



Be Prepared for a Great Trip to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky!

You can ensure yourself of a great experience by preparing for the conference. Tips and best practices are listed below for students and advisors, so everyone can be well on their way to a great trip!

- Be sure you know your travel schedule and trip details. If in doubt, students check with your advisor well before departure day.
- If you are a SkillsUSA contestant or delegate, check to be sure you have the proper work uniform, SkillsUSA official attire for the Awards Ceremony, and all tools or equipment specified for your contest. If you need clothing or tools, acquire these items well ahead of time.
- Rules and requirements are different for national events than for state events and can change year to year. Be sure you have the latest rules for your contest. Visit our website at www.skillsusa.org for the latest SkillsUSA contest updates and conference information. If you would like the rules for any contest, purchase them online from www.skillsusa.org/store/

Planning and Packing — Tips for Students:

- Take the time to think through what you will need on your trip, then pack accordingly
- Leave your itinerary with family
- Tag your luggage inside and out
- Bring a mobile phone
- Bring your mobile phone charger
- Have your advisor's mobile phone number
- Carry your medical insurance card
- Bring a list of family phone numbers
- Leave expensive jewelry at home
- Bring an alarm clock
- If you take prescription medicine, bring a supply with you
- Bring some extra cash for emergencies
- Bring two pairs of comfortable shoes
- Write down your schedule for the week including any meetings, contest times, state meetings, etc.
- No backpacks or large tote bags are allowed in Freedom Hall. (Opening Ceremony & Awards Ceremony)

Dress Code for Award Winners to be Strictly Enforced:

- Photos of medalists and industry supporters are used in trade and SkillsUSA publications. It's important that all members demonstrate their professionalism by looking the part. Therefore, the national Board of Directors has ruled that all contestants receiving medals at the ceremony must be dressed in **official SkillsUSA attire or SkillsUSA Championships work clothing**.
- Winners who are dressed inappropriately will not be allowed on stage. Other attire, jeans, T-shirts, sneakers, boots and sandals are not allowed. Please leave behind any cameras, purses, hats and blinking lights.