



STATE CONFERENCE GUIDE



2026



WHAT: NYS SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference

WHERE: The NYS State Conference will be held at:
New York State Fairgrounds

WHEN: April 22-24, 2026

REGISTER: Online at SkillsUSA-register.org



LETTER FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

Dear Advisors,

As you prepare to register for the State Leadership Conference, please read the following information carefully. The following packet contains all the information you need to register for this year's conference. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 585-733-6546, or mmccloskey@nysskillsusa.org

Please note the following:

- ALL conference pre-registration payments or po's must be received NO LATER than 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2026
- The conference deposit fee is **\$115.00**.
- Pre Conference paperwork should be filled out and sent to registrations@nysskillsusa.org by March 1, 2026
- Conference registration will be conducted online at the National SkillsUSA registration site: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx. **All competitors must be Skills members by March 1, 2026, even TPP schools.**
- Hotel forms are due by March 28, 2026, to the rooms@nysskillsusa.org link. Room rates are single **\$380.00** per person, double **\$275.00** per person and triple **\$225.00** per person. Hotel assignments will be posted by **April 6, 2026**. **All schools must stay at state-assigned hotels.**
- Hotel: Check-in time at the hotel is 3:00pm. **Please do not arrive before this.**
- Black pants/skirt, white dress shirt & tie or blouse, or white polo shirt are the minimum dress requirements for all official activities.
- Competition dress must be worn during all competitions. Check standards for competition dress.
- A copy of the rooming form is included in this packet. **Please use the form online.**
- A tentative program will be posted when available.
- All competitors except Basic contestants will take the PDT at orientation.
- There will be no name substitutions after April 16, 2026
- The 2025-2026 competition theme is: **SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future**
- The state pin design is due to me by **January 6, 2026**, and can be found on the NYS SkillsUSA Web site at nysskillsusa.org.

If you have a student that is interested in being a state officer for next year, please have your students fill out the online application form. Please have interested candidates complete the Officer Application packet. A copy of the form is posted on the NYS SkillsUSA website at www.nysskillsusa.org

Thank you

Midge McCloskey
NYS SkillsUSA Director

Please don't forget to use the available Individual Worksheets that are on our Website to fill out, print/or download!



Instructions for Spring Conference Registration

1. Go to the skillsusa-register.org
2. Go to Join and log in
3. After you log in click on the “click here for conference” tab and choose Spring Leadership
4. Click new registrant
5. Choose student
6. It should pop up complete if not fill in name, address, registration type, **t-shirt size and birth date** (make sure you put in both). If **you do not put in all the information, it will not be saved.**
7. Hit save and go on to the next student
8. Remember to register the advisors
9. **You do not need to email or send me your registration**, I can access it from the web site
10. Use the t-shirt form on the nysskillsusa.org forms page **only for additional t-shirts**

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Go To forms on the NYS SkillsUSA Web site to find all forms needed:

✓ STUDENT AND ADVISOR HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

FYI

Rates:

Single - \$380 pkg. (includes meals)

Double - \$275 pkg. per person (includes meals)

Triple - \$225 pkg. Per person (includes meals)

Occupancy for one hotel room for two consecutive days

• Rates include the following:

1. Gratuity
2. Meals
 1. Dinner on Wednesday & Thursday
 2. Lunch on Thursday
 3. Breakfast on Thursday & Friday

Extra night - \$150 (NO MEALS)

Instructions:

- E-mail all Hotel forms to rooms@nysskillsusa.org
- Must be received by **March 28, 2026**. No exceptions.
- Hotel Locations will be posted on April 6, 2026
- **If rooming with another school, it must be noted on the form**
- Please identify any special needs in writing
- All schools must stay in the state assigned hotel

✓ Additional T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

- **Due Date March 28, 2026**
- **Send to Midge McCloskey mmccloskey@nysskillsusa.org**

✓ PAYMENT WORKSHEET FORM

**Send with every payment to Rachael Piccolo
at: rpiccolo@nysskillsusa.org**

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Advisor Responsibilities

As the lead advisor for my chapter, I will:

1. Review permission forms and medical releases. Check for allergies and special medications.
2. Patrol the halls and make sure all students are in their rooms and enforce the curfew.
3. Participate in all general sessions and make sure all other advisors and students arrive on time and attend. Each advisor will be assigned contestants and will make sure they reach their contest site.
4. Review the safety procedures of the hotel and venues we are attending and make sure the whole delegation is aware of them.
5. Make sure no student uses transportation other than the schools.

