

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work



2020 SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships

April 2nd-4th • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park

700 E Stolley Park Rd, Grand Island, NE 68801

2019-20 FACT SHEET
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What is SkillsUSA?

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization. It is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA serves middle school, high school and college students in programs preparing them for technical, skilled and service careers. In addition to technical skills training, SkillsUSA provides educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

Mission:

SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

History:

SkillsUSA was founded as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (Vica) in 1965. In 2004, the name officially changed to SkillsUSA. Since 1965, the organization has served more than 11.5 million members. In Nebraska, more than 35,000 members have participated since 1967.

SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships:

The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs. The state championships showcase the best career and technical students in Nebraska. First-place winners compete in the SkillsUSA national championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Become a Partner with SkillsUSA:

SkillsUSA partners are supporters of career and technical education. Our partners have an opportunity for input into skill training, a chance to recruit top technical students and the opportunity to help develop America's future workforce. Industry partnerships make the event possible. Partners can provide monetary sponsorship, in-kind donations, prizes for the medalists, contest supplies and materials, or scholarships. SkillsUSA seeks partners to coordinate contests making sure each reflect industry standards, provide judges, or sponsor luncheons for the state officers or advisors.

Impact:

Many industries today face a shortage of skilled workers, and SkillsUSA offers a tangible way to help solve this problem by ensuring that there will be a future workforce trained in the skills industry needs. SkillsUSA complements technical skill training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Our programs emphasize high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education and pride.

Key Championship Statistics:

- **Expected attendees:** 1,800
- **Total volunteers:** 535
- **SkillsUSA Nebraska membership:** 2800 members in over 100 chapters
- **Free & Open to the Public**
- **Over 100 contests in areas of:** Architecture & Construction, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, Business Management & Administration, Education, Health Science, Public Safety, Hospitality & Tourism, Leadership, Manufacturing, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math, Information Technology, Transportation & more!