and Video Game Design (Team of 2)		1 team	1 team
Internetworking		2	2
Job Interview (MS - State Only)	5	1	3
Job Skill Demo A	5	1	2
Job Skill Demo O	6	3	3
Marine Service Technology		2	2
Masonry		3	3
Medical Math		2	2
Medical Terminology		1	3
Mobile Robotics Technology (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
Nail Care		1	1
Nurse Assisting		1	3
Outstanding Chapter (Team of 3)	2 teams	1 team	1 team
Outdoor Leadership		3	2
Photography		2	2
Plumbing		2	2

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Contests	Middle School	High School	College/PS
Plumbing Knowledge Test (State Only)		2	2
Power Equipment Technology		1	1
Precision Machining		1	1
Prepared Speech	3	1	3
Promotional Bulletin Board (MS - State Only) (Team of 3)	4 teams	1 team	1 team
Quiz Bowl (Team of 5)	2 teams	1 team	1 team
Related Technical Math		2	2
Restaurant Service		1	1
Robotics - Urban Search and Rescue (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
State Officer	10	10	10
State Pin Design	5	1	3
State T-shirt Design	5	1	3
Team Engineering Challenge - Middle School (Team of 3)	5 teams		
Technical Computer Applications		2	2
Technical Drafting		2	2
Video Production (Team of 2)		2 teams	2 teams
Wedding Cake Decorating (State Only) (Team of 2)		1 team	1 team
Welding		1	3
Welding Fabrication (Team of 3)		1 team	1 team
Welding Sculpture		2	2
Woodworking Display - Middle School (State Only)	10		



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## Team Sizes

Below is the number of competitors required for a team event. You can compete at the State Level with less, but your team WILL take a penalty for not having the correct number of competitors.

- 3D Visualization and Animation (Team of 2)
- Audio Production (Team of 2)
- Career Pathways (Team of 3)
- Chapter Display (Team of 3)
- Community Action (Team of 2)
- Community Service (Team of 3)
- Crime Scene Investigation (Team of 3)
- Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl (Team of 5)
- Cyber Security (Team of 2)
- Digital Cinema Production (Team of 2)
- Emergency Medical Technician (Team of 2)
- Entrepreneurship (Team of 4)
- Health Knowledge Bowl (Team of 4)
- Interactive Application and Video Game Design (Team of 2)
- Mobile Robotics Technology (Team of 2)
- Outstanding Chapter (Team of 3)
- Promotional Bulletin Board (Team of 3)
- Quiz Bowl (Team of 5)
- Robotics - Urban Search and Rescue (Team of 2)
- Team Engineering Challenge (Team of 3)
- Video Production (Team of 2)
- Wedding Cake Design (Team of 2)
- Welding Fabrication (Team of 3)



# State Leadership and Skills Championships

## Conference Management Team

Conference Coordinator	Hal Casey
Audiovisual	Justin O'Halloran
Facilities	Cross Center – Matt LaJoie
	EMCC – Kathy Crise
	UTC – Katahdin Javner
NLSC Orientation	Hal Casey
Photography	Amber Hanley
Prizes	Darlene Bruns
Program advertisement	Emily LaJoie
Public relations	Brittani Peasley
Registration	Kate Krumm
Scoring	Ian Kelly
Safety and security	Matt LaJoie
Techspo	Jessica Sterling
Transportation	Katahdin Javner
HUB	Brandon Soards

### State Director

Hal Casey

[hcasey@skillsusamaine.org](mailto:hcasey@skillsusamaine.org)

207-558-5970

### Conference Coordinator



## General Guidelines for State Contestants

### What to Review:

- Information in this guide
- General SkillsUSA Championships Regulations, National Technical Standards pp. 9-13
- Contest Specific Regulations from SkillsUSA Technical Standards
- State updates for competitions

### What to Bring:

- 1 copy of the Code of Conduct and Photo/Sound Release on each person attending
- Any tools noted on State Contest Specification sheet
- Appropriate Safety Personal Protective Equipment

### Competition Clothing:

- Leadership and Occupational Competitors Clothing: Official SkillsUSA Attire
- Technical Competitors Clothing: (SkillsUSA Logo wear is not required)
- Competition clothing as specified in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards. Shirts should have no logos, slogans or pictures, unless it is the official SkillsUSA competition uniform.
- School names should be covered.
- Shoes must meet safety requirements in Technical Standards

### Safety Equipment/Training Verification:

- Student must provide Safety Personal Protective Equipment per SkillsUSA Technical Standards.
- Loose fitting clothing must be secured.
- Safety shoes/glasses must meet SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

### Awards Ceremony Clothing all contestants:

- Official SkillsUSA Attire or
- Competition clothing
- Do not mix and match

### Competition Eligibility Rules

- Participant must be a paid SkillsUSA member.
- State and National Officers can compete.
- Students can compete in only one contest.