Chapter:

Lead:

Advisor Date:

Please email completed form to:

Midge McCloskey

mmccloskey@nysskillsusa.org

**Additional T-Shirt Order Form ONLY
(Found online at nysskillsusa.org)**

Extra T Shirts are \$10.00ea.

- T-shirts are included on the conference registration form that will be filled out for every registered participant. This year every shirt will be ordered through the registration form on-line; a category choice will be on the form under t-shirt; a drop-down box will appear for size selection.
- Additional shirts orders MUST be received by **March 28, 2026**. **NO** size changes or additions after this date.
- If the form is **NOT** received on time, **NO** extra shirts will be received by your center.
- **Send** order and payments to: Midge McCloskey
- **Payable** to: SkillsUSA New York:

Rachael Piccolo
21 Pine Knoll Drive
Rochester, NY 14624 Email to:
mmccloskey@nysskillsusa.org

Individual Worksheet on Website to fill out, print/or download!

School Name:

Advisor Responsible for order:

Email Address:

Number of Registered Participants for State Conference: SIZE

QUANTITY

SMALL

MEDIUM LARGE

X-LARGE XX-

LARGE XXX-

LARGE

TOTAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS ORDERED

EXTRA T SHIRTS ARE \$10.00 ea.

NOTE: E-mailed forms will receive acknowledgement of receipt within 24 hours. Please call Midge McCloskey if you have not received it.



NY SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships
 Syracuse, New York
 April 22-24, 2026

Worksheet for Payment:

School:

Contact Person:

Email Address:

Work Number:

Cell Number:

#	Additional Materials Fee @ \$30.00 ea. Totaling\$	
#	Additional deposit fee @ \$115.00ea per person totaling	\$
#	People in Single Room @ \$380.00 per person totaling	\$
#	People in Double Rooms @ \$275.00ea. per person totaling	\$
#	People in Triple Rooms @ \$225.00ea. per person totaling	\$
#	Extra night Single Room @ \$150.00 per person totaling	\$
#	Extra night Double Room @ \$75.00ea. per person totaling	\$
	Total Payment	\$

Please include this form every time you send a payment.

Send to: Rachael Piccolo
 21 Pine Knoll Drive Rochester, NY 14624
 585-880-0978
rpiccolo@nysskillsusa.org

Individual FillableWorksheet on Website to fill out, print/or download!



New York State SkillsUSA Statesman Award Check-off Sheet

Name: _____

Chapter: _____ Area: _____

A. Contestants before the conference – work with your advisor at your CTE School

B. Delegates during the conference – you must work with a state officer

1. What are the SkillsUSA Colors and what do they represent?
2. What are the 5 components of the SkillsUSA Emblem?
3. Recite the SkillsUSA Creed.
4. In your own words, how would you explain SkillsUSA to someone who has never heard of it?
5. Recite the SkillsUSA motto and explain what it means to you.
6. Choose 1 SkillsUSA officer position and explain their duties.
7. Who is New York's SkillsUSA Director?
8. Name your Area VP and the 6 state officers and their positions (president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, historian, and reporter)
9. Name the 3 components of the SkillsUSA Framework. Which one means the most to you and why?
10. How many Skills Areas are there in New York State?
11. What is "Skills Time"
12. What year was SkillsUSA founded?
13. What was SkillsUSA first called?



Code of Conduct Agreement

In order that everyone may receive the maximum benefits from their participation, the "Code of Conduct" must be always followed to respect all public and private property, including our hotel.

1. Students are to sleep in the room in which they were assigned.
2. Curfew for this conference is 11pm. Please respect the rights of others by being as quiet as possible after curfew and remain in your rooms.
3. Students are NOT to be in rooms other than their own for any reason.
4. Drugs or alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed.
5. Students are not allowed to leave the hotel without being accompanied by their advisor.
6. Conduct shall remain exemplary.
7. All students must keep their advisors informed of their whereabouts at all times.
8. Official I.D. badges must be always worn.
9. All members must attend, and be on time for, all general sessions.
10. The dress code must be followed at all required times.