



Mid-America Leadership Conference

October 18 - 21, 2018

Columbus, Nebraska

What is it?

The Mid-America Leadership Conference is a leadership conference with training for Local/State Officers and Advisors on how to run a local chapter. Students and advisors will be divided into color/industry chapters and they will run an entire year's program in the 3 ½ days of the conference. The students will be planning, implementing and completing general sessions, community service projects, fundraisers, officer elections, newspaper articles, contests, completing secretary's and treasurer's notebooks, business and industry tours and all the necessary elements to have a successful chapter through the **National Program of Work**. Students and Advisors will have many opportunities to network and interact with students/advisors from other states. **This may be the best Chapter and Officer Development Conference in the nation.**

Who should attend?

The Mid-America Conference is open to state directors, state and local officers, advisors and students who want to become better leaders. This conference is a must for new advisors. Last year, members from seven states attended from Regions 3, 4 & 5. This conference is open to all states.

What does it cost?

Registration - \$30.00

Sleeping Rooms - Single/Double \$94.95 - Triple/Quad \$94.95 – These prices include breakfast!

Meal Ticket - \$110 - Covers all lunches, dinners, ice cream social and the Sunday banquet buffet.

The average cost per student for the entire conference (including rooms & meals) averages \$250 plus the cost of your transportation. Students may bring extra spending money for the fundraisers and social.

Process Driven Conference

The Mid-America Conference is more process driven than results driven. All registrants work with the SkillsUSA Frameworks to complete experiences in the Chapter Excellence Program and the Career Essentials. If you have been to the Mid-America Conference before, you will want to come back and see the changes. If you have never attended before, you are in for a wonderful experience. Pretty intense – don't bring your golf clubs!! We will add Alumni Training if there is enough interest, so please let Greg Stahr know if you have interest.

Where is this Conference held at?

Mid-America is held in Columbus, NE at the Ramada Columbus and River's Edge Convention Center. This conference (originally Region IV – VICA Leadership Conference) has been existence since 1977 and originated in Kearney, NE. Columbus and the Ramada Columbus River's Edge Conference Center have hosted Mid-Am for the past 39 years.

Registration

Registration will open on September 5, 2018 and more information will come out on that date.

2018 CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

7:00 am-8:00 am	Registration for Mid-America Meal Ticket purchase –	Board Room Board Room
7:30 am-8:30 am	Breakfast (served 7:30 - 8:00 only)	W Courtyard
8:45 am–12:00 pm	Conference Opening Session; SkillsUSA Nebraska All Students and Advisors Pledge of Commitment (page 23-25) Official SkillsUSA Attire or business attire – ALL	East Courtyard
10:45 am–12:00 pm	All Advisors Meeting	Loup
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	Lunch (served 12:00 – 12:30 pm only)	Courtyard
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	First General Session: SkillsUSA _____?? • Conducting Chapter Meetings	Courtyard
2:00 pm–5:30 pm	Chapter Activities Corrections to Chapter List Organizing for Activities Election of Officers Contestant Signup Statesman Award Orientation Committee Assignments (_____ Chapter develop program for Second General Session)	Chapter Rooms
3:30 pm-4:00 pm	Drawing-Community Service & Fundraising	Suite 101
4:00 pm-4:45 pm	Briefings for Selected Officers: (by State Directors) -Presidents & Lead Advisors- _____ -Vice Presidents (P.O.W.)- _____ -Historians- _____ -Parliamentarians (Chap. Mtgs.)- _____ -Reporters (Mid-Am Newsletter)- _____ -Secretaries (Chapter Minutes)- _____ -Treasurers (Chapter Finance)- _____	Suite 101 Room 117 Stage - Courtyard Room 119 Room 121 South Bank The Commons
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Dinner (served 5:30-6:00 only)	
6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Second General Session hosted by the _____ Chapter/s • Program of Work • Quality Fund-Raisers/Sponsorships • Community Service/Involvement	Courtyard

All Chapter members hosting second Gen. Sess. must be in official SkillsUSA dress

Thursday (Continued)

7:30 pm–11:00 pm	Chapter Work	Chapter Rooms
9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social	Courtyard
9:30 pm	State Director’s Meeting	Suite 201
11:00pm	All Chapter work stops	
11:59 pm	Curfew	

