

# SkillsUSA Georgia

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*Please pass this Update on to others in your school! Updates are archived on our website.*

*Please read below for the latest information and opportunities provided by SkillsUSA. Should you need additional assistance, please contact Gayle Silvey, State Director at 404-216-6040 or [gsilvey@skillsusageorgia.org](mailto:gsilvey@skillsusageorgia.org) and make sure to visit our website at [www.skillsusageorgia.org](http://www.skillsusageorgia.org) and join us on facebook at [facebook.com/SkillsUSAGeorgia](https://facebook.com/SkillsUSAGeorgia)*

### **LATEST NEWS ITEMS**

#### **CHAPTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (CMI) – January 27, 2012**

Don't be left out! Space is limited! Sign up today for the SkillsUSA Chapter Management Institute (CMI). CMI is a one day workshop that will strengthen teacher's abilities to organize and lead a SkillsUSA Chapter. National SkillsUSA Trainer, Deb Tripp will conduct the training on the campus of Columbus Technical College allowing for participants to then transition nicely to the TIEGA Winter Conference. Log on to the [ctaern.org](http://ctaern.org) website and register for workshop: CTAERN 3363. Register at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org)

#### **REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2012**

If you are not sure what region you are in, visit: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/ch-regionmap.htm>

Region Championship Dates

Region 1 – February 3, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region1.htm>

Region 2 – January 26, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region2.htm>

Region 3 – February 3, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region3.htm>

Region 4 – February 10, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region4.htm>

Region 5 – February 10, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region5.htm>

Region 6 – January 20, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region6.htm>

Region 7 – February 10, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region7.htm>

Region 8 – February 3, 2012 – Check out region information at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/region8.htm>

#### **REGION VICE PRESIDENT 2012-2013 – APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 13, 2012**

Looking for opportunities to get your underclassmen involved in more leadership activities. Consider having them run for a Region Vice President position during the Region Championships. Application and details can be found at: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/pdf2011/Reg-Officer-Candidate-Application-12-13.pdf>

#### **SkillsUSA GEORGIA DAY AT THE CAPITOL – FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

Make your voices heard and your presence known at our second annual SkillsUSA Georgia Day at the Capitol. Join us as Representative Randy Nix discusses with SkillsUSA members the reasons why it is important to advocate for Career and Technical Education in Georgia. Meet your local legislators; serve a PAGE for the day and so much more! Get the complete details at

<http://skillsusageorgia.org/DayatCapitol.htm>

This is FREE to attend!

- Go to our website for complete details - <http://skillsusageorgia.org/DayatCapitol.htm>
- Chapter Guide – includes registration form - [http://skillsusageorgia.org/pdf2011/dayatcapitol/Chapter%20Guide-SkillsUSA%](http://skillsusageorgia.org/pdf2011/dayatcapitol/Chapter%20Guide-SkillsUSA%20)
- Find your state legislators - <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/state/main/?state=GA>

- Have your students serve as a Page - Page Opportunities - [http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009\\_10/house/Page/information.html](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_10/house/Page/information.html)

## **SkillsUSA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION BOARD FUNDRAISER – FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

Texas Hold'em Benefit Tournament! Funds raised will be used to send SkillsUSA Georgia's State Champions to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in June. Buy-in is a \$40 tax deductible donation to SkillsUSA Georgia Youth Development Foundation. Peryam and Associates is sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of \$500. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$200. Consolation prizes for all final table participants, Last Person Standing Pot and 50/50 Pot drawing during tournament! Raffle items! Sign-in begins at 11 a.m. and play begins at noon. Hold'em poker familiarization session at 11:30 a.m. Must be 18 or older to play. Join us for lots of fun and camaraderie at Applebee's, 971 Hwy 34 E, Newnan, GA 30265 on February 25, 2012!

## **STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE AND CAREER EXPO – MARCH 15 – 17, 2012**

Grab your advisors, students, administrators and parents for a one of kind event in Georgia! Join us for the largest event of this kind where students and teachers are joined by and supported through the efforts of business and industry. Information available at <http://skillsusageorgia.org/2012SLSCinfo.htm>

**Georgia International Convention Center and Gateway Marriott Hotel**

### **Get Registered:**

- Register Online for the State Leadership and Skills Conference [Registration Instructions](#) \*  
Link: [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org)
- [Conference Registration Package](#) (.doc)
- [Conference Registration Package](#) (.pdf)
- Overview of conference information: <http://skillsusageorgia.org/2012SLSCinfo.htm>

### **Visit the 2012 SkillsUSA Career Expo**

- The 2012 SkillsUSA Career Expo is open to all students and schools across the state! Encourage your school to bring a bus of students and enjoy the day!  
Learn more here:  
[http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e59fr9qab683cbb1&llr=bsm7vnda\\_b](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e59fr9qab683cbb1&llr=bsm7vnda_b)  
**Please note:** Entrance into the SkillsUSA Career Expo is included in your SLSC Registration Fee. Lunch is not included but you may purchase lunch onsite if you desire.

