SkillsUSA, a partner in the Generation T national movement launched by Lowe’s Home Improvement to address the widening skills gap, has received a $1.2 million grant for support of SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conferences. The Lowe’s state grants are tiered based on the state’s total SkillsUSA membership for the 2018-19 school year.

“SkillsUSA Kansas is thrilled to receive $7,500 from Lowe’s to help offset the enormous costs of the 2020 Kansas State Championship Conference,” says State Director, Becky Warren. These funds will help enhance the student experience across our 90 competitions. The plan is to use the funds for contest materials, equipment needs within the contests and prize awards.

The SkillsUSA Kansas State Leadership and Skills Conference will be held April 29-30, 2020 in Hutchinson, Kansas. We are expecting around 1,500 students and teachers to attend the conference.

SkillsUSA joined more than 60 Generation T organizations across the nation who are facilitating the education and training needed to populate the skilled trades industry, close the job skills gap and shape a new perception of the skilled trades. Together, Gen T seeks to drive enrollment in skilled trade training and build a pipeline of skilled trade workers to offset the anticipated gap of 3 million jobs by 2028.

“It is thrilling to see our state associations receive these grants,” said SkillsUSA executive director Chelle Travis. “Our SkillsUSA state associations directors are the lifeblood of our organization and these state associations work directly with teachers and students nationwide to deliver our programs and manage exceptional competitions. These grants will improve the quality of our state conferences.

### 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.

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/.

**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
• Diesel Equipment Technology
• Electrical Construction Wiring
• Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)
• Industrial Motor Control
• Maintenance Light Repair (Automotive)
• Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
• Marine Service Technology
• Masonry
• Mechatronics
• Motorcycle Service Technology
• Plumbing
• Power Equipment Technology
• Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance
• Sheet Metal
• TeamWorks
• Welding
• Welding Fabrication
• Welding Sculpture

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.
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Please apply online at https://www.spiritaero.com/careers/overview

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• Restoration Body Technician

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

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• Massage Therapist
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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/wheatstatestaff](http://bit.ly/wheatstatestaff) for more information on each job opportunity. Contact Becky Bazaldua at 316-393-4337 or email beckyb@wheatstateretreat.org

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

11 locations statewide

**Dodge City** - Western State Bank Expo Center, 1133 Highway 283
**El Dorado** - Train Depot, 430 N. Main Street
**Kansas City** - Wyandotte County Workforce Center, 626 Minnesota Avenue
**Lawrence** - Peaslee Technical Center, 2920 Haskell Avenue, Suite 100
**Leavenworth** - Leavenworth County Workforce Center, 515 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.kansasworks.com)

For more information, contact your local Workforce Center at **877-509-6757**

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