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### »» Registration is Now Open for Elevate 2026!

Registration is now open for Elevate 2026, taking place Wednesday, **Sept. 9**. Elevate is SkillsUSA's virtual chapter officer development conference designed to help chapters build or refine a strong, actionable Program of Work for the year ahead.

This year's earlier date is intentionally aligned with chapter planning times, allowing teams to start the school year organized and ready to lead.



As you prepare for the upcoming school year, please share this opportunity with your advisors and highlight Elevate in your state communications. Now is the ideal time to promote registration before summer break, so chapters can secure administrative approval and add the event to their calendars.

Find more details on the [Elevate website](#). For questions, contact Mary Kavan at [mkavan@skillsusa.org](mailto:mkavan@skillsusa.org).

### »» SkillsUSA Members: Turn Used Shoes Into 100% Profit for Your Chapter

Funds2Orgs is proud to partner with SkillsUSA! We're excited to connect with members and advisors at this year's NLSC in Atlanta. Visit us at Booth #876 and learn how you can earn 100% profit with a simple and sustainable, zero-cost shoe drive fundraiser.

### »» Amp Up Your Skills with IEC

Students and instructors - step up and power your future! IEC Florida is offering a FREE credential exam opportunity to earn an official IEC Florida CAPE Credential.

Choose from industry-recognized pathways, test your knowledge, and walk away with a credential that proves you're ready for the next level. No cost. Big opportunity.

[See the flyer for all the details.](#)

## »» REMINDER: SkillsUSA Championships | NLSC Competition Webinar List

Not all competitions will host a webinar. Advisors and competitors should check the [Competition-Specific Updates](#) page to confirm whether their competition is offering one and to access the latest information. Please have students and advisors mark their calendars for any sessions that apply to their competition. These webinars provide key expectations, updates, and guidance directly from the National Technical Committees.

Webinar titles will clearly identify any sessions that serve as a **mandatory orientation**. Competitors must either attend live or watch the full recording before arriving at NLSC. Recordings will be posted on the Competition Updates page within approximately 48 hours of the live session.

To view the full webinar list and access links, [click here](#). Sessions are listed in date and time order.

**New this year:** A link to the SkillsUSA Pathful webinar tool has been included. Competitors can log into their SkillsUSA Pathful account to view technical standards and use the webinar series to register for sessions that apply to them. Once registered, they will receive an email notification when the recording becomes available.

Navigation path: *Work-Based Learning > Join an Upcoming Session > Series > Preparation for SkillsUSA Championships Series*

## »» Earn Industry-Recognized Credentials at NLSC

Students attending NLSC have the opportunity to earn valuable industry-recognized credentials that enhance résumés and demonstrate technical proficiency.

Credentialing opportunities are available through leading industry partners, including:

- Autodesk
- National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)
- FANUC
- Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC)
- YouScience

These credentials provide students with nationally recognized validation of their technical skills and knowledge across high-demand career pathways.

Advisors are encouraged to review the available credentials and share this opportunity with eligible students. Visit the NLSC website for complete details, eligibility requirements, and registration information.

## »» 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.