FRIDAY

7:30 am-8:20 am	Breakfast (served 7:30 - 8:00 am only)	
8:00 am–8:30 am	Lead advisors meeting	Suite 101
8:30 am-9:00 am	Third General Session hosted by the _____ Chapter/s	Courtyard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of All Chapter Officers and Lead Advisor (see pages 30-32. Presentation of officer pins.)• OSHA Training – “Career Safe” (how to be safe)• SkillsUSA Framework	
	All Chapter members hosting third Gen. Sess. must be in official SkillsUSA dress	
9:00 am-11:50 am	Chapter Activities as planned by each chapter	Chapter Rooms
9:00 am-11:50 am	Project pre-approval - Fundraising	Suite 101
	Project pre-approval - Community Service	Suite 101
12:00 Noon	Contest Registration forms due	Suite 201
12:00 pm-12:35 pm	Lunch (served 12:00 - 12:30 only)	Courtyard
12:45 pm-2:00 pm	Fourth General Session – National Officers	Courtyard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business & Industry Color Chapter Tours	
2:00 pm-4:50 pm	Chapter Community Service Projects	
5:00 pm-5:50 pm	Dinner (served 5:00 - 5:30 pm only)	Courtyard
6:00 pm-6:50 pm	Fifth General Session hosted by the _____ Chapter/s	Courtyard
	All Chapter members hosting fifth Gen. Sess. must be in official SkillsUSA dress	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter Public Relations• Statesman Award	

Friday (Continued)

7:00 pm-9:55 pm	Chapter activities as planned by each chapter	Chapter Rooms
9:30 pm	State Director's Meeting	Suite 201
10:00 pm-11:30 pm	Sixth General Session/Social (Attendance required)	Courtyard
11:59 pm	Curfew	Assigned Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30 am-8:20 am	Breakfast (served 7:30 - 8:00 am only)	Courtyard
8:00 am-8:30 am	Lead Advisor Meeting	Suite 101
8:30 am-9:20 am	Seventh General Session hosted by the _____ Chapter/s	Courtyard
All Chapter members hosting seventh Gen. Sess. must be in official SkillsUSA dress		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter Membership Development• SkillsUSA Web Page – www.skillsusa.org		
9:30 am-10:50 am	Chapter Activities as Planned by each chapter	Chapter Rooms
11:00 am-11:20 am	Contestant Meetings	
	- Chapter Business Procedure- _____	South Bank
	- Opening & Closing Ceremonies- _____	Stage-Courtyard
	- Extemporaneous Speaking - _____	Room 117
	- Prepared Speech- _____	Room 119
	- Fundraising Contest- _____	Room 121
	- Job Demonstration- _____	Suite 201
	- Job Interview- _____	The Commons
	- Community Service Contest- _____	Suite 101
	- Chapter Notebook- _____	Board Room
	- T-shirt Design - _____	Board Room
12:00 pm-12:45 pm	Lunch (served 12:00 - 12:30 only)	Courtyard
12:50 pm-1:50 pm	Eighth General Session hosted by the _____ Chapter/s	Courtyard
All Chapter members hosting eighth Gen. Sess. must be in official SkillsUSA dress		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter Excellence Program• SkillsUSA Professional Development Program		
2:00 pm-4:50 pm	Chapter Activities as Planned by each chapter	Chapter Rooms

Saturday (Continued)

5:00 pm-5:50 pm	Dinner (served 5:00 - 5:30 pm only)	Courtyard
5:00pm-5:50 pm	Chapter Notebook, Chapter Excellence Forms, Secretary's, and Treasurer's Books and Statesman Award Forms, T-Shirt Designs due	Board Room
6:00 pm	Newsletter articles due	Board room
6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Mid-America Skills Championships Official SkillsUSA dress required - ALL (All contestants stay in Chapter Rooms until ALL contests are completed)	Courtyard
10:00 pm-11:00 pm	Chapter Activities as Planned by each chapter Statesman Awards and Certificates Chapter Supplies & Evaluations turned in (supplies in good condition)	Chapter Rooms Board Room
11:00pm	All Chapter work stops	
11:59 pm	Curfew	Assigned Rooms

SUNDAY

7:30 am-7:45 am	Chapter Meetings	Chapter Rooms
8:00 am-10:30 am	Awards Breakfast Official SkillsUSA dress required - ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare Awards Program & order of presentations	Courtyard
10:30 am	Motel Checkout and Safe Trip Home	

