



SkillsUSA Kansas FRIDAY FLASH

SkillsUSA Kansas and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The SkillsUSA Kansas State Director, throughout the week, has met with the Kansas Department of Education, the National SkillsUSA Office, the State Directors Association, the SkillsUSA Kansas Board of Directors, and staying in tune to the CDC recommendation and following the Kansas Governors orders. As we continue to make decisions toward the SkillsUSA Kansas State Championship Conference and continue to watch the updates on the COVID-19 virus, we are diligently making several plans of action for different scenarios. To help us with the decision making process please take the survey below:

SkillsUSA Professional Members (Advisors / Administration) take this survey:

Advisor/Administrator link: <https://forms.gle/9PQLmHT2UccHju5Z8>

SkillsUSA Contest Chairs take this survey:

Contest Chair link: <https://forms.gle/GLspuTvixY1jWJ9P7>

Kansas Department of Education REPORT: The Kansas Department of Education is busy helping schools figure out what “Continuous Learning” looks like, and busy addressing questions from the field.

Kansas Board of Regents website NOTICE: Some colleges and universities are going to online courses, no face-face instruction until March 30th. The list of schools are on their website.

SkillsUSA National Office REPORT: The status of the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) is, as of this writing, still undetermined. The national office is working diligently to gather the most updated and relevant information available to help us make the best decision possible on the NLSC’s date and structure. That decision will be made with the health and wellbeing of our students and stakeholders as our primary concern, and it will be shared no later than the week of April 13.

SkillsUSA Coronavirus Response Updates: For the latest updates on SkillsUSA’s response to the ongoing health crisis and how our national events might be affected, please make sure to check this link regularly:

www.skillsusa.org/message-from-the-executive-director-regarding-skillsusas-response-to-coronavirus-concerns.

SkillsUSA State Director Association meeting REPORT: In discussion with other State SkillsUSA Organizations, some have canceled their State Conferences while others are moving forward with Virtual competitions.

SkillsUSA Kansas Board of Directors REPORT: Held a Zoom meeting on March 18 to review the status of the Kansas State Championships Conference and the board asked for a survey go out to the Contest Chairs and one go out to the Advisors and Administrators asking if they would support a Virtual Conference. Results will be gathered next week for the board to review on March 25. In the meantime, the State Director will pull information on what a Virtual Conference will look like.

Are the Career Essentials: Experiences Courses a Fit for Your Virtual Classroom Environment?

As the impact of the coronavirus spreads, many states have required school closures, and local administrators and teachers have quickly moved their courses to virtual/online environments. Consequently, SkillsUSA has received inquiries about how the *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences* curricula could be used to cultivate student learning.

Recognizing that the present circumstances put schools in a challenging position to make quick and unplanned decisions, SkillsUSA is extending a special offer of support to those schools. As such, we are offering two of our courses (exploratory and fundamental) for purchase in smaller, deeply discounted segments, allowing teachers flexible options during the uncertainty of this current health crisis.

An important point regarding this offer: SkillsUSA contracted with a third-party learning management system to house and deliver the Career Essentials curricula, and we incur a fee for every person who accesses it. Consequently, we were unable to offer this resource for free. Instead, we've chosen the next best option available to us: offering these resources at the lowest rate possible that would allow us to cover a portion of our associated organizational costs and remain fiscally responsible to our members. We are, however, working with our corporate partners on other fronts to deliver e-learning resources through the new CTE Coalition, a collaboration between SkillsUSA and other industry leaders. Look for an announcement on that and how to access those free materials very soon.

In the meantime, the SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences courses

- Are available for middle school students (Exploratory – approximately 25 hours to complete)
 - Demo [here](#)
 - Read more and review a unit map [here](#)
- Are available for early high school students (Fundamental – approximately 35 hours to complete)
 - Demo [here](#)
 - Read more and review a unit map [here](#)
- Are available for upper high school students (Advanced – approximately 45 hours to complete)
 - Demo [here](#)
 - Read more and review a unit map [here](#)
- Are available for college students (Advanced or Adult Learner – approximately 45 hours to complete)
 - Demo [here](#)

If you or your stakeholders have questions about this special support opportunity, please direct inquiries to careersentials@skillsusa.org. If you are interested in participating in a one-hour overview of the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite resources, sign up using the [online registration form](#).