### **Get Involved:**

- [Rickey's Challenge](#) \* – Take the challenge and get recognized at State!
- [State Officer Candidate Information Overview and Application](#) \*
- [Advisor of the Year Nomination](#)

### **Competitions:**

- [Contest List](#)
- [Overview of National Contests](#)
- [Guidelines & Rules for Georgia Only Contests](#)
- [Guidelines & Rules for National DEMO Contests](#)
- [Guidelines for National Contests Technical Standards 2011-2012](#) - - a must have for competition!

### **Get Prepared for Competition:**

- [Order your Contest Clothing](#)
- Professional Development Test - [sample copy](#) \*
- Professional Development Test - [online game!](#)
- SkillsUSA Theme for Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, and Promotional Bulletin Board - <http://skillsusageorgia.org/ch-theme.htm>
- [Process for Qualifying for National Level Contests that are not offered at the 2012 SLSC](#) \*

- [FAQ - concerning Competition](#) \*
- [How to Write a Resume](#) \*
- [Sample Resume High School with No Work Experience](#)
- [Sample Resume High School with Work Experience](#)

**Competition Updates:**

- [National Contest Updates](#)
- [Georgia Only Contest Updates & Contest Name Changes](#) \*

**Additional Resources:**

- [Top Tips for State Conference Success](#) \*

## **DATES FOR THE 2012 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE REMINDER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Kansas City will be hosting the Major League Baseball's All-Star Game in 2012 and the schedule conflicted with the annual conference schedule, SkillsUSA has agreed to move the National Leadership and Skills Conference up by a couple of days in 2012 only. 48th NLSC - Kansas City, Mo - June 23-27, 2012. So, the 2012 NLSC schedule will be from Saturday to Wednesday. This means the Opening Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 25, the SkillsUSA Championships will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26, and the Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 27. SkillsUSA Georgia will once again be staying in the beautiful Hilton President Hotel in downtown Kansas City. See you there!

## **SkillsUSA OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CTE MONTH AND SKILLSUSA WEEK EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

February is Career and Technical Education Month and February 5-11 is SkillsUSA Week. SkillsUSA Week activities are a great way to highlight the good work your local chapters are doing. For SkillsUSA Week ideas, see the Chapter Management section on the SkillsUSA website. SkillsUSA offers downloadable public service announcements at: <http://www.skillsusa.org/educators/skillsusaweek.shtml>. For SkillsUSA clothing or gifts, go to: <http://www.skillsusastore.org>. On February 7th, at 1 p.m. E.S.T., SkillsUSA will be holding a Web conference to kick off SkillsUSA's week of celebration. Hear from your SkillsUSA leaders on the state of the organization. Listen to a special guest speaker on what it means to be "Skilled and Motivated" which is this year's theme. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. All instructors and members are welcome to participate in the Web conference. To participate in the Web conference, go to the following link on February 7 at 1 p.m. EST: Web address at <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=1736891>. To dial in for audio, call: 888-222-0475. Attendee Code: 5692952

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE PIN AND T-SHIRT CONTEST – DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

**February 1, 2012** is the deadline for the entries to the SkillsUSA National Conference Pin and T-shirt competitions. This event is open to all paid student members of SkillsUSA. This is a great way to have a student and advisor from your state recognized in front of a national audience. A plaque for the teacher and student, plus a school grant to the advisor of the winning student will be announced at a later date. Rules are in the membership kit and are also posted on the SkillsUSA website at: <http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/other.shtml>. Questions may be directed to Heidi Ambrose at 703-737-0615 or to [hambrose@skillsusa.org](mailto:hambrose@skillsusa.org).

### **BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP – DEADLINES FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

The prestigious **Buick Achievers Scholarship** has expanded eligibility to include current college undergraduates as well as high school seniors.

This scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college.

The **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program** will award: **Up to \$25,000 per year** for 100 students – AND – **\$2,000 one-time awards** for 1,000 students

We encourage students to apply who...