## SkillsUSA Theme

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2024-25 year is:

### **Ignite Your Potential**

The topic to be addressed by contestants in the Prepared Speech, Promotional Bulletin Board and Chapter Display competitions is how our theme, Ignite Your Potential, inspires SkillsUSA chapters and students to develop the Personal, Workplace and Technical Skills of the SkillsUSA Framework.

1. The theme “Ignite Your Potential” implies that there is no ceiling to what SkillsUSA student members can achieve. Name three ways that SkillsUSA helped you gain greater confidence to achieve your goals.
2. How has SkillsUSA helped you answer the question, “What career field interests you the most?”
3. If you were asked to create a member recruitment campaign around the theme “Ignite Your Potential,” what would be three key points?
4. How has learning and practicing the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements given you confidence in your skill set? Name two Essential Elements that you have utilized to help you work toward a goal.
5. What does the theme “Ignite Your Potential” mean to you?
6. A supportive community is crucial in helping us reach our goals. How do you demonstrate being a supportive teammate to others?





## Student Conduct Contract

As a member of SkillsUSA Maine, I realize that I have a great responsibility to represent our organization well. My conduct will be exemplary at all times; I understand the obligations and rewards of participating in SkillsUSA Maine and State Leadership Conference.

By signing the attached form, I am affirming my decision to the ideals of SkillsUSA and the following guidelines:

1. I will at all times, respect all public and private property.
2. I will spend each night in the room of the motel to which I am assigned.
3. I will strictly abide by the curfew established and will respect the rights of others by being as quiet as possible.
4. I will not remain in the sleeping room that I am not assigned to unless the door is completely open at all times.
5. I will refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances.
6. I will use only prescription drugs that have been ordered by a licensed physician and will have a copy of those orders on my person.
7. I will not leave the motel to which I am assigned without the express permission of the assigned advisor; and should I receive such permission, I will leave a written notice of where I will be.
8. My conduct will be always exemplary.
9. I will respect all authority.
10. I will keep my advisor always informed of my where about.
11. I will at all times wear my official I.D. badge.
12. I will respect official SkillsUSA dress by not smoking or chewing while wearing it. Please follow your school policy for a school sponsored trip and respect the rules of the host sites.
13. I will attend all activities of which I am assigned / registered and be on time.
14. I will make sure my cell phone is turned off during all conference functions.

I agree that if for any reason, I am in violation of this contract I will accept the penalty imposed on me, with the understanding that all such actions are explained to me and I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to extent of being sent home immediately at my own expense.

## Student Conduct Contract

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My signature above indicates my agreement to all the rules and obligations of the *SkillsUSA Student Conduct Contract*.

## Photograph / Sound Release

1. I, the undersigned, hereby grant the Maine SkillsUSA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separate or in combination, and also give a production company approved by the SkillsUSA permission to use the finished silent or sound picture show and/or sounds recordings.
2. I also hereby relinquish to the Maine SkillsUSA all rights, title, interest in, and income from the finished sound or silent motion picture, still pictures, SkillsUSA the right to give, sell transfer, and/or exhibit the same to any individual, business firm, publication, television station, radio station or network; or government agency, or to any of their assignees without any payment or other consideration to me.
3. I also understand that the still or motion pictures and sound recordings can/will be used on the SkillsUSA Maine web site.
4. My agreement to perform under camera, lighting, and stage conditions is voluntary and I do hereby waive all personal claims, cause creation, or damage against the SkillsUSA and the employees thereof, arising from the performance or appearance.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## State Officers

Part of the success of the SkillsUSA Maine Association is from the State Officer Team. These students are elected through a campaign curriculum to determine high quality candidates and representatives of Maine. Students that are declaring their candidacy must be a Middle School, High School or College/Post-Secondary member for the upcoming year.