Lowe's Sponsors New Chapter Resource Grants



Lowe's wants to ensure that new SkillsUSA chapters are ready to excel by providing them with a \$1,000 grant for educational resources. The first 100 chapters that apply and qualify for the grant will receive a wealth of SkillsUSA resources (25 separate products, see list below). This opportunity is for chapters started in the past two school years (2018-2019 or 2019-2020). The application deadline is April 15. Grant selection will take place in late April and all resources will be shipped to recipients by mid-May.

For more information and a full list of the educational resources you could receive, visit:

<https://www.skillsusa.org/new-chapter-resource-grant-sponsored-by-lowes>.

To apply, go to: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/lowes-and-skillsusa-new-chapter-grants/>.

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.

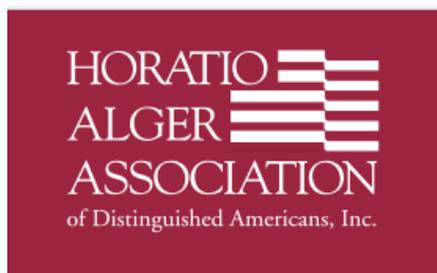
Student2Student recognizes SkillsUSA chapters that are involved in a mentoring program in their communities. When a SkillsUSA chapter mentors an elementary or middle school classroom, it helps younger students imagine careers and helps older students practice their skills. To enter, submit your mentoring project.



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.

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



More than 1,000 career and technical education scholarships of up to \$2,500 each are being funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund. Scholarships are awarded to students who have overcome great obstacles in their lives and who plan to enroll in a career and technical education program at an accredited nonprofit postsecondary institution. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must complete high school or earn a high school equivalency credential by spring 2020

- Must exhibit a commitment to pursue and complete a career and technical education program (up to two years) at an accredited nonprofit postsecondary institution in the United States
- Must demonstrate critical financial need
- Must be under the age of 30 and be a United States citizen

The CTE application is open through 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/>.

#KeepCraftAlive Scholarship Opportunity

SkillsUSA, in partnership with Fine Homebuilding, announces that #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship applications are now being accepted.

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 11	Student to Student Mentoring Project due
April 15	National Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship application due
April 15	Horatio Alger Endowment Fund Scholarship application due
April 15	Lowe’s New Chapter Grant Application Due
April 28 – May 1	Pending SkillsUSA Kansas State Championships (KSC)
May 1	National #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship sponsored by Fine Homebuilding application due
May 8	Pending National Leadership Skills Championships (NLSC) Registration due
May 8	Pending National NLSC Pre-conference Registration due (Activate, Leverage & Engage)
May 8	Pending National NLSC Special Needs Contestant information form due
May 8	Pending 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 Frieght Scholarship application due
June 1-2	Pending CTSO State Officer Training – Junction City
June 5	2020 Student Design Competition APtech/Konica Minolta
June 19-22	Pending National Leadership Skills Championships (NLSC) Pre-Conference – Louisville, KY
June 22-26	Pending SkillsUSA NLSC Conference – Louisville, KY
July 20	Student Leadership Development Scholarship for WLTI applications due

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NOTE FROM THE SKILLSUSA KANSAS STATE DIRECTOR:

“As we continue to experience uncharted waters around the Coronavirus and the mandates around it, our first priority is the safety of our students, advisors/teachers, administration, contest chairs, contest judges, SkillsUSA Kansas staff and our volunteers. To help support our schools who have been ordered to move their classrooms to a “Continuous Learning” environment, SkillsUSA will support their efforts and do what we can to be with them through these trying times. Please help us in supporting our schools with this heavy task they have been handed.”

Sincerely,

Becky Warren, SkillsUSA Kansas State Director

JOB POSTINGS



TEXTRON AVIATION

Hiring Process: <https://txtav.com/en/careers/hiring-process>



Click here for the most recent job listing at Koch Industries: <http://k.rfer.us/KOCHYHaMzi> this live link is updated daily.



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



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/wheatstatestaff> for more information on each job opportunity. Contact Becky Bazaldua at 316-393-4337 or email beckyb@wheatstateretreat.org