ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FROM LOWE’S
New Chapter Resource Grant Sponsored by Lowe’s

Lowe’s wants to ensure that your new SkillsUSA chapter is ready to excel by providing it with a $1,000 grant in the way of educational resources. The first 100 chapters that apply and qualify for the grant will receive incredible chapter resources, including 25 separate products (see list of resources below). Don’t wait; if your chapter was started in the past two school years (2018-2019 or 2019-2020), then this is your opportunity. Application deadline is April 15 with grant selection in late April and all resources shipped to recipients by the middle of May. Apply today at https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/lowes-and-skillsusa-new-chapter-grants/.

This grant includes the following educational resource products:
- SkillsUSA Pin with Framework card
- Framework Thumball
- Framework Thank-You Card/Set 12
- Framework – Quotes to Results2: Poster Series/Teacher's Guide
- Framework Results to Honor cards
- Framework Integration Strategies
- Framework pocket folder
- Four Pillars, Impact, Ignite, Jumpstart, Propel, Accelerate
- Leveraging Your Leadership: Effective Chapter Meetings
- Leveraging Your Leadership: Chapter Meetings Teacher’s Guide/Student Booklet
- Leveraging Your Leadership: Powerful Presentation Teacher’s Guide/Student Booklet
- Parliamentary Procedure Teacher’s Guide/Student Booklet
- Leveraging Your Leadership: Effective Communication
- "31 Million Workers Never Been a Better Time" poster
- Resolute: Ethics at Work cards/advisor guide
- Chapter Business Procedure Coaching Guide
- Conflict Management at Work
- Critical Thinking at Work

Earn Recognition for Service Through PVSA Honors

SkillsUSA is a certifying organization of the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA), allowing advisors, student members and registered alumni to earn recognition for community service activities and time spent volunteering.

This award is a presidential honor that recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers across the country who are answering a national call to serve others through their current activities or lifetime efforts. With SkillsUSA’s focus on community service...
service, advisors and students may already meet the requirements to receive the award. To qualify, SkillsUSA members, advisors or alumni can submit a record of their service hours.

For details on qualifying hours and requirements for submission, visit: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/presidents-volunteer-service-award. Applications must be received by March 31.

**Gain National Attention for Student Mentoring**

SkillsUSA sponsors a national recognition opportunity called the Student2Student mentoring program. Mentoring connects young people to personal growth and development, as well as economic opportunities.

Student2Student recognizes SkillsUSA chapters that are involved in a mentoring program in their communities. When a SkillsUSA chapter mentors an elementary or middle school classroom, it helps younger students imagine careers and helps older students practice their skills. To enter, submit your mentoring project. The winning chapter will be recognized at the National Leadership and Skills Conference and in the conference Awards and Recognition book. In addition, the winner will be invited to present at SkillsUSA University.

All entries must be submitted by April 1. Winners are announced in May. To download a mentoring guide or enter your program for recognition, go to: www.skillsusa.org/programs/mentoring-student2student/mentoring-recognition-program/.

For more information, contact Gayle Silvey at gsilvey@skillsusa.org.

**Student Trophy Design Contest**

ACTE is excited to announce the annual student contest to re-design the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2020 ACTE Awards Banquet in Nashville, Tenn. The first-place designers will receive the following prizes:

- $1,000 scholarship prize for the winning team
- A free one-year lease of a 3D printer and materials for the winner’s school, courtesy of Stratasys
- Paid travel trip to Anaheim, Calif., for the winner and teacher to be recognized at the 2020 ACTE Awards Banquet in front of ACTE award winners, leaders and more than 400 attendees
- A 3D-printed copy of their award, courtesy of Stratasys
- One-year complimentary ACTE membership for the student(s) and their teacher
- Recognition in ACTE’s promotional channels and Techniques magazine

The deadline for all designs is May 1. More information can be found at https://www.acteonline.org/professional-development/acte-awards/student-trophy-design-contest/.
2020 ‘Spark Something Great’ Grant

Once again, Hypertherm is offering tools and equipment to SkillsUSA schools with metal fabrication programs and identified needs. Applications are reviewed based on the school’s commitment to metal fabrication education, program need, number of students who complete the program each year, instructor plans for system use, and a student testimonial. Hypertherm will award 12 schools in Canada and the U.S. with the following:

- A Powermax45® XP air plasma cutting, gouging and marking system, a $2,070 value
- Hypertherm’s AWS SENSE approved “Plasma Cutting Technology: Theory and Practice” curriculum kit, a $520 value
- An initial visit by a Hypertherm District Manager to set up and train on the equipment and curriculum

Applications will be reviewed by a team of Hypertherm marketing, sales and training associates. **Submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. on April 1** and awards will be announced on or before May 1. For details, go to: [www.hypertherm.com/grant](http://www.hypertherm.com/grant).

SkillsUSA is proud to announce a new Harbor Freight Tools for Schools travel scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA members in selected trades who are competing in the 2020 SkillsUSA Championships. Eligible members can receive up to $1,500 to assist in attending the National Leadership and Skills Conference. All applications will be evaluated based on the student’s commitment to the values exhibited in the SkillsUSA creed, strong support from the student’s SkillsUSA advisor, the student’s commitment to improving his or her community and to supporting his or her fellow students, and demonstration of significant financial need.

Applications will be accepted through **May 15** and recipients will be announced June 1. Refer to the scholarship application for full details: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/).

