

Develop Professionalism, Communication and Leadership

SkillsUSA offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on professionalism, communication and leadership skills. This training is held in Washington, D.C. and allows members the opportunity to share their SkillsUSA and career and technical education experience with elected officials.

The impact of the individual as a leader

- Developing influence: how to manage for success
- Communicating: how to deliver persuasive messages
- Leading others: how to delegate and motivate

The impact of the individual as a citizen

- Decision making: having an impact on a local event
- Serving the community: developing altruism and influence
- Legislating: how government leaders effect change

Other WLTI activities will include:

- Congressional visits
- Touring the Smithsonian Institution and Washington area monuments
- Laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA
- Pentagon Memorial Ceremony
- Opportunity to earn National Statesman award
- Tour of National Leadership Center



Advisor Sessions

Like students, advisors will have professional development opportunities to learn how to be change agents for career and technical education. Sessions will inspire advisors to lead the change process in their schools and districts, develop strategies to gain support for education issues, and motivate stakeholders. Additionally, learn about the newest available SkillsUSA educational resources.

Registration Cost

Includes conference registration, hotel accommodations, and the Arizona Package:

Single (one per room) \$1125/person

Double (two per room) \$795/person

Triple (three per room) \$710/person

Quad (four per room) \$665/person

***Cost above does not include airfare, baggage fees, or additional meals.** Rooming can only be guaranteed based on the participants from your group. For example, if you are traveling with 3 female students, we can only guarantee the triple room rate. If you would like the less expensive quad rate, let us know and we will do our best to arrange but will not be guaranteed. **Participating Arizona high schools will need to purchase and plan their flights to arrive no later than 4:00 PM on the 22nd, and depart no earlier than 1:00 PM on the 26th out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.** Please forward your flight arrangements to the SkillsUSA Arizona office along with registration by August 22nd.

SkillsUSA Arizona will provide the 'Arizona Package', below are items that will be included

- *SkillsUSA Arizona Dress Shirt*
- *Congressional Appointment setup*
- *SkillsUSA Arizona gift*

*Registration is due to the Arizona Finance Office by **August 22nd** along with a check or PO for the total cost for registration.*

WLTl Tentative Agenda

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 Attire: SkillsUSA official attire</p>
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Registration and Check-in
6 p.m. Opening Session and Dinner
8:30 p.m. Students: Huddle Group Welcome
8:30 p.m. Advisors and State Directors: Orientation Meeting
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 Attire: SkillsUSA business casual</p>
SkillsUSA Store
Career Essentials and Educational Resources Booth
7:45 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 a.m. General Session
9 a.m. CTE Hot Topics
10:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Advisor Training
10:15 a.m. -11:05 a.m. Student Training Session
11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Student Training Session
12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch and Legislative Panel Discussion
1:45 p.m.-4 p.m. Advisor Training
1:45 p.m.-2:20 p.m. Student Training Session
2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Break
3 p.m.-4 p.m. Student Training Session
4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Break
4:45 p.m. Dinner
6 p.m. Evening Monument Tour
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 Attire: SkillsUSA business casual</p>
8 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 a.m. General Session
9:15 a.m. State Planning Session
11 a.m. Monument Stop
12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. D.C. Touring and Exploring (states on their own)
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 Attire: SkillsUSA official attire A conference T-shirt will be provided at the SkillsUSA Leadership Center</p>
7 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Group Capitol Photo and SkillsUSA Rally
10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Congressional Visits
3:15 p.m. Arlington National Cemetery – Tomb of the Unknowns: Wreath Ceremony
6 p.m. Celebration Night at SkillsUSA Leadership Center
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 Attire: SkillsUSA official attire, SkillsUSA logo attire or business attire</p>
9 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Breakfast and Closing Session

1. ***Student Training*** — During the conference, we will be offering three tracks of student training: state officers, chapter leaders and college/postsecondary. The training will focus on the three key Essential Elements of the conference, which are professionalism, communication and leadership. As a result of participating in WLTI, students will be able to:
 - Know, create, and communicate their own CTE “story”
 - Communicate effectively using the POWERR formula and other SkillsUSA resources and tools
 - Demonstrate their ability to create change through the application of advocacy best practices
 - Connect the past national efforts that established career and technical education to current national hot topics, fact, and efforts surrounding CTE and SkillsUSA
 - Network with other students from across the country to understand the breadth of CTE and SkillsUSA nationwide
2. ***Advisor Training*** will focus on how to best advocate for your CTE program as well as include implementing our SkillsUSA educational resources.

Note: All advisors should bring a laptop, tablet or other digital device to access digital resources during the training.
3. ***Night Monument Tour*** will provide participants a fun evening exploring some of the most prominent monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C. A highlight of the evening will be a powerful reflection delivered by the national officers.
4. ***State Planning Session*** — To ensure your state delegation is prepared for the legislative visits, we provide time during the conference for state associations to meet for planning. Please intentionally use this time to ensure your team is prepared to advocate for CTE and SkillsUSA.
5. ***Touring and Exploring D.C.*** — Conference participants will have time to visit monuments and museums in Washington. Visitors guides and conference maps will be available on site; however, we suggest groups identify in advance some places to visit and things that you want to see or do. Check out this website to begin your tour planning: www.washington.org
6. ***CTE Rally*** — This high-energy event will kick off the day’s activities on Capitol Hill. There will be a brief guest speaker and a limited number of rally signs available.
7. ***Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery*** — SkillsUSA will honor men and women of the armed forces by laying a wreath during the changing of the guards’ ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Participants are asked to remain respectful at all times while visiting the cemetery.

Celebration Night at SkillsUSA Leadership Center — *This is a relaxed evening for participants to celebrate the advocacy work that happened on Capitol Hill. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.*