Informational Packets on the requirements of the student and school are available on our website at:

<https://www.skillsusamaine.org/blank-1-1>



For any questions, please contact Hal Casey with any questions.

## SkillsUSA Maine Advisor of the Year

### Criteria

This award will be presented to an educator involved in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations courses, and who have achieved prominence at local, state or national levels. One such award will be presented annually.

### Eligibility

Eligible individuals are individuals who are currently employed by middle schools, high schools, postsecondary institutions, career centers, area vocational technical schools, etc. Contributions and achievements on which the nomination is based should have been made within the past ten years. The nominee must be a paid SkillsUSA professional member.

Nominator's Special Instructions

#### **Nominator should submit:**

- One page narrative-style biography of the nominee (one page, single spaced).
- One page accomplishments or resume
- **No** additional materials will be accepted.

**Special Note: The procedure for the final selection of the State Advisor of the Year is as follows:**

1. The deadline for returning the application is February 3, 2025.
2. After all nominations from the individual schools are received as instructed above they will be checked for completeness.
3. The nominations are then sent to the nomination review committee.
4. The winner's name and nomination form is returned to the State Director.
5. The winner will be checked to make sure they have been registered for the SkillsUSA Maine Championships. If not the State Director will notify the winners CTE director to have the winner present at the Opening Ceremonies.



## SkillsUSA Maine Honorary Life Member

### Criteria

The Honorary Lifetime Membership Award is bestowed to a small but very distinguished group of individuals who have been recognized for providing a significant period of years of continuous and extraordinary service to SkillsUSA Maine.

### Eligibility

Eligible individuals are individuals who have completed at least 10 years of continuous service to SkillsUSA Maine. The nominee must be a paid SkillsUSA professional member.

Nominator's Special Instructions

**Nominator should submit:**

- One page accomplishments or resume
- No additional materials will be accepted.

**Special Note: The procedure for the final selection of the Honorary Life Member is as follows:**

1. The deadline for returning the application is February 3, 2025.
2. After all nominations from the individual schools are received as instructed above they will be checked for completeness.
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5. The winner will be checked to make sure they have been registered for the SkillsUSA Maine Championships. If not the State Director will notify the winners CTE director to have the winner present at the Opening Ceremonies.

## Cornerstone Award

Recognition of Administrators & Their Support

### Award Criteria

The SkillsUSA Cornerstone Award recognizes that the cooperative relationships that have been established over the years between local school administrators and SkillsUSA chapters. The success of each chapter is reliant on the collective efforts of many dedicated school administrators who have unselfishly committed their professional and civic talents in support of our students.

### Cornerstone Award

A candidate may be nominated by a local SkillsUSA chapter. The nomination form must be accompanied by no more than five (5) letters of support from SkillsUSA members, CTE instructors, SkillsUSA advisors, parents, advisory committee members, etc. The letters of support must demonstrate the administrator's commitment to the SkillsUSA Chapter.

### ELIGIBILITY

Honorees to be recognized as Cornerstone Award recipients must be associated with local school districts, including as superintendents, principals, assistant principals, guidance counselors or school board members. A person may be nominated and inducted posthumously.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each SkillsUSA chapter may nominate one administrator each year for state-level recognition.
- The deadline for returning the application is February 3, 2025.
- SkillsUSA Maine will give this award to up to four school administrators per year. Selection of the Cornerstone Award is recommended by the state executive committee.

## Pillars of Success

*State-Level Recognition of Volunteers*

### Award Criteria

SkillsUSA needs your help to recognize the achievements of volunteers who have contributed time, talent and financial support to our state association. Their generous support of our SkillsUSA association serves as a pillar of our success, and it is important that we honor volunteers in order to continue and deepen the relationship.

#### **Pillars of Success Award**

Nominations should be submitted by SkillsUSA chapters, stakeholders, alumni or parents.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Nominees must have served as a volunteer for SkillsUSA and made a significant difference in state association operations. Nominees do NOT need to have received the chapter-level Pillars of Success Award in order to be considered for this award.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Separate nominations may be presented for as many individuals as desired.
- The deadline for returning the application is February 3, 2025.
- All nominees have volunteered for the SkillsUSA state association.