



### »» Plan Now for SkillsUSA Week!

SkillsUSA Week is celebrated in February each year in SkillsUSA chapters nationwide. The event offers state associations, advisors and student members the opportunity to promote SkillsUSA programs and activities at the local and state levels while highlighting the importance of the skilled trades.

While SkillsUSA Week is celebrated in February, every week is SkillsUSA Week for our committed chapters.

For all the details, [see the website](#). Start planning now for any partner visits or presentations to be scheduled outside of the school day.



### »» SkillsUSA Winter Break

SkillsUSA Headquarters is closed for winter break from Monday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Jan. 2. The Friday Flash will resume on Jan. 9. Wishing you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year!

### »» SkillsUSA Champions Feature on Eva Carroll

From high school enthusiast to SkillsUSA national medalist: get to know Eva Carroll. As the only woman on her TeamWorks team, she's proving skill is the ultimate tool. Learn about her journey on the [SkillsUSA Champions hub](#).

### Seeking Musical Talent to Perform National Anthem at NLSC

Do you have a musical gift to share with the SkillsUSA community? If so, apply to perform the national anthem at the Opening Session of SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference this June. The chosen performer will be offered a performance opportunity on the big stage in front of over 15,000 people plus complimentary conference registration if their sole purpose of attendance is to perform the national anthem. [Apply here](#) by 5 p.m. ET on **Jan. 30, 2026**. For questions, contact [Melinda Lloyd](#).



## »» Share Your Community Service Stories with SkillsUSA!

The [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) provides new content frequently, from inspiring features to stories about the great work chapters and partners are doing. We know your chapters are doing some amazing community service work this holiday season and we would love to write about it. To submit a story idea, send us the details through our [“Submit a Story”](#) link, and we’ll contact you.

## »» SkillsUSA Scholarships Open Soon

Many students are thinking ahead to the cost of college and SkillsUSA offers exclusive scholarship opportunities for members pursuing postsecondary education. Registered SkillsUSA members with upcoming tuition expenses for the fall 2026 academic term can apply for scholarships provided by SkillsUSA and our industry partners.

Scholarships opening on Jan. 1, 2026 include:

- Clifford “Ted” Rees Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 17)
- Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 17)
- Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 17)
- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500, closes April 17)
- NAPA/SkillsUSA Transportation Repair Pathway Scholarship (\$2,500, closes June 30)
- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship (\$1,000, closes April 17)
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial (\$1,000, closes April 17)

SkillsUSA partners with Kaleidoscope to provide a streamlined application platform. Students are encouraged to explore the [SkillsUSA Scholarships webpage](#) now to view available opportunities and more will be posted soon. For scholarship questions or assistance in applying, reach out to [Customer Care](#).

## »» SME Foundation Scholarships Open

The SME Education Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students pursuing an associate or bachelor’s degree in technical fields that directly support manufacturing. [Applications](#) will be accepted until **Feb. 1, 2026**. If you have already registered on the site, use your email and password to login. If you have not registered, please complete SME’s [registration form](#) to set up an account and begin your application. With more than 60 scholarship programs, the SME Foundation provides both merit and need-based scholarships, issues renewing and one-time awards, and seeks applications from all eligible students including women and under-represented communities. The Foundation awards nearly \$1 million dollars in scholarships each year and has awarded \$18 million dollars to over 5,000 future industry leaders since 2005. By submitting one application, you will be considered for all SME Foundation scholarships for which you are eligible.