- Are high school seniors or current college undergraduates enrolling for full-time study at an accredited four-year U.S. college or university for the 2012-13 academic year.
- Plan to major in a specified course of study that focuses on Engineering/Technology, or select Design and Business-related programs.
- Have an interest in a career in the automotive or related industries.

We need your help spreading the word to deserving students. **Please pass this information on to members of your organization and have them announce the program to potential applicants.** More details about the scholarship program, eligibility rules, and selection criteria can be found at [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com). A pdf is available for download and printing at [www.buickachievers.com/flier](http://www.buickachievers.com/flier). Also, attached is a press release you may use to announce the program. Don't wait! **The program closes February 29, 2012**

## **COLLISION REPAIR EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – DEADLINE MARCH 2, 2012**

Spring 2012 Student Scholarships and Tool Grants Over \$125,000 in scholarships/grants now available!! You can "Fuel the Future" of the industry by encouraging your students to participate in the scholarship/grant opportunities available this spring through the Collision Repair Education Foundation. In the next few weeks, each collision school will receive a poster listing the scholarship opportunities for collision students. Please display this poster on a bulletin board or in the classroom and remind collision students that winning a monetary scholarship or tool grant is only possible if they take the time to apply. If you do not receive the poster, or you need additional copies, please send an email to [Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org](mailto:Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org).

There are 10 student scholarship and tool grant categories offered, with 75 potential awards in all the categories. There will be **one on-line application** for all opportunities, which will be available from our website, [www.CollisionEducationFoundation.org](http://www.CollisionEducationFoundation.org).

**The deadline to apply for the scholarship and tool grant opportunities is March 2, 2012.**

Online meetings conducted through Microsoft Live will be offered to answer any questions that instructors/students have on the scholarships on the following dates:

Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 1pm central time

Friday, January 20, 2012 at 8am central time

Wednesday, January 24, 2012 at 10am central time

If you are interested in attending one of these online meetings, please contact Melissa at [Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org](mailto:Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org).

**INSTRUCTOR NOTE: \*\*NEW\*\*** In order to be eligible, the applicant's school must have completed the Education Foundation's 2011-2012 Collision Repair School Solutions Survey on-line. The information for the survey can be found at: <http://collisioneducationfoundation.org/solutions-survey/> and the survey deadline is March 2, 2012.

Schools can contact Melissa at [Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org](mailto:Melissa.Marscin@ed-foundation.org) to see whether or not their school has completed the survey, or to receive a PDF copy of the survey to review the questions prior to taking the survey on-line.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Various Due Dates**

There are several scholarships opportunities available for students on the SkillsUSA website. Please pass the word.

- ❑ National Technical Honor Society Scholarship (four @ \$1,000 each) - Deadline, **April 1, 2012** - go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/students/nths.shtml>
- ❑ Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - Deadline, **April 30, 2012** – go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/scholarships/smmscholarship.pdf>
- ❑ Alumni Merit Scholarship (two @ \$500 each) - Deadline, **May 15, 2012** – go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnischolar.shtml>

## **KAVLI SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING VIDEO CONTEST – DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2012**

The Kavli Save the World Through Science and Engineering Video Contest is open to students in Grades 6-12. Deadline is **March 1, 2012**. Students make a short video (:30-:90) that shows how scientific discoveries and inventions can improve our lives and change our world, either right now or in the future. Then they enter it on Schooltube.com and compete for cash prizes! First prize is \$2000 and a travel stipend to Washington, D.C. to the USA Science and Engineering Festival: April 28-29, Second prize is \$750, Third prize is \$500, and People's Choice is \$250. Winners will be honored in a special awards ceremony hosted by Bill Nye the Science Guy.

<http://www.schooltube.com/contests/2012-kavli-save-world-through-science-engineering/>

## **BE HEARD, BE SEEN, BE YOU AND BE MORE (BMOR) THROUGH THE 26 SECONDS CAMPAIGN REMINDER**

Did you know that every 26 seconds a young person in the United States drops out of high school? You can help turn that statistic around by participating with SkillsUSA in the 26 Seconds Campaign. By doing so, you can win prizes, scholarships and help SkillsUSA and the student drop-out crisis in the process. Here is what to do:

Help take back the stat by taking the pledge to graduate via the BMOR Project (direct link:

[http://www.facebook.com/26seconds?sk=app\\_270882582923170](http://www.facebook.com/26seconds?sk=app_270882582923170)) and on Facebook it is [facebook.com/26seconds](http://www.facebook.com/26seconds). When you pledge, **select SkillsUSA as your affiliation**. Then, return to the BMOR Project regularly to participate in the new activities that launch on the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month. Not only will you be eligible to win prizes, you can also help SkillsUSA. The organization with the highest number of graduation pledges and activity participants per month wins a grant.

