SkillsUSA Minnesota Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships provides an opportunity for members to prove their industry-readiness by testing their skills and ability to standards set and assessed by industry partners. These competitive events begin at the local level and allow students to advance to the state, national and even international levels for recognition. Through the SkillsUSA Championships, members are able to connect with professionals within the field and develop relationships for future employment and success.

As an integral part of curriculum, the industry-validated SkillsUSA Championships provide students with workplace experiences in 11 career clusters. Industry partners establish entry level competencies to measure proficiency in technical and employability skill development resulting in the technical standards for each competition. Partners evaluate the authentic assessments that make up each contest. Through the Championships, members are able to connect with professionals in the field to develop relationships for future employment success.

2021 State Championships Plan

As an organization, SkillsUSA Minnesota focuses on filling the organization’s mission while ensuring long-term success. Last year brought about the first cancellation of the State Leadership and Skills Conference. To continue to provide members the incredible opportunity to showcase their skills in front of business and industry partners across the country, SkillsUSA Minnesota is committed to hosting our flagship program, the SkillsUSA Minnesota Championships, this year.

SkillsUSA Minnesota’s number one priority for all of our decisions has, and will always be, the safety and well-being of our students, teachers and volunteers.

SkillsUSA Minnesota staff has collaborated with advisors and business and industry partners, as well as reviewed health and safety guidelines set by the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education and the MinnState System. Through this process, SkillsUSA Minnesota has committed to hosting the State Championships following two guiding principles:

- FOLLOW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES
- ENSURE CONTEST INTEGRITY AND RIGOR

With restrictions created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SkillsUSA Minnesota does not believe that it will be possible to gather on a large-scale for events this year. SkillsUSA Minnesota is turning to local chapters to assist with offering this year’s State Championships. This year’s State Leadership & Skills Conference will be held virtually with skilled and technical contests being run locally and judged either onsite or remotely. Leadership and Occupational contests will be held virtually.
Contest Delivery Format

SkillsUSA Minnesota will offer a selection of skilled and technical, leadership and occupational-related career competition contests this year. Decisions regarding what contests to offer are being based on our technical committees and advisors within program/cluster areas. Those contest announcements will be made in January. Delivery will look different than in year’s past. Contests will be offered in multiple formats: Virtual Live, Contest Submission, Localized In-Person or a combination of any two or three formats.

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<td>Contestants will compete while a) being recorded and supervised by a proctor, or b) being judged on-site by a team of traveling judges. Contest stations may be set up by the local school or via a “traveling roadshow” set of stations.</td>
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<td>Contestants might utilize equipment at their school to machine a part. Parts will be shipped to a central location for judging by our industry partners.</td>
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  - perform a skilled or technical task themselves
  - walk a judge or industry professional through diagnostic procedures (“Be Their Hands”) |
| Contestants might experience any of the following: |
  - View and manipulate a schematic |

The goal of SkillsUSA Minnesota is to provide local chapters with as much information as possible to be successful in recruiting and engaging members into this experience. The timeline of events (below) outlines information related to available dates and deadlines.

SkillsUSA Minnesota will release contest guidelines for each contest that will outline how to prepare for the contest, equipment and technologies needed and any modifications to the technical standards. It is our hope that we will have this information to our members on or before February 15, 2021. This date is based on National deadlines for release of a State Championships Toolkit.

By April 1, 2021, chapters will be provided with a material list. SkillsUSA Minnesota plans to supply most, if not all, consumable materials like a typical conference, and delivery will be coordinated with the state office.

State Leadership & Skills Conference

The SkillsUSA Minnesota State Leadership and Skills Conference will be held April 12 - May 1, 2021. The conference will kick off on April 12th with a virtual Opening Ceremony followed by a Championships Kick-Off. Contestants will have until April 26th to complete their contest whether virtual, via submission, localized in-person or a combination of formats.

Outside of the Championships, SkillsUSA Minnesota will have virtual experiences for members, both student and professional, including professional development sessions, delegate sessions, social and business & industry sessions.

On May 1, 2021 we will celebrate the work of our members and chapters with a virtual Awards Ceremony. Here, the gold, silver and bronze medalist of each competition will be recognized and announced. The top competitor in each contest will represent Minnesota at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.
Conference & Championships Registration

The event registration process will be similar to the years past. All individuals attending conference must be registered and be members of SkillsUSA. Membership and registration will be completed through the SkillsUSA REGISTER site (register.SkillsUSA.org)

A registration guide for this year's events will be released in January 2021.

State Leadership & Skills Conference

CEP Chapter --Championships Contestant .......................................$20
Championships Contestant ...............................................................$25

Chapters that achieve level one of the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program receive a $5 registration discount per paid contestant member registered.

Student (non-competing) and professional (advisors/teachers) members can attend the conference programming at no charge; however, these members must be registered for the event to be enrolled within the virtual delivery platforms.