**Eligibility**

Awards will go to students who are members of a SkillsUSA high school chapter and who are registered to compete in one of the following competitive areas of the SkillsUSA Championships:

- Additive Manufacturing
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- CNC Milling Technology
- CNC Turning Technology
- Collision Repair Technology
Provided they meet the criteria and were enrolled in one of the above skilled trades programs this school year, students may also apply for a scholarship if they are competing at the 2020 SkillsUSA Championships in one of the following contests:

- Action Skills
- American Spirit
- Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial Engineering Technology
- Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources and Agriculture
- Chapter Business Procedure
- Chapter Display
- Community Action Project
- Community Service
- Customer Service
- Employment Application Process
- Entrepreneurship
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Job Interview
- Job Skill Demonstration A
- Job Skill Demonstration Open
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Outstanding Chapter
- Prepared Speech
- Principals of Technology
- Promotional Bulletin Board
- Quiz Bowl
SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen field. Help spread the word so SkillsUSA students can take full advantage of these opportunities:

- SkillsUSA in conjunction with the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) will award four $1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members who are also members of NTHS. Two will go to college/postsecondary winners and two will go to high school division winners. Awards will be made directly to an accredited educational institution with an active NTHS chapter. Recipients may only receive one NTHS/SkillsUSA scholarship per lifetime. Deadline for applications is April 1. For more information and to apply: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/national-technical-honor-society/


For additional scholarship information, continually check the website at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

Receive Up To $2,500 To Pursue Career and Technical Education

More than 1,000 career and technical education scholarships at up to $2,500 each are being funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Association Chairman Emeritus and Endowment Fund President Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives and who wish to enroll in a career and technical education program at an accredited, nonprofit, postsecondary institution in the United States. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must have completed high school (or earned a high school equivalency credential) by spring
- Must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career and technical education program (up to 2 years) at an accredited, nonprofit, postsecondary institution in the United States
- Must demonstrate critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- Must be under the age of 30 and must be a United States citizen

The CTE application is open Feb. 15-April 15 for high school seniors planning to enroll in the fall of 2020. To learn more and apply, please visit https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/.

FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES make sure to check out the www.skillsusa.org website.
DEADLINES & DATES:

March 31  President’s Volunteer Service Award Application due
April 1   National Technical Honor Society Scholarship Application due
April 1   National Student2Student entries due
April 1   Hypertherm Application due
April 15  National Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship application due
April 15  Horatio Alger Endowment Fund Scholarship application due
April 28 – May 1 SkillsUSA Kansas State Championships (KSC)
May 1     National #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship sponsored by Fine Homebuilding application due
May 8     National Leadership Skills Championships (NLSC) Registration due
May 8     National NLSC Pre-conference Registration due (Activate, Leverage & Engage)
May 8     National NLSC Special Needs Contestant information form due
May 8     National NLSC Courtesy Corp application due
May 15    National mikerowe WORKS Foundation + Koch Industries Travel Scholarship applications due (depending on continued funding)
May 15    Harbor Freight Scholarship application due
June 1-2  CTSO State Officer Training – Junction City
June 5    2020 Student Design Competition APTech/Konica Minolta
June 19-22 National Leadership Skills Championships (NLSC) Pre-Conference – Louisville, KY
June 22-26 SkillsUSA NLSC Conference – Louisville, KY
July 20   Student Leadership Development Scholarship for WLTI applications due

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ICS Collision Center is now accepting applications for the following positions:
• Auto Collision Body Technician
• Restoration Body Technician

Contact Information: https://www.icscollisioncenter.com/Contact.aspx

Archer & Co LLC is now hiring:
• Stylists
• Massage Therapist
Accepting applicants with 0-2 years of experience. Room to advance and grow income quickly.

Contact Information: https://archerandco.mysalononline.com/Contact

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Wheat State Retreat Center is now looking for summer workers. The camp is now in partnership with Christian Retreats Network with retreats in eight States including Nebraska, Michigan, and West Virginia. They offer Christian hospitality and services for camps, retreats, and conferences. Their kitchen positions run from the last weekend of June through the end of July with possibilities of becoming a part time position throughout the year. Other positions include: Lifeguard and Summer Staff. If interested go to: [http://bit.ly/wheatstatetstaff](http://bit.ly/wheatstatetstaff) for more information on each job opportunity. Contact Becky Bazaldua at 316-393-4337 or email beckyb@wheatstateretreat.org

**KANSASWORKS FIFTH ANNUAL KANSASWORKS STATEWIDE JOB FAIR**

**April 2, 2020 | 3-6 pm**

**11 locations statewide**

- Dodge City - Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 Highway 283
- El Dorado - Train Depot, 450 N. Main Street
- Kansas City - Wyandotte County Workforce Center, 526 Minnesota Avenue
- Lawrence - Peaslee Technical Center, 2920 Haskell Avenue, Suite 100
- Leavenworth - Leavenworth County Workforce Center, 519 Limit Street
- Manhattan - Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn, 410 South 3rd Street
- Overland Park - Johnson County Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th Street
- Pittsburg - Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center, 503 N. Pine Street
- Salina - Kansas Army National Guard - Bldg 365, 2929 Scanlan Avenue
- Topeka - Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC), 500 SW Tuffy Kellogg Drive
- Wichita - Wichita Workforce Center, 2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100

Employers can register for the event at: [KANSASCOMMERCE.GOV/STATEWIDEJOBFAIR](http://www.kansascommerce.gov/statewidejobfair)  
For more information, contact your local Workforce Center at 877-509-6757

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