**Right now, in addition to a chance to win monthly prizes** when you participate, you'll also receive a 26 Seconds T-shirt just for pledging. The online activities are fun, easy and show you how to channel your interests into a future after graduation. The **grand prize is an end-of-the-year celebration** that one lucky student will bring to their school and community. **But, you must complete at least five of the activities to be eligible for the grand prize.**

Plus, you can share videos, photos, projects (like SkillsUSA's Student2Student Program), artwork and creative writings on the Facebook page. **By doing so, your creativity may also be chosen to be featured on [www.26seconds.com](http://www.26seconds.com).** Shine a light on yourself, your school and the importance of high school graduation.

Visit 26 Seconds.com and the Facebook page to see what students like you are doing and share your story.

## **2011-2012 SKILLSUSA PROGRAM OF WORK CALENDAR**

Get a jump start on the next school year by securing these dates on your school calendar! Additional dates, registration and agenda details for each event can be found on our website as they become available: [www.skillsusageorgia.org](http://www.skillsusageorgia.org)

### **November 2011**

- November 15, 2011 – Full Service Membership Deadline (plus a gift)
- November 20, 2011 – SkillsUSA Day with the Falcons

### **December 2011**

- December 7, 2011 - SkillsUSA Day with the Hawks and Speakers Series

### **January 2012**

- Region 5 Championship (date to be determined)
- January 6 – 8, 2012 – CTSO Officer Training, Covington GA
- January 13, 2012 – Application Deadline - Region Vice President Applications
- January 19, 2012 - SkillsUSA Georgia Youth Development Foundation Meeting
- January 20, 2012 - SkillsUSA Georgia Board of Directors Meeting, Pratt & Whitney, Columbus, Georgia
- January 20, 2012 – Region 6 Championship, Oconee Fall Line Technical College

- January 25-28, 2012 – State Directors Officer Meeting, Nevada
- January 26, 2012 – Region 2 Championship, North Georgia Technical College
- January 27, 2012 – Chapter Management Institute (CMI), Columbus, GA
- January 27 – 28, 2012 – TIEGA Winter Conference, Columbus, GA

#### **February 2012**

- Region 5 Championship (dates to be determined)
- February 1, 2012 – SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol
- February 3, 2012 – Region 1 Championship, Georgia Northwestern Technical College
- February 3, 2012 – Region 3 Championship, Atlanta Technical College
- February 3, 2012 – Region 8 Championship, Golden Isles Career Academy
- February 5-11, 2012 – SkillsUSA Week
- February 10, 2012 – Region 4 Championship, Columbus Technical College
- February 10, 2012 – Region 7 Championship, Moultrie Technical College
- February 10 – 12, 2012 – State Officer Training, Covington, GA
- February 17, 2012 – Application Deadline – State Officer Applications
- February 22, 2012 – CTSO Legislative Luncheon
- February 25, 2012 - SkillsUSA Georgia YDF Board Fundraiser (Applebee's Newnan, GA)

#### **March 2012**

- March 1, 2012 – Membership Deadline
- March 15-17, 2012 – State Leadership and Skills Conference, Georgia International Convention Center and Gateway Marriott, Atlanta, GA (*State Officers report on March 14*)

#### **April 2012**

- April 19, 2012 – SkillsUSA Georgia Youth Development Foundation Meeting
- April 20, 2012 - SkillsUSA Georgia Board of Directors Meeting

#### **May 2012**

- May 6 – 12, 2012 – SkillsUSA Week of Service
- SkillsUSA Appreciation Luncheon for Business and Education Partners (date to be determined)

#### **June 2012**

- June 23-27, 2012 – 48<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference

#### **July 2012**

- July 15, 2012 – SkillsUSA University (Advisor Training), Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta
- July 15 – 18, 2012 – GACTE Summer Leadership Conference, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta

#### **August 2012**

#### **September 2012**

- September 2012 – Fall Leadership Conference

#### **October 2011**

- October 5, 2012 – Champions Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds
- October 20, 2012 – SkillsUSA Georgia YDF Board Fundraiser (Applebee's Newnan, GA)