



»» Free Career Essentials for State Officers and National Officer Candidates

All SkillsUSA state officers and potential national officer candidates are invited to participate in the online SkillsUSA Career Essentials advanced or adult learner course this 2024-25 academic year. Successful completion of either course culminates in earning the industry-validated SkillsUSA Career Essentials Credential.

- The Career Essentials course will be led under the instruction of the SkillsUSA national office.
- The course fee is waived for all participating students.
- [View the spring syllabus here.](#)



Spring term Career Essentials Cohort registration is open through **Jan. 24**. The online course kick-off and orientation will be held on Jan. 29.

»» Advisors: Print Membership Cards Instantly

The SkillsUSA registration site allows advisors to print student and professional membership cards as members join. This website feature provides each member with a printed membership card. Schools can print individual cards or multiple cards to a single page using the batch print option. The card printing option is available when advisors log on to the [membership registration website](#).

»» SkillsUSA Membership Incentive Information

Advisors who met the criteria to receive the Nov. 15 registration deadline membership incentive should watch for an email from SkillsUSA on Dec. 3. This email will include a promo code and a link to a form that must be completed by **Dec. 13** to secure the resource. To qualify for the membership incentive, SkillsUSA advisors needed to register 15 student members along with one or more professionals per training program by the Nov. 15 deadline. If you have questions or need help, email the [Customer Care Team](#) or call 844-875-4557.

»» SkillsUSA College/Postsecondary Scholarships

Many students are thinking ahead to the cost of college and SkillsUSA offers exclusive scholarship opportunities for members pursuing postsecondary education.

Registered SkillsUSA members with upcoming tuition expenses for the Fall 2025 academic term (or the term following high school graduation) can apply for scholarships provided by SkillsUSA and our industry partners.

This year, SkillsUSA is partnering with Kaleidoscope to provide a streamlined and user-friendly application platform. Students are encouraged to explore the [SkillsUSA Scholarships webpage](#) now to view available opportunities. For specific scholarship questions or assistance in connecting students with scholarship resources, reach out to [Jordan Sewell](#).

»» Happy Thanksgiving from the SkillsUSA Store

The SkillsUSA Store wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for each of you and have some fun things in store to get you ready for the upcoming holidays! Be sure to visit the online store and shop early if you need holiday gifts for advisors, officers or steadfast supporters.



»» Support SkillsUSA Students This #GivingTuesday

This #GivingTuesday on Dec. 3, we are asking our supporters to join us as we kick off our new Power in Numbers Campaign. Support our student members for Giving Tuesday through a gift to the fund of your choice, and, and add your voice to the campaign by sharing why you support SkillsUSA. Simply post on your social media channels and be sure to tag SkillsUSA. Help us spread the word on the great opportunities and experiences SkillsUSA can provide and join us in supporting our future skilled workforce!

»» Youth Stop Hunger Innovation Grants Available

To encourage youth to develop and implement sustainable hunger-relief programs in their community, Youth Service America (YSA) is partnering with the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation to launch the new [Youth Stop Hunger Innovation Grant](#). Twelve \$2,500 grants will be awarded to cohorts of youth between the ages of 5 and 25 years old who are fighting hunger in their community by addressing its root causes, while also engaging other youth in volunteerism. Applications are open through **Dec. 8**.

»» Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award

The National Youth Leadership Council Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award recognizes K-12 service-learning programs and projects that demonstrate outstanding youth leadership with a focus on high-quality service-learning and having a sustainable impact on the participants and the broader community. Youth teams representing K-12 in which the service-learning is tied to the school curricula may apply.

The winners will receive \$1,000 to support their program And each youth involved in the winning project will receive an award certificate. [Apply or nominate a candidate](#) no later than **Jan. 15, 2025**. Award winners are provided free travel, lodging, and registration to attend The National Service-Learning Conference! [Apply or nominate here](#).

»» Fall Professional Development for Instructors

SkillsUSA offers free virtual [Professional Development Training Sessions](#) this month. Check out the [Professional Development page](#) on our website where you'll find training information and our featured Activity of the Month available. Don't miss out on these resources to enhance your chapter's programming! Class size is limited, so be sure to secure your place. Participants will earn a Professional Development (PD) certificate. For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).